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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 27, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.**

(Please Turn Off All Cell Phones)

The Regular Meeting of the La Porte County Council was held on November 27, 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 everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. President Santana asked that everyone, except emergency personnel, to please turn off their cell phones at this time. He also acknowledged the students in attendance from La Porte High School.

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.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2017 AGENDA

Auditor Joie Winski stated that the reappointment of a board member to the La Crosse Library is added to New Business. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Garner. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 30, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Metheny, 6757 W 450 N, Michigan City, IN 46360

Mr. Metheny inquired about additional appropriation for the Franklin Street Bridge. President Santana said it would be discussed during Department Head Reports. He also wished the Council members Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Hearing or seeing no additional Public Comment, President Santana closed Public Comment

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mike Seitz, La Porte County Office of Economic Development

Mr. Seitz explained that he emailed the office's monthly activities and project list to the Council. Councilman Yagelski asked if the email included the information on the tax abatements. Mr. Seitz replied that it would be provided before or at the next Council meeting. President Santana expressed appreciation for the transparency and update.

Mr. Seitz wished the Council members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bob Cutler, La Porte County Coroner

Mr. Cutler announced that the Drug Free Coalition will be holding a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on December 6th at 401 Franklin Street in Michigan City. He explained that Andrew McGuire, from EMS, and he will be discussing drug addiction and what actually occurs in the trenches. Everyone is invited.

John Boyd, La Porte County Sheriff

Sheriff Boyd stated Andrew McGuire and he had comments regarding the upcoming 2018 Salary discussion and asked if they should share their thoughts now or during the discussion. President Santana replied he should give his input during Department Head Reports.

Sheriff Boyd discussed the importance of the mechanics and what they mean to the Sheriff's department and Emergency services. He explained that the technicians are paid through the Sheriff's department, they are responsible for maintaining and repairing 143 vehicles, 78 of which are Sheriff's vehicles. These employees work day and night and will not put vehicles on the road unless they are road worthy. These technicians are the unsung heroes in Emergency services. In addition, one of the vehicles that had warranty work done by the dealership took approximately 6 weeks to complete. Sheriff Boyd said he researched industry standards for vehicle technicians and found that the top 10 percent, which he feels these employees represent, have a median income of \$63,000.00. He wants to insure that these employees are not overlooked.

Mr. McGuire reinforced the thoughts of Sheriff Boyd and stated two of these employees specifically work on EMS vehicles and go above and beyond on a daily basis.

Sheriff Boyd added that the Jail and Patrol Deputies have very dangerous jobs. According to the National Institute of Health, these employees have a life expectancy 21.9 years less than any other occupation. He said that when people are running from danger, the deputies run toward it; and when County employees are released due to inclement weather, extra deputies are mobilized. He said he would be remiss if he didn't remind the Council of this, but also stated that Sheriff's department employees are no better than other County employees, they are just different.

Councilman Kirkham commended Deputy Wells for his assistance to a driver during a traffic stop. Sheriff Boyd added that he believes Deputy Wells saved a life that day.

Councilman Mollenhauer echoed what Councilman Kirkham said about Deputy Wells. He also agreed with Sheriff Boyd and said the County can't afford to lose the mechanics because they provide such a vital service.

Jeremy Sobecki, La Porte County Parks Department

Mr. Sobecki stated the mechanics have also assisted with the Parks Department vehicles when possible.

He provided an update on the DNR grant and said he completed some necessary paperwork and hopes to hear an answer about it soon. However, a \$70,000.00 grant from the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte was received to do the trail portion of the DNR grant. At the very least, an additional ½ mile of accessible trail would be added; if the DNR grant is awarded, additional improvements will be made.

Margaret Burger, who passed away several years ago, donated approximately \$60,000.00 to Parks Department Foundation for use at Red Mill County Park. There are trails on each side of the wetlands at the park, so the decision was made to use these funds to add a floating trail to connect these two trails.

Councilman Yagelski asked if the Waggoner, Irwin & Sheele reports covers salaries of the mechanics. President Santana deferred the question to Auditor Winski. Auditor Winski said the study was received in October and did not believe there was enough time to thoroughly evaluate it. Therefore, she suggested that the newly appointed chairman in 2018 establish a committee to thoroughly analyze the Waggoner, Irwin & Sheele report. She added that it would be cost prohibitive to enact all of the salaries recommendations at the same time. She also stated that all departments and staff members are included in the study but none of the salaries are applied automatically.

