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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 28, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.**

(Please Turn Off All Cell Phones)

The Regular Meeting of the La Porte County Council was held on August 28, 2017 at 6:30 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 Jeff Santana called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Santana asked that everyone, except emergency personnel, to please turn off their cell phones at this time. He stated that the Pledge of Allegiance had previously been said. He also reminded the members of the audience to speak directly into the microphone and state his/her name and address, and for each Department Head to state his/her name and department.

ROLL CALL

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

President Santana welcomed the students in attendance and reminded them to have their papers signed before the end of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 28, 2017 AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer to approve. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 24, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Auditor Joie Winski stated that there is an amendment to the July 24th minutes. Page 11 was adjusted in regard to a question made by Councilman Kirkham instead of Councilman Novak. A Motion was made by Councilman Kirkham and seconded by Councilman Sullivan to approve. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hearing or seeing no public comment, President Santana closed Public Comment.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Bob Young, La Porte County Highway

Mr. Young explained that the Council had previously approved \$496,316.00 for the purchase of mowers and tractors. However, the company that provided the winning bid backed out of the deal so an alternate company had to be chosen. Therefore, \$457,332.90 was spent with a balance of \$38,983.10. Mr. Young is requesting to spend that amount for two 8-year old snow plow trucks with less than 30,000 miles on each; they are from Muenster, Indiana and are GMC trucks. The two trucks would cost \$50,000.00 and the difference between that and the \$38,983.10 could be made up by the Highway department. Auditor Winski stated that it would have to be re-advertised because it is for a different use. She asked Mr. Young how soon he needed the money and he replied as soon as possible. The Council had a brief discussion regarding this purchase and it was determined that Mr. Young could secure the deal upon the Council's approval of support.

A motion to approve support of the purchase of the two snow plows was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Councilman Mollenhauer asked if they are comparable to the County's snowplows and Mr. Young replied affirmatively. He added they are slightly smaller, but are what is needed for the subdivisions where tighter turns are necessary.

President Santana asked Mr. Young for clarification on the \$750,000.00 additional appropriation being requested at tonight's meeting. Mr. Young explained the department is trying to secure a grant, but if the full \$750,000.00 is used, it would pay for 4 to 5 trucks. If the 75 (County)/25 (grant) is obtained, it would pay for 5 to 6 trucks. President Santana then asked if the request would be reduced with the acquisition of these two used trucks, and if it was the rotation program. Mr. Young said he would prefer to go with the full amount of the request and that it is not the rotation program. Councilman Garner and President Santana agreed that it is vital to supply departments with the necessary tools to do their jobs effectively.

Attorney Shaw Friedman explained that this motion is for support only to lock in the deal and the actual appropriation will come after the re-advertisement.

Motion carried 7-0.

Jay Sullivan, La Porte County Engineer

Mr. Sullivan gave an update on the Franklin Street Bridge. He submitted the necessary drawings and plans to the appropriate parties; he received a letter of authority from DNR and IDEM gave them a waiver; the Army Core of Engineers did not see any problems with the plans or drawings; and he hopes the boring will begin within two weeks. President Santana stated that the timeline seems to have progressed quicker than previously thought, and Mr. Sullivan replied that he really pushed the Army Corps of Engineers due to the urgency of the project. He added that the necessary wiring work may be delayed until the winter when the bridge is not opened and closed because it may cause a closure of a day or two.

Councilman Kirkham asked for the dates the bridge will no longer be open for sailboats. A member of the audience stated it will be closed from December 1st to March 15th.

Jeremy Sobecki, La Porte County Parks Department

Mr. Sobecki thanked Mr. Young and the Highway Department for assisting with replacement of flags and light bulbs, and the relocation of some rocks that are too heavy for the Parks Department vehicles. He explained that the rocks are for a Creek Ridge project from a grant for rehabilitation work along the banks at Trail Creek. The \$80,000.00 DNR grant was received but in the meantime, Mr. Sobecki applied for

another \$50,000.00 grant that he just found out was approved. Therefore, the entire project will be completed without County funding. The project will begin during the next week and will be done within two weeks. Lastly, Pioneer Days will be September 23rd and 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. There will be reenactors doing candle dipping, tin punch and many other activities. The cost is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for seniors and youth and will be held at Creek Ridge park.

Rich Gramarossa, La Porte County Building Maintenance

Mr. Gramarossa stated that the boiler project is complete and the jail will never be without hot water again. The boilers are now tied together and if one fails, valves can be adjusted. He said the cost was \$35,300 which is under budget.

Hearing or seeing no additional Department Heads, President Santana closed Department Head Reports.

LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Garner had nothing at this time.

Councilman Mollenhauer attended the Exit Summary of the State Board of Accounts on August 15th. On August 16th, he attended the County Health Insurance meeting regarding diabetes treatment, which will be addressed later in the meeting. He publicly thanked the new owners and operators of the old Ruth Sabin home for continuing the tradition of the ice cream social, and having the La Porte High School marching band perform there. On August 23rd, he attended a meeting on jail inmate body x-ray machines and he also thanked the La Porte County Row Crop for hosting the Ag Tour and Barbeque at Kingsbury Elevator.

Councilman Yagelski said there will be public hearings on the NICTD project at the end of September in both Michigan City and the Miller section of Gary. He can't give a date until it's approved by the FTA but it will be advertised in the media.

Councilman Kirkham stated that the departments to which he is a liaison are being addressed at tonight's meeting so he has nothing at this time.

Councilman Sullivan stated there is a Redevelopment Commission meeting on August 30th, which he will be attending.

Councilman Novak attended the Row Crop event at Kingsbury Elevator and said it was great. He also attended the Problem Solving Court on August 1st and went to Community Corrections to view the bathrooms. He met with a representative from La Crosse Library, LADS, Adult Probation, and the Prosecutor's Office.

President Santana stated that EMA vehicle installations of the 800 MHz radios by Minor Electronics will be begin and the project is approaching completion. Mr. John Dudek will be the person to determine when the switch over will occur.

President Santana asked Auditor Winski if the Drainage was put on the Agenda. She explained it first needs to be advertised. President Santana said there is an increase for the Kankakee River Basin from \$11,000.00 to \$45,000.00, so there will be a request for an additional \$34,000.00. He added EMS and the Surveyor are both on the Agenda and Duane Perry will be attending in place of Tony Hendricks. He also

met with Structurepoint and attended the Exit Summary with the State Board of Accounts. The Blue Ribbon Committee Advisory Board for the fair will be meeting with representatives from Porter County.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider authorizing NIRPC liaison Cary Kirkham to work with County Coroner Robert Cutler and approach NIRPC about feasibility/funding for a three county laboratory.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Novak. Councilman Kirkham stated that he attempted to contact NIRPC but received no response yet. However, Coroner Cutler will approach to present his ideas. President Santana said that first contact with the other counties and NIRPC should be made by Councilman Kirkham and Coroner Cutler, but Attorney Friedman can be consulted with any questions or concerns.

Coroner Cutler said he has also spoken with Councilman Sullivan. He stated that toxicology costs are consistently increasing and that won't change for a long time. Therefore, he believes that in addition to NIRPC, other County Councils and Coroners should be approached to develop a tri- or quad-county group that would use one lab collectively. In that way, costs and budgets can be significantly reduced and/or cut.

Motion carried 7-0.

Barb Mossman and Vidya Kora requesting employer reimbursement for the YMCA Pre-Diabetes program and the Purdue Dining wieth Diabetes.

Commissioner Kora began by saying he attended an Insurance Committee meeting and was informed that insurance costs for the first 6 months of the year are approximately \$500,000.00 less than anticipated. He explained that it is vital to pinpoint high cost diseases, of which diabetes is one. Therefore, it is important for the County to assist employees with modifying their lifestyles to control diabetes and reduce/eliminate medications. A representative from Purdue Extension gave a presentation that highlighted a program that helps diabetics, whereas the YMCA program is geared to pre-diabetics. Commissioner Kora believes that both programs will assist County employees. It is estimated that there are approximately 10 pre-diabetics a year, and the cost per employee for the YMCA program would be \$429.00/year which is approved by the CDC and would include 25 sessions relating to diet and exercise. The Purdue program is \$25 which includes 4 sessions about preparing meals. The total cost to the County for both programs would be approximately \$7,000.00 if 10 pre-diabetic and 100 diabetic employees participated. In addition, if only one employee hospital or ER visit was reduced, the cost would be covered. Ms. Mossman added that the employee would have to complete the year program, hit the necessary benchmarks and track progress, which would also provide him/her with one free month of membership to the YMCA.

Councilman Kirkham asked for clarification of the reimbursement. Commissioner Kora explained that successful completion of the program is necessary for an employee to obtain reimbursement. The \$25.00 fee for the Purdue program would be directly billed to the County.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Novak and seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer. Attorney Friedman stated that because the YMCA is a reimbursement, it doesn't need to be advertised. In addition, Auditor Winski said that the Purdue program cost could be paid out of the Insurance fund, which has already been allocated.

Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval of LaCrosse Library Additional Appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year in the amount of \$6,036.82.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Novak and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Councilman Kirkham affirmed that the library is its own entity and has the money for this expenditure. Auditor Winski said this is a DLGF formality. Councilman Sullivan added that they do a wonderful job.

Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Reaffirm Declaration of Emergency Repair of the Franklin Street Bridge

Attorney Friedman stated that this is to ratify President Santana's action.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Kirkham.

Auditor Winski read the ordinance by title only.

Attorney Friedman clarified that the first vote will be to reaffirm the declaration and the second will be to authorize the appropriation.

Councilman Garner said that at the last meeting, it was determined this wasn't an emergency. Therefore, he asked what happened between that meeting and this one. Attorney Friedman stated that the information coming from the Commissioners and the Engineer that there was a prospect of failure and if the bridge is down, it will affect Coast Guard traffic and if it's open, it will affect emergency vehicles. Therefore, the Commissioners signed a declaration and Attorney Friedman's office recommended that President Santana sign the declaration.

Councilman Novak stated that it was vital for the conduit to be put into place in case something does occur. Councilman Garner asked if Michigan City is contributing anything toward the cost. President Santana replied no. Councilman Novak said Michigan City is paying for their portion separate from what the County is paying; they will be billed separately for their portion.

Motion carried 5-2, with Councilmen Garner and Yagelski voting Nay.

Consider Ordinance authorizing an emergency appropriation for such repair & authorize expenditure not to exceed \$326,000.00.

Auditor Winski read by title only. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer. Councilman Novak asked if the \$326,000.00 from Major Bridge Fund is for the total cost of rewiring the bridge. Mr. Sullivan explained the process and affirmed that Councilman Novak was correct.

Motion carried 5-2, with Councilmen Garner and Yagelski voting Nay.

Ordinance No. 2017-8

Public Hearing on Confirmatory Resolution for Tax Abatement for Haynes International Inc. (Personal Property)

Attorney Friedman asked Attorney Novak to approach to explain the slight change in the statement of benefits. Attorney Novak said the statement of benefits has been modified due to an omission on \$280,000.00 of manufacturing equipment. Therefore, the statement of benefits will be increased from \$2.46 million to \$2.741 million. Indiana Administrative Code 50 AIC 10-1-3(d) allows existing equipment to be abated if the equipment is rebuilt or reworked; that rebuilding or reworking substantially increases the productivity or capacity of that equipment, prolongs its useful life, or adapts it to a substantially different use; or most importantly the cost of that rebuilding or reworking is capitalized for federal income tax purposes. Haynes has both bridge cranes and a feed table that are going to be reworked. The work will prolong its useful life and the costs will be capitalized. This was omitted in the last statement but everything else will remain the same. He continued that in addition to the confirmatory resolution, an approval of the 10-year abatement for \$2,751,779.00 for the manufacturing equipment and \$116,189.00 for the IT equipment.

Attorney Friedman added that new development and new jobs were brought in from Boone County.

Seeing or hearing no public comment, President Santana closed Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2017-8 Confirming Resolution for Haynes International, Inc. (Personal Property)

A motion to approve a second reading of Resolution 2017-8 was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Novak.

Auditor Winski completed a second reading.

Councilman Yagelski welcomed Haynes International to La Porte County and stated he and other companies are grateful for the crane service they will provide.

Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution No. 2017-8A Resolution of the County Council of La Porte County, Indiana relating to the financing of an Economic Development Project (Kingsbury Industrial Park)

Resolution No. 2017-8B Resolution of the County Council of La Porte County, Indiana relating to the financing of Economic Development Project (I94/US421)

Attorney Friedman stated that these resolutions are provided for informational purposes only. They will come up for consideration and adoption at the September 25th meeting. The RDC has to act first on its resolutions because the County's resolutions specifically reference their adoption which will hopefully occur on Wednesday. Per the workshop held with the RDC and the Commissioners, there would be a restructure of Major Moves' repayment to allow TIF increment for operations of the RDC and also to provide any kind of security of TIF bonds. It is to also restructure the Major Moves' loans, which the Council has directed. No action is needed at this meeting.

APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, REQUESTS

La Porte County Building Maintenance Requesting Permission to Hire For Janitorial Replacement

Councilman Yagelski stated that is not a replacement but actually a new hire, which goes against the County policy. He said two employees were loaned to Building Maintenance by the County Home and one retired.

Mr. Gramarossa stated it is an LTC position to replace a person from the County Home. He said it is greatly needed because there are only 6 people to clean all of the buildings. With the amount of cleaning, this replacement is greatly needed. In addition, Mr. Gramarossa is asking to replace an LTC II position.

President Santana asked if the basement work to comply with the Fire Marshall had been completed. Mr. Gramarossa stated that it is now compliant.

Councilman Garner asked if the cost of the County Home employees was ever put into the Building Maintenance budget. Auditor Winski replied it was never put into the budget and it was temporarily added. Councilman Garner asked if it's a line item already in the Building Maintenance budget.

Councilman Yagelski stated that it doesn't matter if there is money in the budget or not, but the Council agreed once those jobs were gone, they were gone.

Councilman Garner asked if Mr. Gramarossa addressed this position at Budget Hearings. He responded no. Councilman Garner asked if new responsibilities have been obtained by Building Maintenance and Mr. Gramarossa said yes, and Councilman Garner said he needs to specifically list them so the Council can make a judgement call. Mr. Gramarossa said they are also still cutting grass.

A motion to deny the maintenance position was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer.

Auditor Winski stated the \$64,000.00 was added to this year's budget for the line item to cover the two employees. She added it would cover the cost of the employees through the end of 2017.

Motion carried 4-3, with Councilman Kirkham, Sullivan, and Garner voting Nay.

A motion to approve the replacement of the retiring maintenance person was made by Councilman Novak and seconded by Councilman Kirkham. Councilman Yagelski asked if this was a replacement or new

hire. Mr. Gramarossa said this person did not retire but was moved into an assistant position which made his previous position available.

President Santana clarified that the employee moved into another position so his/her previous position needs to be filled.

Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County Parks Department

Requesting Permission to Hire

For Office/Finance Manager Replacement

Mr. Sobacki said this person is retiring and he would like to replace her as soon as possible. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Novak and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County Board of Commissioners

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

From Riverboat (1191), Win Tax (4220), CCD (1138) or Cagit (1110)

For Economic Development Office

\$50,000.00

A motion to approve out of Riverboat (1191) was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Novak. Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County Community Corrections

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

From Riverboat (1191), Win Tax (4220), CCD (1138) or Cagit (1110)

For Bathroom Upgrades

Dick Buell, Director of Community Corrections, stated that he is requesting the appropriation for the upgrade of four bathrooms out of the seven that exist. He said it is essentially gutting the bathrooms and replacing them with Corrections grade material.

A motion to approve out of Riverboat (1191) was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Novak. Councilman Novak stated he visited the bathrooms and said they are porcelain but should have been industrial from the beginning. In addition, ceiling tiles are displaced and residents put items up there and the shower is continuously running. Mr. Buell said the previous Council in 2012 approved the porcelain and an amount of not to exceed \$5,000,000.00. He added that when the porcelain breaks, it becomes like a razor blade. In the long run, he said it would save money.

Councilman Yagelski stated that the Council has to fix a problem that the deals were made without the Council's involvement. He said that unless the necessary information is presented to the Council prior to the repairs, he will not support this appropriation.

Mr. Buell stated that he was not involved with the process at that time but his concern is for the safety of his officers and the costs that will be incurred. He added that the criminal mind thinks differently of the Council and himself and he is trying to prevent additional issues at a later date. He added that over the last six years, his office has contributed over \$5,000,000.00 into the community from offender's fees. In addition, between 2015 and 2016, \$1.1 million dollars was saved from the local taxpayers. His purpose is to fix the problem before an accident happens and a lawsuit is filed.

Councilman Novak affirmed that the worst of the seven bathrooms will be addressed. Mr. Buell asked that those that use these dorms are the most high risk offenders. President Santana added that this group may use their time to consider ways to cause havoc. Councilman Garner said this problem was discussed previously when he was President of the Council. Mr. Buell said a grant was sought to facilitate improvements but it never came. That is why he is before the Council requesting the appropriation. Councilman Mollenhauer asked if the other three bathrooms will need upgrades any time soon. Mr. Buell replied that, because of the population, the women tend to take better care of their facility, one dorm is not open and the other is an honor's dorm. Therefore, those bathrooms are not being addressed at this time.

President Santana asked if there is any financial consequence that can be applied to the offenders who cause the damage. Mr. Buell said cameras are not allowed in the bathrooms so it is difficult to catch the offenders. However, when a broken stool was discovered and it was determined who broke it, that offender was billed for the damage by court order. In addition, the offender can be put back in jail if it is determined by the court.

Councilman Yagelski said that there is a process in place to put offenders who do not abide by the rules back into jail. Mr. Buell said they do adhere to that but due process must be followed but they may be returned to jail. However, they are allowed to have their cases heard in court where it is determined if they will return to jail or be returned to Community Corrections. He did say that they are not receiving as many hardcore criminals.

Councilman Garner said the County will pay for them regardless if they are in jail or Community Corrections. Mr. Buell replied that Community Corrections is less expensive. He said it is unfortunate but essential.

Motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Yagelski voting Nay.

La Porte County Prosecuting Attorney

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

From Riverboat (1191), Win Tax (4220), CCD (1138) or Cagit (1110) for

Office Supplies	\$1,665.00
Telephone	\$2,302.00
Mileage	\$670.00
Transcripts/Depositions	\$2,331.00
Office Equipment/Furniture/Software	<u>\$21,147.00</u>
Total	\$28,115.00

Mark Roule stated the request is for several different items. The first four are fairly standard and basic necessities that have exceeded the budgeted amount. He said that at a previous meeting, it was observed that the Council stated to come to them if budget items are exceeded. He added that the amount of mileage, transcripts, and depositions are difficult to determine in advance. The telephone expense may need to be reexamined to come to a more realistic amount when budgeting. The final item is an uncommon occurrence but approximately \$64,000.00 was appropriated by the Council of which Attorney Espar returned \$28,000.00 of it. Therefore, he is asking for the amount to be re-appropriated. President Santana asked where that money ended up and Auditor Winski stated \$21,147.00 went back into Riverboat; the other account was equipment of which the remaining \$7,700.00 wasn't spent.

A motion to approve \$28,115.00 was made by Councilman Kirkham and seconded by Councilman Novak. Councilman Garner asked if the unused money would go back into the general fund. Auditor Winski replied that if it was appropriated out of Riverboat, it would go back into Riverboat.

Motion passed 7-0.

La Porte County Highway

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

From Riverboat (1191), Win Tax (4220), CCD (1138) or Cagit (1110)

For the Purchase of New Plow Trucks

\$750,000.00

A motion to approve out of Cagit (1110) was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Garner. Councilman Yagelski explained that it is important to use this money otherwise it will be allocated to something else. President Santana stated that as of August 25th, the amount in the CCD fund was \$859,509.24 which exceeds \$750,000.00. Auditor Winski replied that the DLGF did not approve this use for the money and could not be used until next year. She continued that two years ago, the fund was overspent and that amount must first be recouped.

Councilman Novak asked Mr. Young to come back to advise on the status of the grant for which he is applying. Mr. Young said he should know by the end of September.

Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County Engineer and RQAW/Structurepoint

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

From Cumulative Bridge Fund (1135)

For Pre-Engineering Expenses for Repairs to Bridge 186

\$153,300.00

President Santana said he received an email from Mitch Bishop regarding this item that referenced the possibility of obtaining an 80/20 grant from INDOT. Mr. Sullivan affirmed that there is a grant that could pay for 80% of the engineering expenses. President Santana explained that INDOT Group 3 funds could be applied for later this year that would provide an engineering consultant and would reduce the County's portion to 20% instead of the full amount. In addition, the RFP's would be advertised and the scoring process with the highest score would secure the contract. Randy Brooks from RQAW added that INDOT typically awards the contracts at a higher rate when the local has "skin in the game." In other words, the County would pay for the engineering and apply for an 80/20 grant for the construction. He said this is the currently the typical way of doing this.

Councilman Yagelski stated that he is upset because this was approved by the Commissioners and the same people attended that meeting and didn't mention this. In addition, Mitch Bishop could not attend the meeting which makes it more difficult for the Council to make these decisions. He displayed frustration over having an email sent out but not having the person who sent it available to field questions from the Council. He asked that the Council consider what Mr. Brooks said.

Councilman Kirkham said he did not receive the email.

A motion to approve out of Major Bridge Fund (instead of Cumulative Bridge Fund) was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Garner. Motion carried 6-1; President Santana temporarily stepped away.

La Porte County EMS

Requesting Permission to Spend

From EMS Donation Fund (4103)

For Fair Building Improvements

\$1,200.00

And Cribs for Kids Program

\$1,000.00

Total

\$2,200.00

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Garner. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Kirkham asked about the nature of the fair building improvements. Mr. Andrew McGuire replied that stairs will be added and complete final finishing touches to the building. He continued that the building is used year-round.

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

From Riverboat (1191), Win Tax (4220), CCD (1138) or Cagit (1110)

For Annual Physio Control Maintenance Contract

\$21,797.00

Mr. McGuire explained that this is for the cardiac monitors and two AEDs. Councilman Novak stated that this amount is a lot for a maintenance contract. He asked for the age of the equipment. Mr. McGuire replied that the Lifepak 15s are two years old; the first year of maintenance was included in the bid package so this is the first year paying the maintenance. Councilman Novak said departments are moving away from paying that fee and moving toward the AED's and just buy replacement batteries. Mr. McGuire agreed but said the cardiac monitors are much more complex and it comes down to a matter of liability and they must be serviced by Physio. He added the cost per defibrillator is approximately \$15,000.00 to \$16,000.00. President Santana asked if Mr. McGuire feels this contract is financially best for the County. Mr. McGuire responded that he is pleased with the maintenance and feels confident it is a good deal.

A motion to approve out of Win Tax (4220) was made by Councilman Novak and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County Surveyor

Requesting Permission to Spend

From Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation Fund (1202)

Not to Exceed

For Purchase of Truck

\$15,000.00

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Kirkham.

Councilman Mollenhauer questioned if this vehicle is from the Animal Shelter. President Santana replied that the Surveyor will be purchasing it for the same trade-in price (\$13,000.00) that would have been obtained by the Animal Shelter. In addition, the vehicle will have to be outfitted with a latch which accounts for the additional \$2,000.00. Mr. Duane Perry stated that is correct and the money will be transferred from the Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation Fund (1202) into the Animal Shelter's Fund.

Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County Animal Shelter

Requesting Permission to Spend

From Spay/Neuter Fund (1106)

For Purchase of Vehicle for Animal Shelter

\$25,000.00

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Kirkham.

Councilman Mollenhauer inquired as to why a vehicle purchase is necessary. Jane Bernard stated that the vehicle is 10 years old and is showing wear, and the Surveyor's Office needed a vehicle. She added that there are 89,000 miles on the vehicle.

Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County Adult Probation

Requesting Permission to Spend

From Probation User Fees (2102)

For Desktop Scanners

\$2,226.00

Adjustable Standing Desks

\$2,500.00 Not to exceed

Laptop Computer

\$789.99

Total

\$5,515.99

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Kirkham requested that in the future, all items are specifically listed in Appropriations, Transfers, Requests. Auditor Winski agreed.

La Porte County Drug and Alcohol Program

Requesting Permission to Spend

From Drug and Alcohol Fund (2502)

For Laserjet Printer

\$299.00

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Novak and seconded by Councilman Yagelski. Motion carried 7-0

Approval of Correction to Additional Appropriation

for La Porte County Planning Administrator from July 24, 2017 meeting

Original Request was approved from Riverboat and should have been

Requested from the CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (1135) FUND

Bridge #18-875 West Land Acquisition

\$8,000.00

Second Phase of Bridge #18-875 West Land Acquisition

\$30,000.00

TOTAL CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (1135)

\$38,000.00

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Mollenhauer and seconded by Councilman Novak.

