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**MINUTES
LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M.**

(Please Turn Off All Cell Phones)

The Regular Meeting of the La Porte County Council was held on September 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Assembly Room of the La Porte County Government Complex located at 809 State Street, La Porte, Indiana, 46350.

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by La Porte County Council President Mark Yagelski at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Yagelski asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Students of La Porte High School led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Yagelski asked that everyone, except emergency personnel, to please turn off their cell phones at this time. Mr. Yagelski acknowledges all the students from La Porte High School in attendance.

ROLL CALL

Auditor Winski takes the roll call. Council Members present were Councilwoman Sosinski, Councilmen Bernacchi, Santana, Cunningham, Garner, Yagelski, and Mr. Mrozinski. A quorum was noted.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 AGENDA

Councilman Bernacchi asks to remove under New Business the request by Matt Reardon on behalf of B&B Manufacturing. Motion made by Councilman Bernacchi and seconded by Councilman Santana. Motion carries 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - August 25, 2014 Regular Meeting

A Motion was made by Councilman Mrozinski and seconded by Councilman Bernacchi to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dennis Metheny, 6757 W. 450 N., Michigan City, IN.

Mr. Metheny questions the \$8,000,000 for Courthouse improvements. He also questions why the Treasurer needs part-time help since the Treasurer is never in her office when he is there. He's not knocking her, she might be at meetings but if she was there more the County could save money.

Mr. Metheny also questions why the County Assessor needs I-PADs, EMS needs extra equipment, and the Auditor needs more help? The County is in a financial bind and cuts must be made.

The County Highway Superintendent wants a \$39,000 truck. Mr. Metheny did some internet research and there are several trucks available for half the price and mileage. Why would the County want to buy a truck that has 128,000 miles on it, when the County could buy a truck that has 62,000 miles on it. Mr. Metheny feels that since the Highway Superintendent is not in attendance, this should be put on hold.

Mr. Ken Purze, Michiana Shores, IN.

Mr. Purze has a couple comments about the Agenda. He is in front of the Council because they reaffirmed his PTABOA Appointment and that item is on the Agenda. There is also correspondence that will be read by Mr. Biege regarding lucrative office analysis. Mr. Purze thanks the Council for their belief in his ability to represent them properly and states it's sad to see, that under the leadership of Willie Milsap, it was not placed on the Commissioner's Agenda.

There was an incorrect statement in the newspaper that indicated that Michael Schultz as County Assessor orders the Meetings and whether or not to convene. Assessor Schultz, by State Statute, is just the Secretary for the Board and is a non-voting member of the Board. The PTABOA does not currently meet and was voted unanimously by the Board not to meet. It is not Mr. Schultz who decides to convene the PTABOA. It's important to recognize that the PTABOA is a critical part in order to have a property tax levy, handling exemptions, homestead claims, land values, and pending appeals.

He further states that under the leadership of Commissioner Milsap, not following through with correcting their (the Commissioners) appointment, which by Statute should be corrected could potentially create another tax mess for La Porte County. Mr. Purze urges the Council to consider all of the options. There is something called the *writ of mandamus*, which is when a public official does not perform their duties, it is a legal action. Clearly the County Commissioners are not doing what they are supposed to do.

Councilman Cunningham has a question for Mr. Purze. At the last Commissioner's Meeting did Mr. Decker inaccurately state you were serving on two paid Boards?

Mr. Purze tells the Council Mr. Decker might have tried to assert that he was on two lucrative boards. He is the appointed representative by the County Commissioners to the Kankakee River Basin Commission that is a non-paid Board and he strictly serves a volunteer and is not paid for any Board Meeting or any Meetings that are conducted by the Kankakee River Basin Commission.

Councilman Cunningham asks Mr. Purze if he receives a 1099 or W2? Mr. Purze confirms he does not and Councilman Cunningham states it was a woeful lack of understanding on the part of Commissioner Decker to know the difference between income and reimbursement.

Mr. Garner states that as a Township Trustee for 20 years he understands the importance of the PTABOA. It protects the Township Trustee, citizens and taxpayers. That has been taken away from them and put

more under the County Assessor. So protecting the taxpayers of this County, along with collecting taxes, is a dual thing and it cannot be ignored. We represent the people of the County.

Mr. Purze states that the PTABOA is a local board that cannot be replaced, there were statements made that the State will send someone here to conduct the business of that Board. That is a false statement and that will not happen.

John Mills, 1207 Scott Street

John is here because of the two buildings that have been talked about, the Courthouse and County Home. Mr. Mills went before the Commissioners last week. Those two buildings need to be put on the National Registry, because there are a lot of benefits in doing that. If that would have been pursued when he presented that to the Commissioners a year and half ago the Courthouse would not cost of \$6 or \$8 million. There would have been grants available.

Councilman Santana reads a lengthy letter John Mills received from Kurt Gardner.

Councilman Mrozinski would like to get a copy of that letter to the County Planner. Mr. Mills will provide one to him.

President Yagelski reminds Mr. Mills that he must go in front of the Commissioners with any requests because they are the land owners of La Porte County. The Council cannot make any judgments; they would come to us and ask us for the money.

Councilman Cunningham would like to apologize on behalf of the constituents he represents for the way Mr. Mills was treated at the last Commissioner's Meeting. President Yagelski might not understand that you already appeared before them, and they blew you off.

Mr. Mills agrees.

Councilman Garner makes a Motion the Council give Mr. Mills approval to proceed with this to be put on the National Registry, upon approval by the Commissioners, and seconded by Councilman Cunningham. No Motion to spend any money, it's just a Motion to refer back to Commissioners. Motion carries 5-2, with President Yagelski and Councilwoman Sosinski voting Nay.

Councilwoman Sosinski would like additional information on what the designation of National Registry will do to the County's ownership, etc. When preservationist areas come in to play, it can get sticky. More information is needed and she would support further research on this.

Attorney Biege states this wasn't an advertised agenda item, so he does not think the Council should take action. He agrees with Councilwoman Sosinski there are a lot of restrictions once you go on that registry with regard with what you can do with the building as well as improvements. There is a Committee for this for the Home and this would be most appropriately discussed with the Committee and presented to them.

Hearing and seeing no other members from the audience, Public Comment is closed by President Yagelski.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ms. Kay Felton, Administrator of La Porte County Home. Kay is asking for a decrease in her 100 Account Budget for next year. There is a full-time opening, but Ms. Felton wants to hire two part-time employees instead for the 2015 Budget.

Councilman Cunningham states part of the issue at the County Home is there are coverage requirements mandated by the State of Indiana. There must be round-the-clock staff; otherwise you are in violation of IC Code.

Councilman Santana asks if the number at the residents at the home is still at 13?

Ms. Felton states there are now 12.

Chief Jim Sosinski, Sheriff's Office has three items for the Council tonight. Chief Sosinski would like a Motion made and voted upon for the Pension from the RRS Amendment that was needed and reviewed by Attorney Biege and President Yagelski. President Yagelski states it was already approved at the last Meeting.

Chief Sosinski is requesting from the Council is to spend \$1,236 from the Misdemeanant Fund. This is for the relocation of the Liebert System, which is a battery back-up module that needs to be relocated into the jail for longer battery life.

Attorney Biege states this is not on the Agenda and was not advertised.

Chief Sosinski says it is just a request from the Misdemeanant Fund, and just needs the Council's approval for that.

President Yagelski states that the Misdemeanant Fund still needs to be advertised. This request can be taken out of Commissary without advertisement.

Chief Sosinski states he was not aware of the advertising requirement. There is money in Commissary but does not want to use it. That's all he has this evening and thanks the Council.

Sgt. Mike Kellems, Sheriff's Department, Jailer Division asks the Council if he should wait until that is put on as an Agenda item as he is asking for money from the Misdemeanant Fund. He states that Council Members received an email copy of the quote, asking for assistance or permission to use money from the Fund to purchase portable radios for the jail staff. There is a difference between the two radios. They are much better, efficient and lighter for the staff to carry.

President Yagelski states there are 30 radios and there will be a \$30 a piece trade-in value, he'd like to see if the Council would consider that we don't trade those in and give them to EMA. EMA Director Larry Butcher is need of them in the event of an emergency.

Sgt. Kellems states that is fine as they are workable radios to pass on to another Department as it's a great way to repurpose them. Sgt. Kellems states he will get on the Agenda for the next meeting and Auditor Winski would like a copy of whatever Sgt. Kellems gave the Council Members.

Councilman Santana states there is \$106,839.97 in the Misdemeanant Fund as of today. There are restrictions on how the Fund can be spent.

George Watkins, Veterans Service Officer has a few informational items for the Veterans. November 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room he will be doing another presentation of the Patriotic Service Medal that was started approximately 10 years ago. For anyone interested, Mr. Watkins will be around after the Meeting to look at the medal and provide additional information.

On November 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. there will be several dentists at IU Health Dental who will be offering free dental screenings including x-rays for Veterans. On November 11, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Auditorium there will also be a Veteran's Day Presentation.

Hearing or seeing no other Department Heads, Department Head Comment is closed by President Yagelski.

LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Terry Garner states that Mr. Quinn with Weights and Measures is requesting an additional appropriation for a part-time hire, since he is the only one that does Measuring.

Councilman Santana states that Larry Butcher the new EMA Director is on the Agenda as well as Andrew McGuire from EMS and hopes the Council looks favorably on these issues. Councilman Santana clarifies that Director McGuire will try and use anything and everything he can that is usable on the ambulances, but some things are 6-8 years old and there are things that must be replaced. There is a true need for these items. Public safety must have the tools that are necessary to operate and do things safely to save lives.

Councilman Cunningham states that a few weeks ago, President Yagelski asked that both he and Councilman Mrozinski sit in on the State Board of Accounts exit conference. Councilman Cunningham is precluded from discussing the contents of the exit interview, but wants to share with Council Members how poorly they were treated from the onset and chastised about their ability understand what confidentiality meant. There has been a breach of that confidentiality from that exit conference and it did not come from either one of them.

Councilman Mrozinski thanks George Watkins for his report. He also wants to make sure that everyone is aware that there are individuals calling local VFWs trying to collect food and money for the troops in Afghanistan. They claim the government has decided they were only going to feed soldiers two meals a day. This is one of many scams going around, so he asks that you do not participate.

Councilman Mrozinski also wants to thank Kay Felton for rearranging her Budget to make things work. It came to his attention that the Commissioners were having their own private meetings about the County Home and did not invite the Advisory Board. When they were brought to the table to talk about what was in the planning, they want to turn the County Home into a homeless shelter because they can maintain control of the home and historic value, except they were going to gut the entire building. Grants will be needed for renovation of the County Home to a homeless shelter and 40 rooms are needed. Engineers reviewed this and the schematics to change this from a group home to single apartments could only accomodate 20 apartments. That would be a \$10,000,000 renovation. There are still many questions to be answered in regards to the County Home. Other County Homes in the State of Indiana are in a

similar state that La Porte County is in. Councilman Mrozinski would like other ARCH residents from other Counties to possibly transfer into the La Porte County Home or vice-versa if they would consider taking the La Porte County residents to their County Home. This would empty the County Home and put it on the market, with the 100 acres and sell it. It could be used for something else. Councilman Mrozinski feels it's not a good idea to make it a homeless shelter.

In regards to KIDC Project and Hupp Road, there were things mentioned at the Commissioner's Meeting that were inaccurate and it's frustrating to watch what is happening there.

Councilman Bernacchi will discuss Assessor Schultz's request for I-PAD minis and reiterates that the County is doing their own reassessment now. Tyler did the first one, we are now doing it in-house. The I-PAD minis make the collection of data easier and efficient.

Councilwoman Sosinski has nothing to report at this time.

President Yagelski thanks Councilman Cunningham and Mrozinski for attending the exit conference on his behalf.

President Yagelski states he was at some of the workshops in regards to the County Home. He states the word 'homeless shelter' was not used it was 'low income' similar to the Rumley Hotel.

Councilman Garner states there is a Commissioner that keeps claiming in the media over and over about the County Home being used as a homeless shelter.

Councilman Cunningham clarifies to Mr. Metheny that the \$8,000,000 Courthouse upgrades and payment will not be made until 2016. The project will be completed before the first payment.

Attorney Beige agrees. There will be an annual payment, the County will be only committing to that part of it as future Council's cannot be obligated to contract.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Reardon - B&B Manufacturing Consideration of Tax Abatement. Removed from the Agenda at the request of Matt Reardon.

OLD BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

Attorney Biege verifies that Councilman Bernacchi is not in violation of being a dual-office holder as there is statutory exception to that rule.

Councilman Cunningham explains that part of the problem is that the Commissioners meet the first week in January and make their appointments before the Council has their first meeting. The way the law is written it is their responsibility to balance. So the fact that they make their appointments before us, that creates the problem.

