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AMENDED AGENDA MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

To be held at 6:00 p.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
Commissioner Decker called the meeting to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
All Commissioners present.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **March 2, 2016**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
 - A. **Payroll Ending 03/11/2016-\$1,080,178.18**
Miscellaneous Claims-\$1,391,611
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Sietz from the Chamber of Commerce appeared to thank Commissioner Decker for doing a state of the County address for the Chamber.

Dennis Metheny appeared to express a concern about the state of the roads, he indicated that they seem to just be throwing fill in the holes and driving away. He indicated that the Commissioners should know how to fix the roads after going to road school for many years. Commissioner Bohacek indicated that he researched that very topic while he was at road school and that LTAP indicated that this is a prescribed fix for smaller holes, and that for bigger holes they would compact it with a machine. Commissioner Decker indicated that no one is making hot patch right now.
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Appeared to update the Commissioners on the move of Superior 3 and the space for adult probation. He stated they moved the LADS and Steve Eyrick into the old judge's chambers. He asked for permission to demo the other space to be renovated to save cost for the county. Commissioner Bohacek moves to allow maintenance to gut the basement. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mike Yacullo-Hwy Engineer-Appeared to update the public on some railroad crossing closings. Commissioner Decker congratulated him on passing his re-certification.

John Espar-Prosecutor-Appeared to present the 2016 grant award to the LaPorte County Internet Crimes Against Children unit. He requested approval from the Commission. The amount was \$240,146.00. Attorney Friedman indicated that item 12 c. on the agenda is associated with this grant as well and asked the Commission to move it up at this time. The Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Kora moved to approve the Grant Agreement. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
10. **REQUESTS**
 - A. **Fair Board request for consideration of Addendum to 2011 Fairground Lease and Management Agreement.**
Judge Rich Stalbrink appeared on behalf of the fair board and indicated that they need to move the spot for the PGI fireworks show, and asked to have the land added to the current lease agreement. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Kora indicated that this is an addendum to the lease and the lease amount does not change.
 - B. **Alicia Ebaugh-Soll and Water-Request for Proclamation Declaring April 30 "Clean it up Day".**
Alicia Ebaugh-Solid Waste District-Appeared to inform the Commission that this is the 5th year for Clean it up day. She indicated that she often sees litter on the road and expressed a desire for involving the community in year round clean up. Commissioner Bohacek moved to make April 30th clean it up day in LaPorte County.
 - C. **Dick Reel-Request for LCCVB funds for Pioneer Land Christmas Open House-\$800.00**
 - D. **Door Village-Request for LCCVB funds for Door Village Harvest Festival-\$500**

- E. **Hanna Fest-Request for LCCVB funds for Hanna Fest-\$500**
 - F. **Westville Tri Kappa-Request for LCCVB funds for Westville Pumpkin Fest-\$500**
 - G. **Fraternal Order of Police-Request for LCCVB funds for LaPorte County Bluesfest-\$500**
All of the LCCVB requests were approved in a group. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Decker indicated that the fund is now empty and the Commission will be unable to grant any more requests.
 - H. **Consideration of vacation/sick time/insurance continuation requests of Co. Home Director.**
Attorney Friedman indicated that Ms. Felton's request was sent to Human Resources for recommendation pursuant to the Employee Handbook. He indicated that his office is recommending the Commissioners approve the recommendation submitted by Human Resources. On the issue of unused vacation and sick time, he indicated it should be done consistent with policy. He further indicated that there is no basis to modify the health insurance premium as was requested. He asked that the Commission approve the balance of the request as is consistent with policy and as recommended by the Human Resources director. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the HR directors recommendation. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - I. **Richard Buell-Community Corrections-Request permission to approach the Council to purchase two used vehicles.**
Bill Hackett-Assistant Director- Appeared to request permission to approach Council for two used vehicles. He indicated that they have a performance bonus that is stipulated to go to vehicles, and another amount from the DOC. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
11. **OLD BUSINESS**
- A. **Authorize transfer of vehicle from Sheriff's Department to Emergency Management Director per Council request.**
Attorney Friedman indicated that there is a Tahoe that has been saved for Emergency Management. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **Andrew McGuire-EMS-Ambulance bid recommendation.**
Andrew McGuire appeared and distributed packets to the Commissioners. Mr. McGuire indicated they received 2 bids and that they examined them fully, they reached out to the companies for needed clarifications and recommended Cross Roads Ambulance be awarded the bid. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. **Robert Young-Hwy-Open bids for pickup trucks.**
Attorney Friedman opened the bids and indicated they were timely received. Commissioner Bohacek moves to show bids for 11 trucks received and turned over to Robert Young for review and recommendation. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - D. **Mitch Bishop-Planner-Signature on Marquette Trail Engineering Contract with VS Engineering.**
Mitch Bishop appeared and asked for signature on the Marquette Trail Engineering Contract. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
12. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **Mike Yacullo-Consider request from Fish Lake residents for well removal.**
Mike Yacullo appeared to inform the Commissioners about a private resident having a well installed on a county right-of-way in Fish Lake. He indicated that there is a Well Ordinance in place, and that the Health Department will review a well permit from the resident and determine if the well needs to be moved. Commissioner Bohacek moved to have the Health Department contact the resident and have them complete a well permit and if they determine the well needs to be moved, they can come back to the commissioners and relay that determination. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. **Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-**
 - 1. **Consider addendum to Maintenance Department service agreement with Cintas regarding floor mats.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - 2. **Consider hiring engineering firm to design walkway and remodel for Adult Probation.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to do an RFQ. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. **Consider approving LaPorte County Auditor's office to serve as 'fiscal agent' for 2016 ICJI Grant Agreement for the ICAC Unit.**
 - D. **Consider Resolution urging INDOT to install turn lane into Renaissance Academy during 2016 construction season & consider either a caution light or stop light.**
Commissioner Bohacek read the proposed Resolution and move to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - E. **Consider Resolution Identifying Seven (7) additional tax sale certificate3s for assignment to Housing Opportunities Inc. and setting matter for public hearing on April 6th.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
Commissioner Decker then indicated that they need to approve the hours of the Absentee Ballots which is 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting April 5, 2016. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - F. **Consider rental agreement and memorandum of understanding between LaPorte County and Michigan City Area Schools for Evening Reporting/Tutoring service as part of JDAI grant.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve and allow Commissioner Decker to sign for the board. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
Attorney Friedman indicated that Commissioner Decker was named to the National Transportation Committee and Commissioner Kora has been named to the National Opiate Task Force at the NACO (National Association of Counties) Conference.

Commissioner Kora indicated that he is happy with the progress of the Hoosier Homestead initiative so far. Commissioner Decker thanked all of the employees today that moved their vehicles to accommodate an emergency repair.

14.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora moves to adjourn. Commissioner Bohacek 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