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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

To be held at 10:00 a.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 added under requests, request for Commissioner Decker to attend the National NACO Conference. He moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Commissioner Kora then deleted item B from old business. He then moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. February 10, 2016
 - B. February 17, 2016Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve as presented. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. CLAIMS
 - A. Payroll Ending 02/26/2016-\$1,074,772.07
Miscellaneous Claims-\$375,742.55Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Mike Yacullo-HWY Engineer-Appeared and gave an update of the NIRPC projects. He talked about Johnson road, bridge 18, E85, and other projects in the works. He indicated that those projects have brought in over 3 million dollars to the county in the form of federal money.

Bob Young-County HWY-Appeared to indicate that the frost laws are now in place and permits are available daily.
9. CORRESPONDENCE

Dave Christian-Economic Development-Sent a letter updating the accomplishments of his office.

Barb Mossman-HR-Sent a letter thanking her staff and other trainers for their work on the Ethics training.
10. REQUESTS
 - A. Steve Eyrick-Adult Probation-Request for office space.
Steve Eyrick appeared to request space for his office and two staff members in the former Superior 3 courtroom. The Commission indicated that a space study is scheduled to be conducted and they want to wait until that is complete to assign space to various departments.
 - B. Birchfield Memorial Foundation-Request for \$500 LPCCVB funds for Annual event.
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. Tony Mancuso-Health Department-Request approval of Property Transfer Ordinance.
Commissioner Kora moves to approve first reading. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - D. Commissioner Decker-Request to attend National NACO Conference-
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Jim Sosinski-Sheriff's Office-Bid recommendation for Sheriff Vehicles.**
John Boyd appeared and recommended Best Ford in Knox for the ford fusions. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Sheriff Boyd then recommended for the purchase of SUV's, Sauer's Ford in Michigan City. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Robert Young-Hwy-Open bids for pickup trucks.**
- C. **Kristina Armstrong-Deputy Prosecutor-Request to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.**
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Andrew McGuire-EMS-Open Ambulance bids.**
Attorney Friedman read two bids that were timely received. Commissioner Bohacek moved to receive the bids and refer them to Andrew McGuire for recommendation. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Announce Commission/Council Joint workshop for 5:30 p.m. March 21st to discuss options for County Home property.**
Attorney Friedman indicated that the tax credits for the County Home project was not accepted. He indicated they have researched other options and will be having a workshop with the Council to brainstorm ideas for the County Home. Commissioner Kora gave an overview of the work that has been done to get a plan for the county home and indicated that the appraisal is ready.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Consideration of contract with FSSA to provide Medicaid coverage for jail inmates as well as coordinate benefits coverage for offenders transitioning back into the community.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek moves to allow the President to sign. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. **Consider intervention in NIPSCO Infrastructure Cause of Action (44733) and review terms of settlement in NIPSCO Electric Rate Case (44688).**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Consider final approval on minor subdivision for Pahl/Bednar as recommended by the Plan Commission.**
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Bohacek indicated that the people email the Commissioners directly regarding potholes so they can get the information to the County Highway.
Commissioner Kora indicated that NACO has appointed him to the National Opioid Task Force. He is happy to serve on behalf of the County and share what he learns with the medical community and with law enforcement.
Commissioner Decker indicated that Matt Burden has already informed us about how bad opiates are and that he is pleased to have our county be a part of this National Committee because the information is very valuable. He stated he is on their International Economic Development Task Force now.

14. **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Bohacek moved to adjourn. Commissioner Kora seconded. 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