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**MINUTES
SPECIAL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 5, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.**

(Please Turn Off All Cell Phones)

The Special Reorganizational Meeting of the La Porte County Council was held on January 5, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. (local time) in the Assembly Room of the La Porte County Government Complex located at 809 State Street, La Porte, Indiana, 46350.

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by La Porte County Auditor Joie Winski at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Auditor Winski asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Auditor Winski took over the President's Chair and Chief Deputy Andrea Smith proceeded with the Roll Call. Council Members present were Councilmen Matt Bernacchi, Jeff Santana, Terry Garner, Mark Yagelski, Cary Kirkham and Randy Novak. Councilwoman Sosinski was absent. A quorum was noted.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 5, 2015 AGENDA

A Motion was made by Councilman Bernacchi and seconded by Councilman Santana to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination and Election of 2015 County Council Officers

Auditor Winski opened up Nominations for President of the La Porte County Council. A Motion was made by Jeff Santana and seconded by Cary Kirkham to nominate Mark Yagelski as President. Hearing or seeing no other nominations, Auditor Winski closes nominations. The Motion carried 6-0. Auditor Winski congratulations President Yagelski and hands the Meeting over to him.

President Yagelski opened up Nominations for Vice President of the La Porte County Council. A Motion was made by Jeff Santana and seconded by Randy Novak to nominate Matt Bernacchi as Vice President. Hearing or seeing no other nominations, President Yagelski closes nominations. The Motion carried 6-0. President Yagelski congratulates Vice President Bernacchi.

Planning for Year 2015 (Approval of Regular Meeting Dates).

All Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m., local time unless specified otherwise.

Monday, January 26, 2015

Monday, February 23, 2015

Monday, March 23, 2015

Monday, April 27, 2015

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Monday, June 22, 2015

Monday, July 27, 2015

Monday, August 24, 2015

Monday, September 28, 2015

Monday, October 26, 2015

Monday, November 23, 2015

December (will be determined at a later date if necessary)

A Motion was made by Councilman Santana and seconded by Councilmen Kirkham and Novak to approve. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNTY COUNCIL LIAISONS

The full list of 2015 County Council Liaisons are attached as Exhibit "A."

Councilman Kirkham asks if he can stay on the Solid Waste Citizens Advisory Board by virtue of a Commissioners appointment. President Yagelski states he would have to step down. Councilman Bernacchi affirms that he wants to stay on the Solid Waste Board.

Councilwoman Sosinski will be the Liaison for the Treasurer and not the Recorder and Councilman Garner will take the Recorder.

President Yagelski will stay as the Liaison for GIS.

President Yagelski asks Council Members for permission to keep Rich Mrozinski as the Veterans Liaison. None of the Council Members have an objection.

A Motion is made by Councilman Novak and seconded by Councilman Bernacchi to accept the County Council Liaisons. The Motion carried 6-0.

COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

The following are new or reappointments for terms that ended 2014:

Alcohol Beverage Board

The Alcohol Beverage Members should be appointed by the Commissioners first and is a party-affiliation appointment. Councilman Garner makes a recommendation for Roger Wolf and President Yagelski states Matt Sikorski would like to be considered as he is currently a Member.

Roger Wolff: Councilmen Kirkham, Bernacchi, Yagelski, Novak and Garner (5)

Matt Sikorski: Councilmen Kirkham, Santana and Novak (3)

The appointment of Roger Wolff will be on the condition of what the Commissioners decide at their Wednesday Meeting.

Human Resource Review Board

Councilwoman Sosinski and Councilmen Bernacchi and Santana are appointed to the Human Resources Review Board. Motion carries 6-0.

Data Board

President Yagelski says the Data Board has been repealed by State Statute. However, Assessor Mike Schultz and Recorder Barbara Dean feel the Data Board is purposeful and therefore will remain in effect to maintain continuity. A Motion is made by Councilmen Bernacchi and Novak to continue the Board. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilwoman Sosinski will retain her position on the Data Board unless she chooses otherwise.

Michigan City Library:

A Motion is made by Councilman Santana and seconded by Councilman Kirkham to reappoint Don Montgomery. Motion carried 6-0.

Board of Zoning Appeals:

A Motion is made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Santana to retain Melissa Mischke. Motion carried 6-0.

PTABOA:

Councilman Garner states Robert Bailey (Republican) originally applied for the Drainage Board but would be happy to serve on any Board and be active in County Government.

Attorney Biege states there is geographic district and political affiliations associated with this Board.

A Motion is made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Kirkham to appoint Bob Bailey.

A Motion is made by Councilman Santana and seconded by Councilman Novak to reappoint Ken Purze.

Councilman Bernacchi by virtue of being on the PTABOA Board is also up for nomination.

Bob Bailey (no certification): Councilmen Kirkham, Bernacchi, Yagelski and Garner (4)

Ken Purze (Level 3): Councilmen Santana, Novak and Garner (3)

Councilman Bernacchi (Level 2): Councilmen Kirkham, Bernacchi, Yagelski, Santana, Novak & Garner (6)

Councilman Bernacchi and Bob Bailey will represent the PTABOA Board.

Regional Sewer District:

Gene Jonas is the only person who applied. A Motion is made by Councilman Santana and seconded by Councilman Garner to appoint Gene Jonas. Motion carried 5-1, with Councilman Bernacchi voting Nay.

LaPorte County Public Library

A Motion is made by and seconded to approve Sylvia Smith for the La Porte County Public Library. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmen Bernacchi and seconded by Councilman Santana . Motion carried 6-0.

EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 26th day of January, 2015.

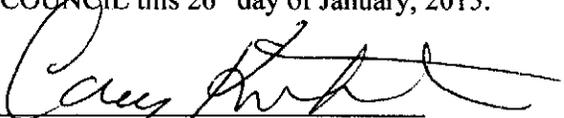

Councilman Matt Bernacchi

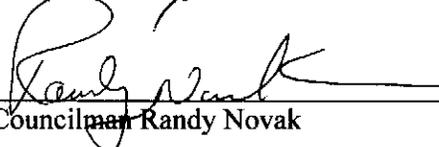
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Councilman Terry Garner

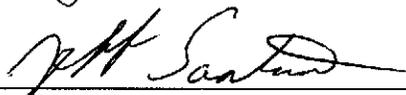
Councilwoman Lois Sosinski


Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST: 
Joie Winski, La Porte County Auditor


Councilman Cary Kirkham


Councilman Randy Novak


Councilman Jeff Santana