



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAPORTE COUNTY

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## MINUTES

### LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 4, 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**  
Auditor Winski requested that item C under requests be removed. Commissioner Kora added in New Business the addition of the 4<sup>th</sup> Batch of houses for the Hoosier Homestead Program. Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. **April 20, 2016**  
Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **CLAIMS**
  - A. **Payroll Ending 04/22/2016-\$1,065,866.79**  
**Miscellaneous Claims-\$412,834.71**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve as presented. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
None
8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**  
Jerry Cooley-Maintenance- Appeared before the Commission to inform them that they are looking at the unit in 911 and are anticipating they might to the work instead of hiring it out because we have an HVAC contractor. He said keeping the job in house will save around 3 or 4 thousand dollars for the county. He said they have walked three contractors through the courthouse for the scaffolding, and they are getting that ready to go up. He stated it's not cheap and that the tower will be very expensive. He stated they hired the contractor to put in the security system for the County Home. He said he talked with John Jones and discovered that if the water is all drained the insurance will still be in effect.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
10. **REQUESTS**
  - A. **Andrew McGuire-EMS-Request for travel to New Jersey and New Orleans.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds and then moves to approve the Proclamation. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motions carried by voice vote.  
**Request approval for Proclamation designating the week of May 15-21 as Emergency Medical Services Week.**  
Commissioner Kora read the Proclamation into record.
  - B. **John Jones-Michiana Insurance-Request approval for two replacement policies and renewal of other policies.**  
John Jones appeared to inform the Commission of the replacement policies that he found for the Trustee program and for three restitution programs for the Juvenile Services Center. He stated that the premium is lower and the benefits are better than the prior policies. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve the renewal of policies. Commissioner Kora seconds. Commissioner Kora moves to approve the whole package. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Kora moves to authorize the President to sign on behalf of the board. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. **John Dudek-911-Request permission to go to Council for an appropriation for a possible replacement of heating/Air unit for LaPorte County 911.- Removed**
- D. **Kay Felton-County Home-Request approval to transfer property to other County Departments.**  
Tabled pending a meeting between the Commission and Council. Motion to table by Commissioner Kora. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Mark Roule-Prosecutors-Request for travel to California.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carries by voice vote.

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Robert Young-HWY-Open Bids for Class 11 Bituminous Material.**  
Robert Young appeared to receive the bids after the Commission opened them. Commissioner Kora moved to show the bids received and referred to the Hwy Dept. for review. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Mike Yacullo-Engineer-Request Signature on Right of Way Services contract with CHA Consulting Inc. for Bridge #18 (CR 875 W. over Trail Creek).**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Request signature on Supplemental Design Services contract with USI Consultants Inc. for Otis Rd. Bridge over Little Calumet River.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Request permission to advertise construction bid for rehabilitation of Bridge #84 (CR 900 S over Mill Creek), Bridge #86 (CR 100 W over Whitman Ditch), and Bridge #129 (CR 600 W over Pitner Ditch).**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. **Dave Christian-Office of Economic Development-2016 Marketing Services Proposal.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. **Consideration of BZA denial of petition to vacate platted roadway in Hudson Twp.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moved to approve the BZA denial, but give permission for that parcel to be used as a driveway. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. **Consider vehicle lease for Adult Protective Services.**  
Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Bohacek moves to allow Commissioner Decker to sign on behalf of the board. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Hearing on the 4<sup>th</sup> batch of the Hoosier Homestead Initiative houses.**  
Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve the Resolution assigning the homes. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Bohacek thanked everyone for coming out to vote and indicated that it was a massive turnout for a primary. He wished Chief Deputy Heeg Happy Birthday.  
Commissioner Kora wished Attorney Friedman Happy Birthday as well. He echoed Commissioner Bohacek's thoughts about the election and thanked all of the candidates that participated in the election, he said that is a big deal win or lose.  
Commissioner Decker thanked Economic Development for getting the website together, he indicated that he is glad that people will be able to find everything they need in one spot.

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

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Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA