

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, LaPorte County has experienced nearly a ten percent unemployment rate during much of 2012 and,

WHEREAS, the need for a highly intensive, coordinated and energized economic development effort to recruit new business activity is acute, and

WHEREAS, the ongoing LaPorte County Economic Development Alliance efforts are worthwhile and well-intentioned, the Alliance's key benefit is in data gathering, marketing and communications between various economic development entities, and

WHEREAS, county taxpayer dollars that may have been granted to assist the Alliance with start-up costs should now be devoted in a transparent and cost-affordable way to allowing the county to develop its own economic development arm to serve as a one-stop shop for developers and site locators, and

WHEREAS, there is a demonstrated need for a single point of contact for developers and site locators interested in locating a manufacturing or commercial business anywhere in LaPorte County, and

WHEREAS, the undersigned believe that creation of a LaPorte County Office of Economic Development with its own dedicated office space, consultants and staffing is an important step to signal to site locators and business prospects that county government is serious and intent on creating a convenient, one-stop shop for those seeking information and assistance with zoning, land use, infrastructure, job training, targeted tax incentives and other site assistance,


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:


1. There is hereby created a LaPorte County Office of Economic Development. Office space in the County Annex will be designated and assigned immediately for such an office which will now serve as the nerve center and central focus for all county job creation efforts.
2. In addition, there is hereby created an eleven-member County Commissioners' Economic Development Advisory Group composed of representatives of the business community who shall help advise and consult with the County Commission, Redevelopment Commission and Office of Economic Development on job creation initiatives.


3. The Office of Economic Development shall work with and cooperate with existing local economic development corporations, the Alliance, city and town governments, labor and business leaders in the sharing of "leads" and business prospects and will be the key point of contact for business decision makers and site locators seeking assistance in LaPorte County.

All of which is adopted this 2nd day of January, 2013.

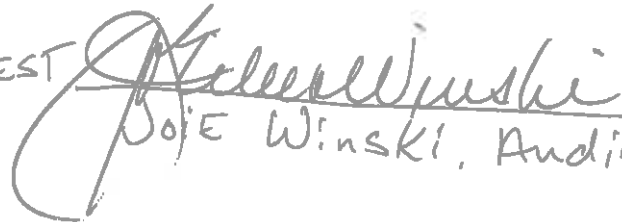
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Attest:

AHEST 
Joje Winski, Auditor