Auditor Winski spoke on behalf of Rich Gramarossa from Building Maintenance because he was unable to attend the meeting. He is asking to transfer approximately \$48,000.00 from Electric into the 41030 account to buy two Kubota snow removal devices. This information is included in the additional packet distributed to the Council. Councilman Yagelski stated that he believed Maintenance was one of the departments that received a truck and snow plow and asked the purpose of having two of these devices. Auditor Winski replied one each for Michigan City and La Porte. President Santana said it is a tractor that can use several different attachments. Councilman Yagelski said he feels this purchase is unnecessary. Councilman Kirkham expressed surprise that there is that much money left in the Electric account.

Darlene Hale said that at the 8th Street building in Michigan City, it is necessary to shovel to get into the server room and it can be difficult to get into the building. She added she believes the Kubota is like a Gator.

Attorney Friedman added that anything the Council decides to do that would reduce slips and falls on snowy/icy sidewalks would only be beneficial. From a liability standpoint, enhancement of clearing the sidewalks in La Porte and Michigan City is important in reducing these accidents.

Councilman Mollenhauer asked if the County had snow blowers because those could adequately clear the sidewalks. If not, he feels it would be cheaper to buy snow blowers over Kubota tractors.

Leeann Jones from Building Maintenance said JK Services has been hired since at least last year to provide these services. With the purchase of the Kubota tractors, this expense would be eliminated.

A motion to approve the transfer of \$45,272.00 was made by Councilman Kirkham but did not receive a second, so the motion died. Councilman Novak asked how much was paid to JK Services and Auditor Winski determined that it was \$8,614.35.

LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Garner met with the Sheriff and his staff regarding the upcoming requests. They include hiring three new deputies for the future year; one would be to implement and enforce weight limits on the road scales for a one-year period. An ordinance is being created for this enforcement. Sheriff Boyd also wants to add two officers due to an increased call load. Other items include a pension fund deposit and a new scuba van that can no longer be repaired. Body cameras are also being received from EMA but due to a cloud storage fee, it will be necessary to use resources in the Commissary fund. In addition, a K9 dog is being retired and a new one will be purchased for \$16,255.00. Councilman Garner also spoke with the Recorder, Lois Sosinski, regarding upcoming requests.

Councilman Mollenhauer had no report.

Councilman Yagelski had no report.

Councilman Kirkham said the Small Animal Shelter is having photos with Santa on December 9th and 16th in the Small Project Building at the Fairgrounds. They also received the Liberty Bell Award from the La Porte County Bar Association, which acknowledges small organizations that don't typically receive public recognition. The Parks Department will be coming up later in the meeting.

Councilman Sullivan stated that Councilman Novak and he attended a South County Summit at the La Crosse Center Volunteer Fire Department. They learned how things are done in Francesville and Walkerton. It was very professional and informative. His other liaison departments will be speaking later at the meeting.

Councilman Novak was amazed to hear that the Economic Development Director from Walkerton has been able to acquire \$26,000,000.00 in grants because it is such a small city. Adult Probation is on the agenda for later in the meeting. Problem Solving Court is coming up on December 5th at 5:00 p.m. where there will be a graduation for two people. He added that Al Whitlow passed away who was a great advocate for Michigan City, always looked on the bright side of things, and will be deeply missed.

President Santana said he spoke to all of his liaison Department Heads and has nothing other noteworthy to report. He said some Council members, the Council's and Commissioners' attorneys, the President of the Commissioners, and Auditor Winski met to discuss various items. This was done for inclusiveness and togetherness to serve the constituents.

Councilman Garner said that the body scanners have been able to find contraband, so they are working well.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Drug Free Partnership Disbursements

Mr. Joseph Bunch, President of the Drug Free Partnership, said grant allocation recommendations were previously disseminated. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Novak.

Councilman Kirkham asked where the Drug Free Partnership receives funding and Mr. Bunch stated it is from the Drug and Addiction fees. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider Approval of La Crosse Library Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$10,280.00

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Novak. Councilman Novak said that the reason some items move quickly is because departments are only asking for approval to spend and the Council is only giving that approval. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider Approval of Reappointment of Tracie Vernich to the La Crosse Library Board

A motion to approve the reappointment of Tracie Vernich to the La Crosse Library Board was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Kirkham. Motion carried 7-0.

2018 Salary Discussion and Vote

A motion to approve a 3% Salary Increase to the base salary for 2018 was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Novak.

Councilman Yagelski asked that grant- and specially-paid employees be included the raises. Raising part-time wages was discussed but Auditor Winski said that the maximum part-time wage is \$13.00. President Santana added that the part-time wage is well above the minimum wage amount, so he felt that part-time pay could be evaluated if/when the federal minimum wage is increased.

Councilman Kirkham asked Councilmen Sullivan and Novak how they chose the 3 percent raise amount. Councilman Novak replied that the Waggoner, Irwin & Sheele study stated the percent of increase should be between 4 and 4 ½ percent but said that full amount could not be given at once. In addition, there is an increase in employee health insurance, so the 3 percent seemed like a good beginning.

Councilman Yagelski said that just because a report states an amount, it doesn't mean the County can afford it. He also said the County is absorbing the additional insurance amount for the employees. Barb Mossman stated that the 85/15 split was reinstated for this year and that the employees will have an increase in Plan 1 because of this adjustment.

Ms. Mossman also asked to be included in the 2018 committee that will be evaluating the Waggoner, Irwin & Sheele study.

President Santana commented that the 3 percent raise will be an \$685,114.00 increase to the County budget. He feels the 3 percentage is a good start and additional increases can come in the future.

Councilman Mollenhauer said he agrees with everything that has been said but wants to give an additional increase to the mechanics. Ms. Mossman said it would have to be given in the form of a bonus and the mechanics are at a level LTC III or IV. The increase would also have to go through the Job Evaluation Committee that addressed the additional skills to the job description. Auditor Winski added that the Waggoner, Irwin & Sheele addresses where jobs fall on the grid. Jobs classifications do not get changed without the Job Evaluation Committee. She said she has three positions that have to be changed per the State Board of Accounts, but she has to go through the proper channels. She suggests that the Sheriff do the same.

Ms. Mossman said there are six LTC positions and the mechanics are at the LTC V level. President Santana said salaries were adjusted per the Waggoner, Irwin, & Sheele report, but additional adjustments may need to be made. Ms. Mossman said Department Heads from the Recorder, Parks Department, EMA, MS4, and HAZ-MAT only received the 1.8% increase.

Councilman Novak asked why the Deputy Sheriff does not get the 85 percent. Ms. Mossman said she did not have an answer for that.

Councilman Yagelski said wages were set up differently for Chief Deputies because the state mandated wages for the Sheriff based upon the Prosecutor's salary. However, there was nothing mandated for the Chief Deputy positions. Councilman Novak said that those salaries should then be evaluated and adjusted after the Waggoner, Irwin & Sheele report is assessed.

President Santana said the City of La Porte and Michigan City employees are getting a 1.5 percent raise, Hammond is getting a 2 percent raise and La Porte County employees are receiving a 3 percent raise. He said the Council is striving to do better and he appreciates the employees.

A roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Ms. Mossman gave Councilman Garner the Job Evaluation Committee Results from 2017. Councilman Garner said that results approved to go into effect as of January 1st are: the Prosecutor Child Support Division 4D-Intake Coordinator will go from a COMOT IV to a COMOT V; the Juvenile Services Center Evening Report Center Coordinator/Counselor/Caseworker to the new title of Nova Coordinator/Caseworker; three positions were evaluated - PAT III would move to a PAT IV, PAT IV would move to PAT V, and PAT III would stay at PAT III. He feels it is time to take the recommendations of the Job Evaluation Committee.

The information was reviewed again between the Council members. Ms. Mossman explained that three positions were evaluated and two were increased and one stayed the same. The Daytime/Evening Reporting Nova Caseworker positions expanded from Caseworker to a Coordinator of the Nova Center. One individual is housed at Juvenile Services Center and the other is at Elston School, which both include supervisory capacities. The third is a Counselor position that included a step.

A motion to approve the changes was made by Councilman Mollenhauer and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Councilman Yagelski asked how many people are housed at the Juvenile Services Center. The Nova Coordinator/Caseworker is a position at Elston School with a supervisory capacity over two employees plus the children in the programs. The Juvenile Services Nova Coordinator oversees the reception center, youth specialized workers who have the responsibility for the intake of the children. It was confirmed that the position is out of the General Fund. It was also confirmed that the Job Evaluation Committee made the recommendation to make these changes.

President Santana asked why this information wasn't presented before this meeting. Ms. Mossman thought it would be addressed by Councilman Mollenhauer during budget hearings. She said that from now on, she will include it in a packet to the Council.

Councilman Yagelski said recommendations are not always taken by the Council. He added that he doesn't have the information to vote on this item at tonight's meeting.

Councilman Kirkham said that committees are established to evaluate these items and the recommendation of the committee should be accepted.

President Santana said he would need additional information to vote. Councilman Novak said all of the information has been provided by Ms. Mossman, so there wouldn't be additional information to provide.

