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**Minutes
LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
April 7, 2014**

The Special Meeting of the Laporte County Council was called to discuss an additional appropriation to be given to Michiana Resources for the continuation of services of Parents and Friends/Council on Aging.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Mark Yagelski.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Yagelski asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The Roll was called by Auditor Joie Winski. All members were present.

Approval of the Agenda for April 7, 2014

Public Comment Regarding Michiana Resources

President Yagelski called Mr. Carl Scott of Parents and Friends and Mr. William Trowbridge of Michiana Resources to the microphone to explain the nature of the request for money.

Councilmember Earl Cunningham asked about the transition between PAF and Michiana Resources, specifically the questions of the transfer of vehicles.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Trowbridge agreed that the vehicles would be transferred.

Mr. Cunningham then thanked Mr. Scott for stepping up to help the Council on Aging several years ago just as Michiana Resources is helping now.

Mr. Trowbridge then discussed how the program would continue and said that he would provide the Council and Commissioners with regular updates.

Additional Public Comment

Mr. Joe Coar spoke in support of the request.

Mr. Dennis Metheny also supports the request with "strings attached".

Dr. Vidya Kora asked for the Council's support of the request.

Mr. Randy Novak spoke in support of the request.

Council Comments

A letter was read into the record from Prosecutor Bob Szilagyi who said he would be giving an additional \$25,000 to Michiana Resources for the continuation of services. The money will come from the Prosecutor's Deferral Fund.

Councilmember Santana said that in light of the \$25,000 donation, he would make a motion to give Michiana Resources \$75,000 from the Riverboat Fund (1191). Mrs. Sosinski seconded the motion. Auditor Winski called the roll

Additional discussion came from all members of the Council.

County Attorney Doug Biege stated that he had written a Resolution to stipulate that this would be a contract between the Council, Commissioners and Michiana Resources, who by state statute can be granted the money from this Council. He also clarified that this would be a one time request. The contract will be signed by the President of the Commissioners, the President of the Council and Mr. Trowbridge.

Attorney Biege also asked that the Council restate their approval of the use of the Prosecutor's Deferral Funds for the continuation of these services.

A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham to allow Mr. Szilagyi to spend \$25,000 from the Deferral Fund. This donation will be given to Michiana Resources to support the continuation of the Parents and Friends transportation services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Santana and passed 7 – 0 by the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

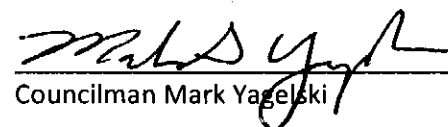
On a motion by Mr. Santana, seconded by Mr. Mrozinski and supported 7 – 0 by the Council, the meeting was adjourned.


EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL, dated this 28th day of April, 2014.

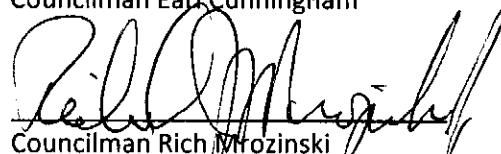

Councilman Matt Bernacchi

absent
Councilman Terry Garner


Councilman Jeff Santana


Councilman Mark Yagelski


Councilman Earl Cunningham


Councilman Rich Mrozinski


Councilwoman Lois Sosinski

Attest: Joie Winski
Joie Winski, Laporte County Auditor