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Vice President**

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Member**

**LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at the La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 6:00 p.m.**

President Vidya Kora called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. President Kora led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Auditor Joie Winski called the roll: Commissioner Kora – Present; Commissioner Brillson Matias – Present; Commissioner Mrozinski – Present. Quorum present therefore a meeting commenced.

Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Brillson Matias seconded. Motion carried. **Considered** approval of February 6, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Brillson Matias seconded. Motioned carried.

Auditor Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 2/8/19 \$1,289,316.28 and miscellaneous claims of \$2,202,111.39. Commissioner Brillson Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motioned carried.

No Public or Department Head Comments were heard.

Considered authorizing Coroner Bob Cutler to approach the Council to replace a 2006 vehicle. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Brillson Matias seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered Ordinance to establish Non-Reverting County Coroner Fund to be used for educational training for county coroners. Commissioner Brillson Matias motioned to approve the first reading. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered Hospital Services Agreement with Porter County Memorial Hospital. This is an existing contract for a discounted rate for x-rays that are used primarily for homicides or identification purposes. Currently all local hospitals are used for x-rays, this agreement is only for Porter Memorial Hospital when their facility is used. Commissioner Brillson Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered request by INDOT for letter from Commissioners supporting 2019 INFRA grant application for improvements to both US Highway 421 and SR 39. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Brillson Matias seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered request of NewDay Foundation to close one lane during 5K/10K Run/Walk. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Brillson Matias seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered request of Building Maintenance to approach the Council to pay retiring employee Anthony Hood for 60 days of unused sick time – Larry Levendowski. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Brillson Matias seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered Liaison Appointments to Park Department – Rich Mrozinski and Health Board – Dr. Vidya Kora. Commissioner Brillson Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered authorizing appraisal or appraisals of INDOT rest park on US 20 near Rolling Prairie as a potential Rolling Prairie EMS base site. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Brillson seconded. Motioned carried.

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Old Business:

Considered approving agreement for Community Crossing Grant – Mitch Bishop. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Brillson seconded. Motioned carried.

New Business:

Considered Employee Wellness Days – Barb Mossman – HR. Board of Commissioners provide to employees on county insurance to participate in health screening that includes blood tests, PSA, thyroid profile , health risk appraisal, cardiovascular/fitness test, colorectal cancer screening and blood pressure. Offered to non-insurance employees but at their own expense. In 2018 the cost was approx. \$13,904. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Brillson Matias seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered Seat Belt Use Policy for County handbook – Barb Mossman – HR. Commissioner Brillson Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered Building Maintenance vendor contracts for 2019 – Ryan’s Fire Protection, Marquiss Electric, and Otis Elevator. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Brillson Matias seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered proposed settlement in the matter of Solid Waste transporting a screen. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Brillson Matias seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered proposed settlement in the matter of Estate of Barnes v LPCO Sheriff et al – Sheriff John Boyd and Guy DiMartino. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Brillson Matias seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered ratifying approval by County Commission President declaring emergency repairs to Franklin Street Bridge/**Considered** associated contract or contracts for vendors to repair bridge on emergency basis. Commissioner Brillson Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motioned carried.

Considered resolution authorizing next steps in potential sale of the County Home/adjoining property (5.39 acres). Commissioner Brillson Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motioned carried.

*****Resolution 2019-4**

Considered Resolutions authorizing transfer of tax sale certificates to both City of La Porte and City of Michigan City per requests of both entities. Commissioner Brillson Matias motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motioned carried.

*****Resolution 2019-5** City of La Porte (6 parcels)

*****Resolution 2019-6** City of Michigan City (7 parcels)

*****Resolution 2019-7** Michigan City Redevelopment Commission (11 parcels)

*****Resolution 2019-8** Michigan City Sanitary District (1 parcel)

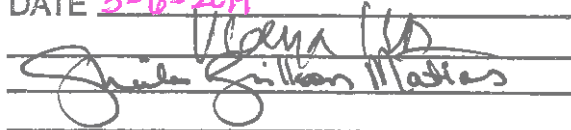
Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Sheila Brillson Matias reported on the Dept Head meetings that were held for receiving information from the departments on their daily routines. Commissioner Brillson Matias also stated the Rural Broadband Initiative Working Group that was appointed at the last meeting will be receiving a letter in the mail. Commissioner Brillson Matias read the letter to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Rich Mrozinski stated on February 8th he met with the Pioneer Cemetery Commission. He attended a Government Affairs meeting with the Chamber. Commissioner Mrozinski was a judge for the American Legion Essay Contest held at La Porte High School. Commented on the Drainage Board meeting.

President Vidya Kora attended the Workforce Development Board meeting for Northwest Indiana. President Kora stated there is a great group of employees that work for the county.

Commissioner Brillson Matias motioned to **adjourn at 6:40 p.m.** Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
DATE 3-6-2019



ATTEST: _____ Auditor

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