Motion carried 5-2, with President Santana and Councilman Yagelski voting Nay.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of the Supplemental Public Defender Fund

President Santana stated that there has been a significant decrease in this fund. In 2014, there was a balance of \$308,000.00 in this fund. Through 2017, this amount has been depleted due, mostly, to transcripts paid out of this fund. There have been other expenditures but as of today, there is a balance of \$6,166.00. The Council was unaware that this money was being spent. Councilman Yagelski asked Auditor Winski when the vote happened that this money could be used. Councilman Yagelski believed that there was a restricted use of this fund and recalled that it could not be used for transcripts. Councilman Kirkham said he was on the Public Defender Board and was told that the money could be used for transcripts and interpreters. President Santana stated that certain things could be acquired because of the limitations on the fund. The concern is that there is nothing that could be found in the minutes that alludes to how this money could be spent. Councilman Novak said there is also concern that more was being spent than was being contributed. There was no one monitoring this fund. A motion was made by Councilman Yagelski to add an agenda item to the January 2018 meeting to put \$250,000.00 back into this fund and was seconded by Councilman Garner. Auditor Winski added that the transcripts will come out of the general fund next year. The line item was added to the 2018 budget. Auditor Winski said it doesn't need a motion and can be added to the January 2018 agenda. Attorney Friedman said the President needs to ask for the item to be added to the agenda, so President Santana complied.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, REQUESTS

La Porte County Sheriff's Department

**Requesting an Additional Appropriation
From Riverboat (1191) or Win Tax (4220)**

For Sheriff's Pension	\$197,890.00
For Overtime for Jail	\$ 35,000.00
For Overtime for Security for Probation Department	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Total:	\$242,890.00

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

La Porte County Sheriff's Department

**Requesting Permission to Spend
From Sheriff's Donation Fund (4106)**

For Replacement Cost and Training for K9	\$16,255.00
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A motion to approve was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Yagelski and Councilman Sullivan. Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County EMS

**Requesting an Additional Appropriation
From Riverboat (1191) or Win Tax (4220)
For InterAct Licenses**

\$18,210.00

A motion to approve out of the E911 Fund (1222) was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Novak. Attorney Friedman said it would have to be advertised. Auditor Winski said a transfer would have to be advertised and it would have to be appropriated out of Riverboat or Win Tax to be approved at tonight's meeting. A motion to appropriate this money in January 2018 was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Kirkham. Mr. Andrew McGuire stated that his quote expires on December 12th, but he will have it extended. Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County Coroner

**Requesting an Additional Appropriation
From Riverboat (1191) or Win Tax (4220)
For Autopsies**

**Not to Exceed
\$15,000.00**

A motion to approve out of Riverboat (1191) was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Kirkham. President Santana asked if the amount could be reduced. Mr. Cutler said it could not. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Cutler added that none of the autopsies had to be paid for at the Indiana State Prison. The cost of each autopsy is \$3,000.00.

La Porte County Parks & Recreation

**Requesting an Additional Appropriation
From Riverboat (1191) or Win Tax (4220)
For Replacement of Two Vehicles**

\$46,388.00

President Santana asked who will be driving the vehicles and if they would be snow plows. Jeremy Sobecki replied that the ¾ ton with a snow plow would be driven by the Maintenance Supervisor. He is currently driving one of the Canyons which is also used by the seasonal employees to clean the parks, shelters and restrooms on the weekends. Mr. Sobecki said he is the only one who has a take-home vehicle.

A motion to approve out of Win Tax (1191) was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Garner. Councilman Kirkham stated that he knows Mr. Sobecki needs the vehicles but feels that something different needs to be done with the funding. President Santana agreed and asked how many vehicles are in his fleet and if there was any type of staggering occurring with the vehicles. Mr. Sobecki replied that there are six vehicles in total. Mr. Sobecki's vehicle is a 2013, two are 2010s, there is a 2008 van, and there are two other 2005 and 2007 vehicles.

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

La Porte County Human Resources

**Requesting an Additional Appropriation
From Riverboat (1191) or Win Tax (4220)
For Advertising**

\$1,000.00

A motion to approve out of Win Tax (4220) was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer. President Santana spoke with Ms. Mossman and asked if she could get by with less. She said yes, but because there are many positions still open, she still has to advertise for them.

