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MEETING MINUTES
LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 21 & 22, 2013 (ALL DAY)

The La Porte County Budget Hearings were held on August 21, 2013 and August 22, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Complex Meeting Room.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL.

The Budget Hearings were called to Order by President Yagelski who began the Hearings with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL.

Auditor Winski proceeded with the Roll Call. Council Members present included: Councilwoman Lois Sosinski, Councilmen Rich Mrozinski, Matt Bernacchi, Mark Yagelski, Earl Cunningham, Terry Garner and Jeff Santana. It was noted that after approximately one and one-half hours of Budget Hearings on August 21, 2013 Councilwoman Sosinski had to leave and did not return the rest of the day. She was noted absent the entire day on Thursday, August 22, 2013.

The following applies to 200 & 300 accounts only unless specified. No 100 or 400 accounts were voted on at these hearings unless specified.

Wednesday 8/21/2013		
Planning & Zoning Contractor's Reg Fee	134, 135 246	Budget stays the same as 2013 with the exception of one clerk (\$30,000) from the Contractor's Registration Fee Fund (2067) (Matt/Lois) Motion carries 7-0.
County Home	146	Cut one aid-salary & benefits – 200 & 300 okay (Matt/Earl) Motion carries 7-0.
Treasurer	103	Motion to approve but reduce by \$30,408 + benefits (Lois/Earl) Motion carries 7-0.
Recorder	104	Motion to approve last year's budget at zero (Earl/Matt) Motion carries 7-0.
Michigan Twp Assessor	130	Motion to approve/same as last year (Matt/Lois) Motion carries 7-0.
County Assessor	109	Motion to approve Reassessment (Matt/Lois) Motion to approve (Matt/Lois) Motion carries 7-0
Community Corrections	179, 590, 584	Motion to approve (Earl/Jeff) Motion carries 7-0.
Prosecuting Attorney	108, 159, 343,	108: Motion to approve same as last year minus

	137	\$10.681 (Earl/Jeff) 343: Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Jeff) 137: Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Jeff) 159: Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Jeff) Motion carries 7-0.
EMS	140	Motion to approve at last year's budget (transfer \$20,000 from 30061 to 30023 for base rent.) Does not include 400 accounts. (Earl/Jeff) 6-1 (Lois)
Superior Ct 2	150	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Matt/Rich) Motion carries 6-0.*
County Highway, Cum Bridge Major Bridge	201, 202, 204, 207, 213, 215	201: Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Matt/Rich) 202: Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Jeff/Earl) 207: Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Jeff/Earl) 204: Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Jeff/Earl) 213, 215: (Salary's come out of 213) Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Terry)
Superior Ct 1	149	Motion to approve at last year's budget with \$1,000 for Law Books. (Earl/Terry)
Superior Ct 3	151, 242	151: Motion to approve at last year's budget minus \$3,000 for postage. (Rich/Jeff) 242: Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Rich)
EMA, Haz Mat	153, 174	153: Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Rich) 174: Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Matt/Earl)
Public Defender	180	Motion to approve at last year's budget minus litigation expenses of \$25,500. \$1,000 stipend from Public Defender Fund for office expenses. (Earl/Jeff)
Circuit Court	148	148: Motion to approve at last year's budget minus \$22,000 (30087 Youth Services)
Juvenile Probation	154	Motion to approve at last's year's budget minus \$4,000 (30120), (Matt/Jeff)
	176	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Matt/Jeff)
Commissioner's	143/10158	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Rich/Earl)
	OASI/11007	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Terry)
	Medicare/ 11009	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Terry)

	Secretary/ 11017	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Rich)
	Clerks/ 11019	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Rich/Earl)
	Office Supplies/ 20001	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Rich/Earl)
	Retirement Award/ 20012	0
	Postage/30019	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Rich/Terry)
	Telephone/ 30004	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Rich/Matt)
	Dues/30009	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Rich)
	Mileage/ 30018	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Rich)
	Legal/ 30020	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Rich/Earl) Motion passes 4 - 2 (Mark and Jeff nays)
	Ed & Training/ 30027	Motion to fund at \$20,100. (Earl/Rich) Motion passes 4 -2 (Terry & Mark nays)
	30065/ Prof Consulting	Motion to fund at \$101,000. (Rich/Earl) Motioned passes 4 -2 (Jeff/Mark)
	30067/ Liability/Accident Insurance	Motion to approve at \$630,000 (same as 2013). (Terry/Jeff)
	Accident & Claims 30068	Motion to approve at \$549,999. (Jeff/Terry) 4-2 (Matt/Earl)
	Examination of Records	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Rich/Jeff)
	31035	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Rich/Jeff)
		Remainder of budget approved at last year's budget.
In House Printing	181	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Matt/Jeff)
EDC	222	Will be taken from Riverboat Funds in January.

Thursday 8/22/2013		
County Extension	133	Motion to approve at last's year's budget. (Earl, Matt)
Weights & Measures	138	Motion to approve at last's year's budget. (Earl, Terry)
Superior Ct 4	152	Motion to approve at last's year's budget. (Matt, Jeff)
Surveyor, Drainage Board	106	Motion to approve at last's year's budget. (Earl, Rich)
	136	Motion to approve at last's year's budget. (Earl, Rich)
Adult Probation	147	Motion to zero out all 200/300 accts. (Earl/Rich)
Sheriff, Ct House Security, Jail	105, 182	Motion to approve at 2013 level. (Earl/Rich)
	145	Motion to approve at 2013 level. (Earl/Rich)
County Garage	141	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl, Rich)
County Maintenance	142	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Rich/Jeff)
Information Technology	157	
	30027	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Rich)
	30007	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Terry)
	30107	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Rich)
	Remainder 200/300	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Rich/Jeff)
Coroner	107	Motion to approve at last year's budget.
MS4	161	Motion to approve at last year's budget.
Clerk, County Elect Bd	101, 131	Motion to approve at last year's budget with decrease in Clerk. (Matt/Rich)
Animal Shelter	156	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Rich/Jeff)
Health	219	
	20001	Motion to approve. (Earl/Rich)
	20040	Approve at
	22002	Back to 2013 level. (Earl/Rich)
	22050	Change to \$45,000. (Earl/Rich)


	30004	Keep at \$11,500. (Earl/Rich)
Park & Rec	155	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl & Rich)
Human Resources	162	Motion to approve at last year's level with exception of 20001 at \$3,000 and 30135 at \$700. (Earl/Rich)
E-911	177	Approve 200 & 300. (Matt/Jeff)
	1222	Approve at 2013 level. (Matt/Earl)
Soil & Water		Approved at last year's level. (Matt/Jeff)
Voter's Registration	132	Motion to approve at last year's budget. (Earl/Jeff)
Auditor	102, 260	Motion to approve: Add \$4,000 to office supplies, \$4,000 for printing supplies, \$4,000 continuing ed. GIS and Draftsman come out of Real Estate Endorsement Fee. \$22,500 added for ESRI contract. (Matt/Earl)
Pioneer Cemetery		Approved at last year's budget. (Matt/Jeff)
Non Binding		Approved with not more that 2.5% increase. (Earl/Matt)
Council	144	Approved at last year's level. (Matt/Jeff)

*If no indication the Motion passed 6-0 from this point on.


EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL, dated this 28 day of October, 2013.



 Councilman Matt Bernacchi

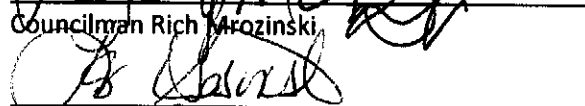

 Councilman Terry Garner

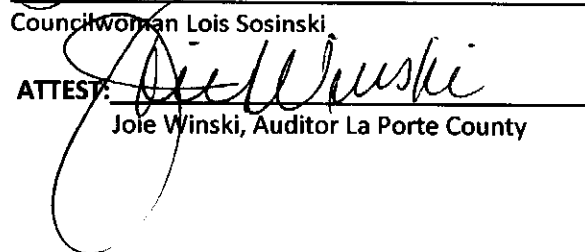

 Councilman Jeff Santana


 Councilman Mark Yagelski


 Councilman Earl Cunningham


 Councilman Rich Mrozinski


 Councilwoman Lois Sosinski

ATTEST: 
 Joie Winski, Auditor La Porte County