Attorney Biege states whenever the appointments are made, the Statute does put the obligation on the County Commissioners to balance the Board from a political party standpoint not the Council

Councilman Cunningham asks Attorney Biege if this Council make a Motion that our present PTABOA Members/Appointees would continue to be our appointees until the first meeting of the Council in January 2015. That way the Commissioners would know they are going to continue on that Board until the new Council has a deciding vote on whether to change them or not.

Attorney Biege does not think so, because there will be a different Council in place.

Councilman Cunningham understands that. He would merely ask that they continue on the Board until the first Council Meeting of 2015.

Attorney Biege believes they would anyway. They would continue to serve until they are replaced. The Council could entertain a Resolution ratifying their position until such time as the new Council reappoints.

That's all Councilman Cunningham was looking for. Trying to avoid the problem they currently have.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, REQUESTS

La Porte County Council & Commission

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

CEDIT (1131)

for Energy Efficiency Modifications both Courthouses
(for Advertisement purposes only)

\$8,000,000.00

Motion made by Councilman Mrozinski and seconded by Councilman Bernacchi and to approve and add the language 'not to exceed \$8,000,000.00'. Motion carries 7-0.

La Porte County Clerk/Election Board

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

Riverboat (1191) or Win Tax (4220)

for Election Board

\$35,000.00

Clerk Lynne Spevak will need only \$23,000 and not \$35,000. She states she skimmed on the Budget a little too much in this one general area. Motion made by Councilman Mrozinski and seconded by Councilwoman Sosinski and Councilman Bernacchi to approve \$23,000 out of Riverboat Fund. Motion carries 7-0.

Councilman Garner asks how long the machines are good for.

Clerk Spevak states they received them in 2005 and used them in 2006. Punch card had no mechanical components to it so it lasted longer. That went out of business in the early 2000. The new machines are called 'direct recording.' There are new machines out there and the vendors have programmed new ways of voting. There is much new equipment out there. These machines are known to have issues in other states. Out of 250 machines, there are usually 3 that break down, and there are back-up machines.

The machines are close to 9 years old. It was the Commissioner's approval as to what machines were chosen and these would not have been Clerk Spevak's first choice. Clerk Spevak states that if vote centers are ever put in place, these machines will work. Electronic poll books will be utilized to make sure no one votes in another location and they would ultimately minimize how many locations machines would be at, staffing reduced. It could be tested in the municipal election with Michigan City and La Porte and then tweaked for the Presidential Election. Internet access is the main thing.

Councilman Garner states there would be substantial savings doing it this way and this is the future. Clerk Spevak agrees and is in favor of vote centers.

La Porte County Clerk

Requesting Permission to Hire
for Clerk's Office COMOT IV

Clerk Spevak is currently short one person and this is merely a replacement. Motion to approve this request by Councilman Cunningham and seconded by Councilmen Mrozinski and Santana. Motion carries 7-0.

La Porte County EMA

Requesting Permission to Hire
for Admin. Assistant COMOT V

Director Larry Butcher states he spoke briefly with Ms. Sosinski about concerns the Council may have regarding what level to hire the person at. He's not sure if the Council is aware that the State pays for half of the salary. The State governs also what type of certifications, job duties, etc. are required. When assessments are met by employees, EMA is awarded with State grant money. There is a new security camera system that was bought with grant money. If this position is lowered from a COMOT V to a COMOT IV, Director Butcher is afraid they may not be able to meet the State's standards. He is the only one in the Office currently, and if he's out of the office, there is no EMA Director. The person that comes in will have to be a Secretary but 'bumped up' because the Deputy position was taken away or not filled in the previous administration.

President Yagelski corrects Director Butcher in stating the position was never there.

Councilman Santana makes a Motion to replace the EMA position at the current COMOT V level.

Councilman Cunningham questions what the difference COMOT IV and COMOT V is?

Auditor Winski states a COMOT V is \$33,268 and COMOT IV is \$30,227.

Director Butcher reminds the Council that the State will pay for half.

Councilman Cunningham states it will cost the County \$1,500 more, but will pay half of the \$3,000 difference.

Auditor Winski states that is correct, as long as the Grant is approved.

President Yagelski asks for a second on the Motion. Hearing none, the Motion dies.

Councilwoman Sosinski will contact the HR Director tomorrow. She would suggest to review the job description, since the employee who left had been there for many years. This would be the time to review it since no one is in the position.

President Yagelski asks if any of his other employees who are being reimbursed by the grant could sit in the office?

Director Butcher asks what other employees?

President Yagelski states he has part-time employees. It's in the Budget and they have been used in the past. They were on EMA's payroll, because Attorney Friedman questioned that.

Director Butcher states he has a person who works on his sirens. There are part-time employees, but they have not worked for him yet. He feels he does not have any employees that could stand up for what he needs for an Assistant.

President Yagelski states that's not what he was saying, if he has to be out of the office, they could come in and answer the phones.

Councilwoman Sosinski states she'd like to make a Motion that after the position is evaluated and the job description goes through, the Council will be agreeable to whatever classification the Job Evaluation committee comes back with (no higher than what it is now COMOT V). The Motion is seconded by Councilman Santana. Motion passes 7-0.

Councilman Santana says that in Director Butcher's defense he came from a different job and there was no orientation available.

President Yagelski states the Commissioners hired him and hopefully there's other department heads that can help him.

La Porte County Treasurer

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

Riverboat (1191) or Win Tax (4220)

for Part-Time Help

\$2,000.00

Treasurer Hawkins would like to change her request for part-time help. She has reviewed her current Budget and would like to transfer \$2,000 from printing to cover the part-time help. Since there were five tax collections this year a lot of part-time help was utilized.

A Motion was made by Councilman Bernacchi and seconded by Councilman Santana. Motion passes 7-0.

Councilwoman Sosinski would like to remind the Council that Treasurer Hawkins had the full-time position in her office and she did not fill it even though the money was appropriated. It has since been removed from the Budget in 2014 and wanted the taxpayers to know she is down one full-time person.

La Porte County Weights and Measures

Requesting an Additional Appropriation
Riverboat (1191) or Win Tax (4220)
for Part-Time Help

\$624.00

Councilman Garner states he is representing Mr. Quinn who asked that money be given for part-time help. Mr. Quinn's job is to measure all the gasoline pumps and scales throughout the County. He is on a limited budget and is a one-person show.

Auditor Winski states the amount budgeted in part-time help is \$12,480. There is \$2,904 left to use. A Motion was made by Councilman Cunningham to deny this request, seconded by Councilman Mrozinski.

Councilman Cunningham states that this is technically a raise for a part-time employee since there is only one part-time employee. The Motion carries 5-2 to deny, with Councilman Bernacchi and Garner being the Nays.

La Porte County Assessor

Requesting Permission to Spend
Sales Disclosure (1131)
for 4 IPAD Minis with Data & Picture Collection

\$2,500.00

Councilman Garner is assuming that this saves office help. The Sales Disclosure monies are not taxpayer monies. This will eliminate any mix-ups of houses and it is the future of assessing. He makes a Motion to approve and seconded by Councilman Mrozinski. Motion carries 7-0.

La Porte County Planner

Requesting an Additional Appropriation
CCD (1138), Riverboat (1191) or Win Tax (4220)
for Installation of Generator

\$1,000.00

Motion made by Councilman Mrozinski to approve from Win Tax and seconded by Councilman Santana. Motion carries 7-0.

La Porte County EMS

Requesting an Additional Appropriation
CCD (1138), Riverboat (1191) or Win Tax (4220)
for Purchase of Loose Equipment for 2 Ambulances

\$32,000.00

Director Andrew McGuire states that due to the administration changes earlier in the year this request did not happen. The loose equipment is used for cots, stair chairs, backboards, radios, lights and other small item used to make the ambulance serviceable for the Community.

Councilman Garner asks if there are any state mandates in regards to loose equipment.

Director McGuire states that after 8 to 9 years of service with these items, they are to a point where this is a liability issue. When patients are on them, moving up and down stairs, they are not reliable. This could

be a major liability to the County. Loose equipment cost adds up quick. There are currently 52 field employees working at EMS.

Motion made by Councilwoman Sosinski and seconded by Councilman Santana to approve from CCD. Motion carries 7-0.

Councilman Garner states that prior Director Pease said they are self-sufficient as far as turning money back into the General Fund. Director McGuire agrees.

Requesting Permission to Transfer
1000-30023-000-0140 to 1000-20015-000-0140
for Employee Coats \$12,000.00

The coats being used are no longer available for order. The previous administrator was able to purchase a small amount of new coats. Director McGuire would like to finish what Ms. Pease started and replace the remaining coats. Motion made by Councilman Mrozinski and seconded by Councilman Santana to transfer from Rental into Uniform Accounts.

Councilman Cunningham questions the price of the coat and President Yagelski questions why such a hurry?

