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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 20, 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 the agenda as presented.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. January 6, 2016
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. CLAIMS
 - A. Payroll Ending 01/04/2016-\$1,036,020.93
Miscellaneous Claims-\$600,027.23
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Barb Mossman-HR-appeared before the Commission to inform them that Friday the 22, Healthy Communities are coming into the county to present a tobacco cessation program to all employees. She further indicated that the shared ethics training would be starting up again in LaPorte and Michigan City. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-appeared to update the Commission on the construction project on the second floor of the Courthouse. He indicated that the Clerks are starting to move their things and it is almost complete. He said the elevators will be complete in a couple of weeks. He further indicated that he is meeting with the heating people. He said the phones are all in and thanked all that were involved with getting them going. He said they get a lot of complaints that people are not answering their phones, and he stated that all phones will have voicemail so that people can leave messages. He asked permission to start an ebay account to sell county property that is no longer being used. The Attorney indicated that Mr. Cooley should put the proposal in writing to be reviewed by the State Board of Accounts for their approval. Mr. Cooley further indicated that the County bought all new phones for all departments and that all departments are returning their old phones to Maintenance to be sold, but that Community Corrections indicated that their phones were purchased with their perpetuation fund and that they were unsure if they should be returned with the other phones, or if they were considered property of Community Corrections. Commissioner Decker indicated that it's county property. Commissioner Bohacek asked that all equipment be returned to one spot.
9. CORRESPONDENCE
10. REQUESTS
 - A. Carol L. Moore-Request for road closure for Dyngus Day Dash 5K.
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. Laura Moyer-Request for LCCVB funds for PKD Cruisin for a Cure-\$500
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. Fish Lake Land Trust-Request for LCCVB funds for Fish Lake Festival-\$500
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

- D. **Kay Felton-County Home-Request to adjust "Private Pay" rate for County Home.**
 Kay Felton appeared and requested the private pay rate be changed to \$41.00. Commissioner Bohacek moved to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
11. **OLD BUSINESS**
- A. **Larry Butcher-EMA-Request permission to place bids for 800 MHZ radios.**
 Jeff Wiatrowski appeared to ask for clarification of if they need to put out bids because the bid from Motorola is already lower than what the State buys. Commissioner Bohacek indicated there are two pieces of this project and that Motorola seems to be the best choice for the in building radio needs and that the mobile radio needs had price discrepancies between Motorola and E.F. Johnson. Attorney Friedman indicated that he would research the criteria required for the bidding process. Commissioner Bohacek moves to table pending investigation. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
12. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **Mike Yacullo-Engineer-Request permission to seek proposals from contractors to install scaffolding around the La Porte County Circuit Courthouse.**
 Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Request \$60,000.00 for patch repairs at old radiator locations at the LaPorte Courthouse.**
 Jerry Cooley appeared and informed the Commissioners of the repairs needed. Commissioner Bohacek requested a formal punch list to complete the project. Commissioner Kora moves to give Mr. Cooley permission to approach for Council. Commissioner Bohacek seconds not to exceed \$25,000.00.
- C. **Consideration of Agreement confirming deed restrictions and rights of reversion connected with IU LaPorte Hospital conveyance of land for new EMS base.**
 IU Health appeared by Counsel to inform the Commission of the conveyance of land and addressed the Assignment of Rights in item D. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. For the agreement of the Conveyance of land.
- D. **Consideration of Assignment of rights connected with IU LaPorte Hospital contracts with LaPorte County for Jail and Juvenile Services Facility to acquiring entity.**
 Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Consider amendment to county's travel policy to permit advances for airline travel or conference reservations, consistent with State Board of Account guidance.**
- F. **Consider contract for lease of premises for Sheriff's Dept Metro Drug Task Force.**
- G. **Review proposals regarding potential leasing of county's vehicle fleet/Consider recommendation to County Council.**
 Commissioner Bohacek indicated that he and Mr. Yacullo spent time reviewing the submissions. He indicated that LaPorte Dodge, Enterprise, and Harbor Chevy all bid on this project. He indicated that the base models were very close in price. He stated that both LaPorte had the lowest bid based on cost comparison and what the Council wanted to see LaPorte Chrysler had the lowest bid. He asked permission to go before the Council to present the bids. Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Decker stepped down and seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. **Report by county's Financial Advisor Karl Cender on county's financial position with year-end close out.**
 Karl Cender appeared and gave a year-end report.
- I. **Consider resolution approving Housing Opportunities, Inc. of Valparaiso as designated not-for-profit agency to administer county's Hoosier Homestead Initiative with county's tax sale vendor, SRI.**
 Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 Commissioner Kora moves to approve the legal notice. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- J. **Commissioner Decker gives update for the covering of the walkways between buildings.**
13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
 Commissioner Decker indicated that he appreciates the Hoosier Homestead initiative and thinks it will be great for the people of Laporte County.
14. **ADJOURN**
 Commissioner Kora moves to adjourn. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
 CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
 COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA

WITNESSED BY THE
 COUNTY CLERK

TEST: _____
 Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA