

LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
August 23, 2010

The LaPorte County Council Meeting was held on Monday, August 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the LaPorte County Government Complex, 809 State Street, LaPorte, Indiana 46350.

Meeting was called to order by Council President, Mark Yagelski

Roll Call was taken by Auditor, Craig Hinchman. Those attending were Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Garner, Mr. Ford, Mrs. Sosinski, and Mr. Yagelski. Also present were Chief Deputy Auditor, Mary Ray and Council Attorney Don Baugher. Mr. Mrozinski was absent.

The Agenda was approved by all members present.

The July 26, 2010 minutes were approved by all members present.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

None

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Ford, Mr. Garner and Mr. Cunningham had no reports

Mr. Bernacchi reported that Tyler Technology has three employees now working with the Assessor's Office working on the reassessment project.

Mrs. Sosinski reported that the Information Technology Department is working on several new and completed projects.

Mr. Yagelski read a thank you note to the council from 4-H member Justin Knoll, which thanked the Council for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Metheny commented that all County take home cars should keep a mileage log. He also thanked IT Director, Darlene Hale and County Clerk Lynne Spevak for the computer that were donated to the Coolspring Twp. Trustee's Office for the public to use in helping search for employment. Mr. Garner complimented Mr. Metheny for his extra effort in assisting the County residents.

Mr. Metheny further stated that the ADA problem should be settled before the County builds or purchases new buildings. He also stated that he made a complaint over a year ago regarding the curb leading to the ramp into the County Complex; Mr. Yagelski said he knew nothing of this but would look into it immediately. Mr. Metheny said that the County seems to have money for its special projects but doesn't have money for other necessities.

Mr. Yagelski stated that he wanted the Treasurer to invest the major moves money separately; letter is to be written by the County Attorney to transfer the major moves interest from the general fund into the major moves account per ordinance.

Mr. John Regetz and Mr. Tim Gropp of the LaPorte County Economic Development Commission gave a status report on all companies that are receiving tax abatements. They reported that all companies are in compliance with the requirements.

APPROPRIATIONS OR TRANSFERS OR REQUESTS

LAPORTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Requested an additional appropriation into the Lead Grant Non-Reverting Fund for timely payment of claims (626-20200-000-626) \$11,779.00
From Riverboat Admissions Fund (272)
Motion made to approve the request
All members present voted in favor of the motion
Motion Approved

LAPORTE SUPERIOR COURT NO.2

Requested the transfer from Lease/Purchase/Copy Machine account (100-30093-000-150) to Law Clerk account (100-10135-000-1500) \$ 1,800.00
Motion made to approve the request
All members voted in favor of the motion
Motion approved

SUPERIOR COURT NO. 4

Requested appropriation for improvements and or repairs To Court Rooms and Offices. (152) \$25,721.41
From either Riverboat Admissions (272) or Win Tax (257)
Motion was made to table the request
Mrs. Sosinski and Mr. Bernacchi voted against
Mr. Ford, Mr. Yagelski, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Garner voted In favor. Motion to table was approved

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Requested appropriation for archive software upgrade

Per State requirements 157-41006-000-157

From Riverboat Admissions or Win Tax (272) or (257)

\$58,000.00

Motion was made to table the request

All members present voted in favor to table

Motion to table was approved

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF TOWNSHIP BUDGETS/NON BINDING BUDGETS

Motion was made to accept all non binding budgets that are within the 2.9 % growth factor.

All members present voted in favor of the motion

Motion approved

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.