Director McGuire the cost is approximately \$250 to \$275 per coat and the problem is the age of the jackets. They are soiled, torn and falling apart. There are half new coats and half old coats. The money is within the budget.

Motion passes 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham voting Nay.

La Porte County Highway
Requesting an Additional Appropriation
CCD (1138)
for Purchase of Dump Truck with Grapple Crane \$39,750.00

Superintendent Bob Young is at the AIC Conference; that is why he is not in attendance. He will be coming back to the Council for additional trucks this year.

The year of the truck being requested is 1993 with 128,000 miles on it.

Councilwoman Sosinski would like to suggest that Superintendent Young make a list of his wants when he comes back for the trucks that he needs.

President Yagelski said Superintendent Young will have a full presentation available. Motion to table by Councilwoman Sosinski and seconded by Councilmen Cunningham and Mrozinski. Motion carries 7-0.

La Porte County Auditor
Requesting Permission to Hire
for Tax Collection Clerk COMOT IV

Auditor Winski states she has an employee who left and accepted a job with the City of Gary at a \$10,000 increase. Motion to approve by Councilman Mrozinski and seconded by Councilman Santana. Motion passes 7-0.

Councilwoman Sosinski questions Auditor Winski if the position is at the COMOT IV level.

Auditor Winski says it will stay at the COMOT IV level.

Auditor Winski would like to have a Special Meeting regarding an additional appropriation for new tax software. The Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

COUNTY COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Councilman Cunningham states that County Corrections Director Dick Buell made very good points at the Commissioners Meeting on how much money is being saved by people being in the Community Corrections Building rather than jail. At the September 3, 2014 10:00 a.m. Commissioner's Meeting, Sheriff Mollenhauer came before them and complained about all of the meals that were being eaten out at Community Corrections and stated there was plenty of room at the Jail and just send them back there. Councilman Cunningham was dumbfounded because the last 7½ years the County has about overcrowding, more money, more staff, etc.

These people are going to be fed whether it is at Community Corrections or in Jail, but they don't be fed continuously at Community Corrections. If they get a job they pay for their own food.


Councilman Cunningham stated it was also alleged at the last Commissioner's Meeting that Mr. Bohacek cost the County a lot of money to defend a lawsuit that he brought. Mr. Bohacek did not bring the suit up on behalf of himself, he brought it on behalf of 7,000 taxpayers whose hearings had not been heard and the PTABOA Board was not meeting at that time.

The County just recently spent a lot of money to defend a lawsuit brought by Carol McDaniel to challenge Mr. Bohacek's residency and there is no beneficiary from that lawsuit other than Willie Milsap. He was either going to have an opponent or not. There were thousands of dollars spent, and Attorney Biege can confirm that, defending a lawsuit brought on behalf of the Commission President.


ADJOURN

A Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Bernacchi, seconded by Councilman Santana and Councilwoman Sosinski at 8:10 p.m. Motion passes 7-0.

EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 27th day of October, 2014.



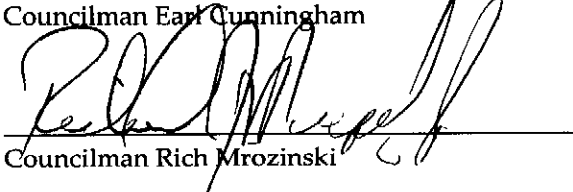
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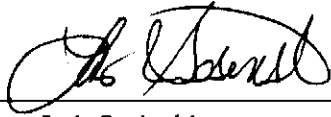
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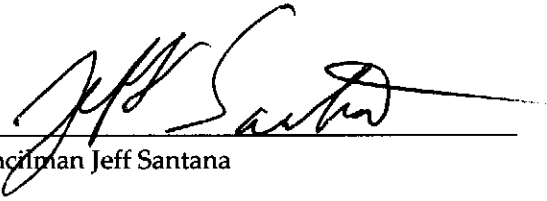
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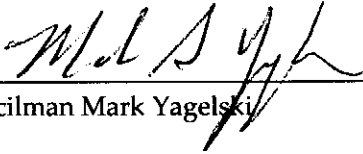
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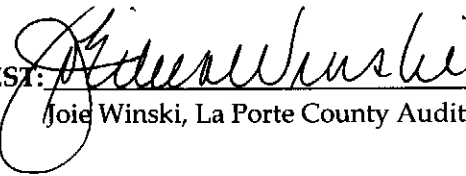
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Councilman Jeff Santana



Councilman Mark Yagelski

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