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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

To be held at 10:00 a.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
Commissioner Milsap called the meeting to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Amy Bluhm led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
Commissioner Decker was absent. Commissioners Milsap and Kora were present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Kora adds opening of the bids for the supply of asphalt, and made a correction to item E-2 changing Pahs rd. to Co. Rd. 500 W. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Milsap steps down and seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **April 16, 2014**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 04/25/14-\$1,002,312.08**
 - B. **Miscellaneous Claims-\$757,336.64**Commissioner Kora moves to accept the claims as presented. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Sheriff Mollenhauer-Sheriff- informed the Commissioners about National Correctional Officers Week, Commissioner Kora read a proclamation from the Commissioners honoring National Correctional Officers Week.

Tony Mancuso-Health Department- appeared to inform the Commission that they are doing water testing free of charge. Commissioner Kora thanked the nurses of the Health Department and indicated that it is nurse's week.

Robert Young-County Highway-Requested a 3 way stop at Island Drive and Judith Place as he believes the intersection is dangerous. He stated that when he was out checking the site, a child on a bicycle was nearly hit by a car. He further suggested that vision may be improved by removing some of the landscaping at the site.

Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Informed the Commission that units were leaking water near voter registration. He stated that the leaks were getting works. He indicated for the record that there is a problem in both of the courthouses. He said Michigan City Courthouse is leaking also, he stated he has 7 units shut down in LaPorte because they are so old and in disrepair. Commissioner Kora asked if fixing the issues were included in the estimate given the other day. Mr. Cooley said yes, it is included. Attorney Friedman indicated that Mr. Cooley is correct and that the repair plan is moving forward and the next step is for the committee to make a formal recommendation to the Commission and the Commission will act on it and forward it to the Council. He indicated that the Committee meeting is set for next week.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None
9. **REQUESTS**
 - A. **Tony Mancuso-Health Department-Request for travel to Atlanta, Georgia**
Commissioner Kora move to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
Request to raise the cost of Influenza Vaccine by \$5.00.
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
Request for Farmer's Market Seasonal License.
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **Steve Eyrick-Adult Probation-Request for travel Anaheim, California.**

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Barbara Dean-Recorder-Request for travel to Iowa.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Tim Morgan-Parks-Request for Roger Grove payment of sick days.

Human Resources Director indicates that Mr. Grove qualifies. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Consideration of Release from Park Department to permit filming for local documentary.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Amy Bluhm-Jeff Hamilton-EMA-Request for travel to Chicago.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Open sealed bids for Sheriff Vehicles.

Attorney Friedman opened the sealed bids and turned them over to Mike Yacullo for review.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Darlene Hale-IT-Consideration of memorandum of understanding between Purdue and LaPorte County Government regarding connectivity billing.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Consideration of zoning change from Agricultural to B2 for property located at 18800 S. Highway 421, LaCrosse, In.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Consider Resolution in Honor of EMS Week

Commissioner Kora reads the Resolution and moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Consider Resolution in Honor of Correctional Employees Week.

This was addressed in Dept. Head comment.

E. Mike Yacullo-Engineer-

1. Signature of Consultant Contract to design Lincoln Trail project.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Signature of INDOT/LPA Contract for Johnson Rd. & Pals Rd. project.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

F. Opening of Asphalt bids.

Attorney Friedman opened the bids for asphalt and gave them to Robert Young for review.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Bohachek appeared before the Commission to request permission to cut into the right of way on Shady Oak to get water. Commissioner Milsap indicated that he would do some research and get back with him. He further requested an update on the Intermodal project. The Commission suggested that he talk with Matt Reardon of Economic Development.

13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kora congratulated Commissioner Milsap on his victory in the primary election. He thanked all of the candidates who ran for office.

Commissioner Milsap also thanked the candidates. He encouraged the people who did not participate in the political process to get out and vote.

14. **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Kora moves to adjourn. Commissioner Milsap seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
DATE _____

ATTEST: _____

Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA