

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10B**  
**OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, this body has strongly supported the LaPorte County Office of Economic Development since its inception and wishes to provide additional tools to that office to aid in luring new economic development projects to our county that assist in job creation, and

WHEREAS, this body has previously gone on record seeking to commit nearly all of the sums raised from the County Economic Development Income Tax or CEDIT strictly to the County Highway department and needed road repairs, and

WHEREAS, this county's highway construction and repair program has been effective, but it is also deemed reasonable by this body that a portion of the CEDIT tax be allocated to additional projects that assist economic development, and

WHEREAS, the most common request from employers seeking to either retain or attract new jobs to our county is the need for a skilled, trained workforce and it is deemed prudent by the undersigned that the County provide targeted funds for job skills training assistance and to request the County Commissioners initiate such a program in cooperation with a qualified non-profit program consistent with I.C. 6-3.6-10-2 (7), and

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic Development is currently in negotiations to attempt to retain not only sixty good -paying jobs at a local employer but believes such firm is also considering an expansion of their current facility with over 200 new good- paying jobs that might result, and

WHEREAS, such employer's only request to the County has been the county's support for the firm's existing job skills training program, and

WHEREAS, this body desires a modification/change in the existing CEDIT ordinance to provide for allocation of at least \$175,000.00 to be paid to a qualified non profit (along with \$10,000.00 administrative fee) for administering such skills training program, and

WHEREAS, in addition to this one-time allocation of CEDIT funds, this body believes that a long-term program of job skills training assistance via an interlocal agreement to be executed between LaPorte County, the qualified non profit chosen to run the program and any individual firm selected to be the beneficiary of job skills training assistance is in the interest of LaPorte County residents, and

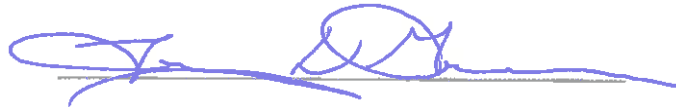
WHEREAS, we note with interest that at least one other Indiana county - Tippecanoe County - has undertaken such a program in cooperation with the City of West Lafayette and which is administered by the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce serving as the qualified non-profit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

1. We desire and will adopt modifications/amendments to the existing CEDIT ordinance to permit allocation of funds toward the above-described Job Skills Training Assistance Program.
2. We urge the Commissioners to select an appropriate local non profit "whose primary corporate purpose is to assist government in planning and implementing economic development projects" to serve as the administrative/fiscal agent for such program and to establish evaluation criteria/reporting requirements similar to those imposed by the State of Indiana's Skills Enhancement Fund. I.C. 6-3.6-10-2.
3. We believe that job skills training assistance programs such as we are proposing will be an important new incentive/inducement for our County's Office of Economic Development to have in its "toolbox" as it seeks to retain existing business and win competition for new business development and job creation for LaPorte County.

All of which is adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL



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Attest:

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