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**MINUTES
LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2017 AT 5:15 P.M.**

(Please Turn Off All Cell Phones)

The Special Meeting of the La Porte County Council was held on February 9, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. (local time) in the Assembly Room of the La Porte County Government Complex located at 809 State Street, La Porte, Indiana, 46350.

CALL TO ORDER

La Porte County Council President Pro-Tem Jeff Santana called the Meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. He added that the purpose of this meeting is to elect a President and Pro Tem.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Pro-Tem Santana asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked that everyone, except emergency personnel, to please turn off their cell phones at this time. He also asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence in honor of Retired Judge Don Martin, Assessor's Office Administration Assistant Diane Danielson, and Tim Sandy from the Springfield Fire Department.

ROLL CALL

Auditor Winski took the Roll Call. Council Members present were Councilmen Garner, Kirkham, Novak, Santana, and Yagelski. Councilman Sullivan was absent. A quorum was noted.

President Pro-Tem Santana asked Attorney Friedman to clarify the assumptions of having the President Pro-Tem assume the role of President. Attorney Friedman that since Councilwoman Sosinski became the County Recorder, he was asked by the Council to review the procedures regarding the vacancy. After reviewing the statutes, per Indiana Code 36-2-3-6(a), the Council should elect a President and a President Pro-Tem at the yearly Reorganization session; Pro-Tem describes a person who stands a placeholder in the absence of a superior office. Therefore, the current Pro-Tem can be selected as the new President but a new Pro-Tem needs to be elected.

A nomination for Councilman Jeff Santana for President was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Novak. Motion carried 5-0.

A nomination for Councilman Randy Novak for President Pro-Tem was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Garner. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Kirkham and seconded by Councilman Novak to adjourn the Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 27th day of February 2017.



Councilman Terry Garner



Councilman Cary Kirkham



Councilman Randy Novak



Councilman Jeff Santana



Councilwoman Lois Sosinski



Councilman John Sullivan



Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST: 

Joie Winski, La Porte County Auditor