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LaPorte County WORKS!

****Commissioner Matias Launches Local Business Highlight Segment During
Commission Meeting****



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(La Porte County, IN): On Wednesday, October 6, 2021, LaPorte County Commissioner Sheila Matias kicked off the first of many business reports in the *LaPorte County WORKS!* segment of the La Porte County Commission meeting.

“LaPorte County WORKS! honors the many businesses who call LaPorte County home. We aim to highlight our local businesses and industries so our residents know they can grow their careers and earn a good living right here in LaPorte County. With the hard few years we’ve had with the pandemic, it is more important than ever to put a spotlight on our businesses, industries and manufacturing which provide many good family-wage jobs right here in Laporte County. My hope is to highlight their products, services, and history because each of the companies contribute to making our great county the premiere place to work, live and raise our families. We want to ensure that LaPorte County residents who are seeking a new career, a better job or an opportunity for success can look no further than the many great employers right here in beautiful LaPorte County, Indiana.”

stated Commissioner Matias.

At each commission meeting, Commissioner Sheila Matias will highlight a local company so that we can focus on jobs right here in LaPorte County and not only “Shop Local” but also “Work Local!” At the most recent Commission meeting, Commissioner Matias presented Sullivan-Palatek, a family-owned air compressor equipment manufacturing company founded in 1984; the company has 149 employees and is currently hiring. At future meetings, Matias will continue to honor local businesses, highlight their services and products and focus on their open positions.

Commission President Rich Mrozinski strongly endorsed the program Commissioner Matias created and said “This is a great opportunity to showcase the many diverse careers available in our LaPorte County businesses! The pandemic certainly affected many working adults in our county and so this project will help to put a spotlight on the many open positions for prospective employees who are looking for new opportunities for working close to home. Sullivan-Palatek is the first of many businesses presented during the *LaPorte County WORKS!* segment, and I look forward to hearing more. We are certainly lucky to have so many great businesses and industries here in our county.”

“La Porte County has an amazing employee base and helping to connect them with some of the outstanding employers in our county dovetails perfectly with my efforts on the Chief Elected Officials Board and Workforce Development. Our County has so much to offer and as we continue to attract more companies, a primary focus of mine is continuing to put forward at least the same effort in maintaining, growing and supporting the great companies we already have. I'm hopeful *LPC Works!* will help to continue that mission," stated Commission Vice-President Joe Haney.

“I'm happy to report that The Office of Community and Economic Development has had significant success in attracting new employers to LaPorte County but to be clear, the foundation of every successful economic development program starts with a rock-solid business retention and expansion program,” stated Tony Rodriguez, Director of the Community and Economic Development Department. “The *LaPorte County Works!* project accomplishes multiple goals and we

applaud Commissioner Matias for this initiative which spotlights our local business community,” concluded Rodriguez.

To read more about Sullivan-Palatek and future highlighted companies or to submit your company for a spotlight, please visit the LaPorte County website, www.laportecounty.in.gov, and click on the moving news ticker at the top of the page. For questions, please contact Tony Rodriguez, Director of LaPorte County Community & Economic Development at trodriguez@laporteco.in.gov.