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## **LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSION AND COUNCIL PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCE SECOND ARP LISTENING SESSION FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

(La Porte, IN) – La Porte County Commission President Rich Mrozinski and County Council President Randy Novak today announced that the Commission and Council will jointly host a second public forum as a “listening session” for members of the community and county department heads to give ideas, proposals and suggestions for using the county’s \$21.3 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. The public is welcome to attend at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> in the County Complex meeting room.

Commission President Mrozinski stated, “We want to make sure these one-time ARP funds are used to make a real difference in our county. We held the first listening session on September 7<sup>th</sup> and came out of there with a number of different proposals which were put into a working draft that the Commission sent on to the Council. We want to receive further public comment and input from citizens and our department leaders because this kind of input is very valuable to us.”

Council President Novak concurred, “It’s my hope that by holding this meeting in early November, we can put several of the suggested appropriations on the November County Council agenda for a decision. That’s our last meeting of the year; I think it’s important we try to appropriate funds this year on several of the requested projects while continuing to receive additional public and department head input. Under the law, the County Commission proposes projects and programs for possible ARP funding and it’s up to the fiscal branch, the County Council, to decide what actually gets appropriated.”

The Commission and Council Presidents indicated that while the “listening session” will be held in person at the county complex, there will be a zoom link provided for members of the public and county employees who wish to attend and comment via Zoom.

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