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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the La Porte County Council was held on September 19, 2016 at 6:50 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 at 6:50 p.m. by Council President Terry Garner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Garner asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and except for emergency personnel, to please turn off their cell phones at this time. Councilman Novak was asked to lead the Pledge.

**ROLL CALL**

Auditor Winski took the Roll Call. All members were present.

**APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved as read on a Motion made by Councilman Mark Yagelski and supported by Councilman Cary Kirkham. A 7 – 0 vote was recorded.

**APPROVAL OF August 22, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes were approved as read on a Motion made by Councilman Mark Yagelski and supported by Councilman Santana. A 7 – 0 vote was recorded.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dennis Metheny commented on the ALCO fee increase in the Budget.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENT**

Attorney Shaw Friedman approached the Council concerning the "Fair Share" of Road Funding to La Porte County. He presented a chart from INDOT to the Council and stated that the

Commissioners have passed three Resolutions to be sent to the State. He talked about private meetings that State Senator Kenley will be holding. He also commented on the County's grant process.

Jerry Cooley, Building Maintenance Supervisor and member of the ALCO board explained how ALCO works and the guidelines in place for the use of their service.

Sheriff John Boyd announced that there will be a Springfield Township Town Hall at the Springfield Fire Department on September 27, 2016 at 7 p.m.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilman Bernacchi reported on PTABOA and Economic Development.

Councilman Novak reported on the Finance Committee and the County's Master Plan.

Councilman Santana had nothing to report.

Councilman Kirkham reported on attending a Chamber Governmental Affairs Breakfast and attended a County Home inspection.

Councilwoman Sosinski met with HR on budget presentation and will be attending an insurance meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> and will be attending a RDC meeting next week.

Councilman Yagelski reported on his meeting in Indianapolis as a member of the conference committee summer session. He reported on the meeting.

Councilman Garner reported that Purdue Extension has hired a new person to replace Patty Keating. He has met with the Prosecutor, Sheriff and Auditor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jerry Cooley, Building Maintenance Supervisor, reported on the removal of the tree on the Courthouse lawn and the efforts to save it. The tree will be removed and replaced next year. He will pay for it out of his budget but will come back to the Council if he runs short in his budget.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

La Porte County Agricultural Society Capital Improvements

A discussion took place. Mr. Yagelski asked that the meeting recordings be presented to the Council for further review.

A Motion to table was made by Mr. Yagelski and supported by Mrs. Sosinski. Vote was recorded as 6 – 0 with Mr. Garner abstaining.

Mr. Yagelski asked Attorney Biege to send a letter to Senator Kenley about having open meetings.

A Motion was made by Mr. Yagelski and supported by Mr. Santana to send the letter. Motion approved 7 – 0. Attorney Biege will prepare the letter.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None

#### **APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND REQUESTS**

##### La Porte County Building Maintenance

Jerry Cooley is asking for \$44,950 to replace some of the slate roofing, gutters and tuckpointing. A discussion took place.

A Motion to approve from the Riverboat Fund (1191) was made by Mr. Yagelski and supported by Mr. Novak. A vote of 7 – 0 was recorded.

##### La Porte County Clerk of Circuit Court

Requests permission to spend \$50,000 from the Clerk's Record Perpetuation Fund (1119) for the transfer of digital images.

Motion to approve by Mr. Yagelski and supported by Mr. Santana. Vote recorded was 7 – 0.

##### La Porte County Clerk of Circuit Court

Requesting permission to spend from the Clerk's IV-D Child Support Fund (8899) for 8 document scanners.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Santana and supported by Mr. Novak. Vote recorded was 7 – 0.

##### La Porte County Highway Department

Requests permission to hire for the Hanna District.

Motion to approve by Mr. Yagelski and supported by Mr. Novak. Vote recorded was 7 – 0.

##### La Porte County Adult Probation

Requests permission to spend \$2,773.96 from Probation User Fees (2102) for two printers, one computer and software.

Motion to approve by Mrs. Sosinski and supported by Mr. Santana. Vote recorded was 7 – 0.

La Porte County Sheriff

Requests permission to spend \$2,989.10 from the Misdemeanant Fund (1175) for anti-virus software for jail computers.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Novak and supported by Mr. Santana. Vote recorded was 7 – 0.

La Porte County EMS

Requesting permission to spend from EMS Donation Account to further construct building at Fair Grounds and replacement of mower at Michigan City base.

A motion was made by Mr. Yagelski and supported by Mr. Santana to approve. Motion carried 7 – 0.

La Porte County office of Economic Development

Requests additional appropriation from Riverboat funds (1191) for administration, travel and marketing fees - \$21,000.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Santana and approved by Mrs. Sosinski. Vote recorded 7 – 0.

**COUNTY COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Sosinski and supported by Mr. Santana.

**EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

  
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President Terry Garner

  
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Councilman Cary Kirkham

  
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Councilman Matt Bernacchi

  
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Councilman Randy Novak

  
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Councilwoman Lois Sosinski

  
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Councilman Jeff Santana

  
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Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST:   
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Joie Winski, La Porte County Auditor