

LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL

BUDGET HEARINGS CONTINUED

AUGUST 27, 2012

The LaPorte County Council resumed budget hearings on Monday August 27, 2012 at 5:30 in the Assembly Room of the LaPorte County Government Complex, 809 State Street, LaPorte, Indiana 46350.

The hearing was opened by Council President, Matt Bernacchi

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Auditor Craig Hinchman called the roll; all members were present along with Chief Deputy Mary Ray and Council Attorney, Douglas Biege.

Mrs. Sosinski presented the following job evaluation committee results and were voted on by the Council

Reclassification for the Director of Treatment Services in the Jail to go from a POLE classification to a PATIV

Payroll Administrators in the Auditors remained Status Quo

Software/Payroll Clerk in the Highway Department went from a COMOT III to a COMOT IV

Secretary/Bookkeeper in the Highway Department remained Status Quo

Clerk/Typist in the Highway Department was decreased from a COMOT III to a COMOT I

Crew Chief/Survey in the Surveyors Department went from a LTC I to a LTC III

Crew Chief/Drainage in the Drainage Board Department went from a LTC I to a LTC III

Code Enforcement Officers in the Plan Commission went from Unclassified to LTC II

A motion to accept these changes for 2013

Mrs. Sosinski, Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. Ford and Mr. Garner voted in favor

Mr. Yagelski, Mr. Mrozinski and Mr. Cunningham voted against

Motion approved

A motion was made to accept the changes even though some salaries would be lower

For the year 2013.
Mrs. Sosinski voted against
All other members voted in favor
Motion approved

Plan Commission Department: Change in classification for three code enforcement officers from unclassified to LTC II

The approval to fill a vacancy to be funded by the non-reverting fund for salary and benefits

Both items were approved by all members

Michigan Township Assessor

The 10130 account was reverted to the 2012 budget.
All members voted in favor

LaPorte County Auditor reduced his 10130 account to \$15,000.00
All members approved

Circuit Court reduced the account 10173 by \$5,000.00
All members approved

Purdue Extension reverted back to the 2012 budget.
All members approved

GIS Delete funds from account #10119 and add \$10,000.00 to account 10130
All members approved

There was a discussion regarding placing this department under the Assessor, Auditor or Surveyor. The Council and Commissioners are to discuss further.

LaPorte County Board of Commissioners reduce account #10130 to \$500.00 and correct Account #10117 to \$36,626.00
All members approved

There was a heated discussion regarding account# 30067 and 30068
A motion was made to raise the 30067 to \$362,305.00 and the 30068 to \$467,271.00
Mrs. Sosinski voted yes
All other members voted no
The numbers remain as voted on in the original budget hearings.

Bad Check division of the Prosecuting Attorney's Department

There was a discussion to drop this department due to lack of activity, the department is not profitable. It was decided to send to the Job evaluation committee for re-evaluation.

Comments by council

Mr. Yagelski was very disappointed that the grant for the Johnson Road project was lost.

Mr. Mrozinski suggested that the special hires all need to be re-evaluated. He feels that some are underpaid.

A motion was made to have all special hires to fill out the re-evaluation forms

Mr. Yagelski voted no

All other members voted yes

H.R is to notify

LaPorte County Sheriff requested the funding for a new jailer; he stated that the State board of accounts will not allow this to be paid from the commissary fund.

Vote was taken to allow the position

Mr. Sosinski, Mr. Garner and Mr. Bernacchi voted yes

Mr. Mrozinski, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Ford and Mr. Yagelski voted against

Request was denied

Mr. Yagelski made a motion to enact the same bonus as last year with the same requirements

Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Ford and Mrs. Sosinski voted no

Mr. Garner, Mr. Yagelski and Mr. Mrozinski voted in favor

Motion was defeated

Another motion was made to give a 1% pay increase for all County employees except for Commissioners and Council Members.

Mrs. Sosinski and Mr. Garner voted in favor

Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Ford, Mr. Yagelski, Mr. Mrozinski and Mr. Bernacchi all voted against
Motion was defeated.

Prosecuting Attorney Office

Mr. Neary wanted the increase of employees in the Prosecutor office review but was told that request was withdrawn, He was unaware of this and Mrs. Sosinski will meet with the H.R.

Director and report back at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.