Councilman Yagelski showed a Google Maps' view of the bridge and also took a picture of it with his phone and stated there are no visual signs of bridge deterioration, and there are only three houses in the area without a lot of traffic over the bridge. Councilman Novak said this has been in the works for several years. Councilman Yagelski apologized for looking at the incorrect bridge number. Attorney Friedman said if a motion for reconsideration at the next ensuing meeting is desired, it needs to be by someone at the prevailing side of the motion. Council members were unable to determine who that might be, so a motion to table was made by Councilman Novak and seconded by Councilman Yagelski. Motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Garner voting Nay.

COUNTY COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Councilman Novak said that if a bridge needs to be fixed, it shouldn't matter how many residents live in the area around it. Councilman Yagelski said there is not a lot of truck traffic, but having only three residential households in the area should not determine whether or not a bridge should be fixed.

Councilman Mollenhauer asked who acts as the liaison for Community Corrections. He expressed his concern that meals there are being paid by the County and he feels that the inmates should be reimbursing for meals if they are working. Councilman Novak said he would follow up with Community Corrections on that item.

Attorney Friedman said that as a housekeeping item, it is important to preserve the motion to reconsider. He assumes that the tabling is of the motion to reconsider. If Councilman Yagelski wants to preserve the motion, it cannot be made on a second meeting but instead needs to be at an ensuing meeting. In order to preserve the debate for next month, there needs to be a table of the motion to reconsider.

A motion to reconsider Bridge #18-875 was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer. Motion carried 7-0.

President Santana said it was discussed appointing a liaison to Paladin. He said he would like that put onto the Agenda for next month. In addition, the warranty issue could be addressed by legal counsel of the Commissioners; a motion was made by Councilman Novak for this to be accomplished, so President Santana wants to insure it gets done. It was also discussed that record retention be put before the Commissioners and he wants to make sure that gets completed. The compensation time issue needs to be addressed. Attorney Friedman said that the HR Director sent something to the Department Heads, but dissemination to the employees will be pursued. President Santana also addressed issuance of gas cards and a system to address the need of various departments for their use with pool vehicles. Attorney Friedman asked if there was any direction with the Commissioners as to a document retention policy. President Santana replied affirmatively.

Councilman Kirkham asked when the pool cars will be available. The Envoy will be available in two weeks and the other two sometime in September.

The date of the Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele workshop has been changed to October 12th at 5:00 p.m.

Councilman Mollenhauer stated he will be attending the AIC Conference on September 25th, 26th and 27th, which coincides with the Council meeting. President Santana said there will still be a quorum, but will entertain the idea of changing the meeting. It was determined that the date of the meeting will stay as the 25th of September.

Councilman Mollenhauer asked that any salary discussions not be held at that meeting. President Santana assured that would not happen, they would wait for the salary study from Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele before discussing 100 accounts.

Councilman Yagelski asked about first and second readings for budgets. Auditor Winski stated that will take place in September, but she will have to check because the DLGF changed the dates. Auditor Winski also stated that salaries have to be approved by December 31st but budgets of the 200 and 300 accounts must be approved before that.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Novak and seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 25th Day of September, 2017.

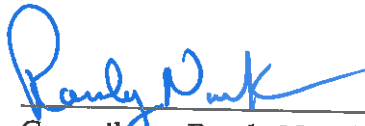


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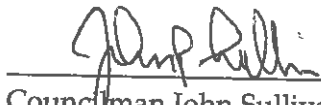
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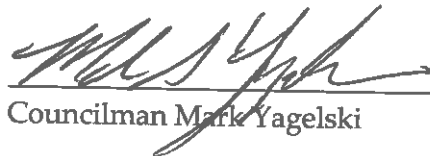
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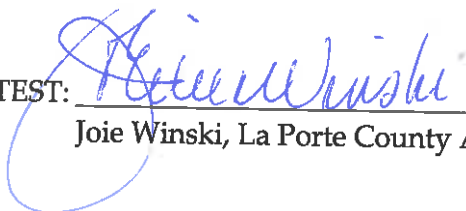
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Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST: 

Joie Winski, La Porte County Auditor