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

La Porte County Treasurer

Requesting Permission to Transfer

From 1003-30012-000-0103 (Repairs Equipment) to 1000-20001-000-0103 (Office Supplies)	\$500.00
And 1000-30005-000-0103 (Printing Supplies) to 1000-20001-000-0103 (Office Supplies)	\$2,000.00

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Novak. Councilman Kirkham asked about the purchase of a shredder. Treasurer Spevak explained that the previous shredder went to Michigan City because they were using a personal shredder of one of the employees. Councilman Kirkham said he thought the County had a shredder that could be used that is located in the Maintenance Storage building. Councilman Kirkham said he doesn't understand why the large shredder cannot be used. Ms. Spevak said it is a small shredder but can use a \$15.00 employee to walk the material to be shredded. Darlene Hale said Maintenance will pick up the material and bring it to be shredded. Ms. Spevak said she wouldn't need a shredder.

Motion carried 4-3, with Councilmen Kirkham and Yagelski and President Santana voting Nay.

La Porte County Highway/Engineer

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

From Major Bridge Fund (1171) For Franklin Street Bridge – Boring Under Trail Creek	Not to Exceed \$20,000.00
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Mr. Jay Sullivan explained that when boring began, it was determined that it was necessary to go deeper to miss foundation and there was contaminated soil; the contaminated soil has to go to a waste facility. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Kirkham and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Motion carried 5-2, with Councilmen Garner and Yagelski voting Nay.

Councilman Yagelski asked Mr. Sullivan to address Rolling Prairie. Mr. Sullivan stated that the State required additional testing of samples. The samples passed and were submitted to the State and have cleared two of four departments. It is anticipated there will be State approval but the process is moving slowly. Councilman Yagelski thanked Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Mitch Bishop for their work on this project.

La Porte County Prosecuting Attorney

Requesting Permission to Transfer

For Local Match for Victim of Crime Assistance (VOCA) Grant From Infraction Deferral Fund 2501-20200-000-0343	\$5,900.00
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A motion to approve was made by Councilman Novak and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County MS4

Requesting Permission to Transfer
From 1000-30135-000-0161 (Professional Services)
To 1000-20001-000-0161 (Office Supplies **\$800.00**
And
Permission to Transfer from MS4 Non-Reverting Fund (9001)
To 1000-10130-000-0161 (Part Time Account) **\$4,500.00**

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

La Porte County Adult Probation
Requesting Permission to Spend
From Probation User Fees (2102)
For Office Equipment and Furniture **\$21,582.77**

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

La Porte County Clerk
Requesting Permission to Spend
From Clerks Perpetuation Fund (1119)
And Title IV-D Incentive Fund (8895)
For Computers, Monitors & A Printer **\$49,979.65**

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Councilman Kirkham asked if computers were purchased this spring. Clerk Kathy Chrobak replied that computers were purchased 2 years ago. These computers are for Superior 1, 2, 4 and Circuit Clerk Court. Darlene Hale explained that computers were replaced in 2010, and said the computers were stretched as long as they could be but now needed to be upgraded. Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County Auditor
Requesting Permission to Spend
From Dual Homestead Fund (7110) **Not to Exceed**
For Computer Equipment **\$3,500.00**

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

COUNTY COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Auditor Winski asked if the Council could choose a date for the Reorganization Meeting. The Council chose Wednesday, January 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Auditor Winski said that would be advertised.

Councilman Garner asked that all Board appointments be submitted by letter.

Councilman Kirkham said the Rumley Allis-Chalmers Heritage Association was having an Open House on Saturday, December 2nd. He also said the Turn Up the Lights event was very successful and well attended.

Councilman Mollenhauer asked Attorney Friedman about the progress on the random drug testing. Attorney Friedman replied that a workshop should be scheduled after the 1st of the year with the Judges to discuss it. Councilman Novak stated that he thought the Judges were willing to participate and it was asked that it be included with the Reorganization Meeting on January 3rd.

Councilman Novak said the Michigan Snowflake Parade will be held on December 2nd at 4:00 p.m. The Michigan City Boy's Football team, who won the Regional Championship, will be there and they were congratulated.

Ms. Mossman said there was a position with the previous Recorder that she did not want to bring before the Council. The position is a COMOT II that is being requested to be raised to a COMOT III. President Santana said it would be addressed in January. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and said it was an honor to serve as President of the Council. He added that so much can be learned by being involved and hopes every Council member has the opportunity to serve as President.

EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 22nd of January, 2018.

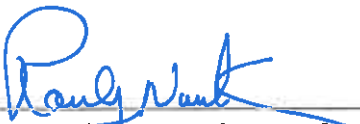
Councilman Terry Garner



Councilman Cary Kirkham

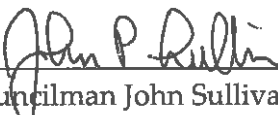


Councilman Mike Mollenhauer



Councilman Randy Novak

Councilman Jeff Santana



Councilman John Sullivan



Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST:



Joie Winski, La Porte County Auditor