

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11 OF THE BOARD OF LA PORTE
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEEKING LINE ITEM
AUTHORITY FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR COUNTY
WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS/EQUIPMENT UPGRADES
FROM COMCAST FRANCHISE FEES**

WHEREAS, La Porte County receives approximately \$300,000.00 each year from payment of Comcast franchise fees, and

WHEREAS, approximately \$100,000.00 of that amount is remitted to ALCO-TV as and for regular telecasting of various county meetings for the benefit of the viewing public, and

WHEREAS, a need has been expressed for upgrade of the county's dated website to allow better and more convenient public access to information and services offered by county government, along with providing updated minutes, agendas and records pertaining to various public bodies, and

WHEREAS, as part of providing live and recorded transmission of various county meetings to the viewing public, there is a need for the equipment in county meeting rooms to be updated and improved, and

WHEREAS, this body has sought guidance from both the State Board of Accounts and La Porte County Auditor's Office on the most feasible way to accomplish such website improvements and equipment upgrades from Comcast fees, and both offices have recommended a line item be established as opposed to a separate, non-reverting fund,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that we respectfully request the County Council set up a specific line item in the Commissioners' Budget for "Website Improvements/Equipment

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upgrades” from the Comcast Franchise fees to permit the County to move forward expeditiously with much needed improvements and updates to the County website and the ability to install/purchase equipment to upgrade both sound and visual presentation of county meetings for the benefit of the viewing public in La Porte County.

All of which is resolved this 1st day of May, 2019

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LA PORTE COUNTY**

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Julie Madar

Attest:

Robert Winski
La Porte County Auditor

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