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La Porte County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. County Complex Room 3 & via Zoom

President Sheila Matias called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked for a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine, especially the families and children.

Auditor Tim Stabosz called the roll: Commissioner Rich Mrozinski - Present via Zoom; Commissioner Sheila Matias - Present; Commissioner Joe Haney - Present. Quorum present therefore meeting commenced.

Considered the agenda. **Commissioner Haney** motioned to remove the first part of 10 'a' - Social Media Policy and 11 'b' - Resolution approving I-94/Hwy 35 Economic Development Plan. **President Matias** stated item 12 'a' will be moved up under Request. **Commissioner Mrozinski** seconded. Motion carried 3-0. **Commissioner Mrozinski** motioned to accept the amended the agenda. **Commissioner Haney** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Considered approval of February 16, 2022 minutes. **Commissioner Mrozinski** motioned to approve. **Commissioner Haney** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Auditor Tim Stabosz read the Claims with Payroll ending 2/25/2022 - \$1,302,989.27 and Operating Expense Claims - \$1,622,482.47. **Commissioner Mrozinski** motioned to approve. **Commissioner Haney** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Considered Senator Michael Bohacek's request for liaison appointment to the Westville Correction construction project. **Commissioner Haney**, Point of Order, a roll call vote needs to be taken if a member is attending via Zoom. **Commissioner Haney** motioned to appoint himself as the Liaison to this project. **Commissioner Mrozinski** seconded. Motion carried 3-0. **President Matias** called the roll: **Commissioner Haney** - Aye; **Commissioner Mrozinski** - Aye and **President Matias** - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

President Matias reminded everyone to please be respectful and civil. This is not a political forum and comments should be made on agenda items.

Public Comment

Lisa Pierzakowski, Center Township Trustee, handed out her report to the Commissioners on the eviction assistance program. The balance as of March 1, 2022 was \$17,082.07. There is one landlord they will no longer be working with in Michigan City, the landlord does not want to follow the state or township rules. **President Matias** asked Lisa to give a bit more information. **Lisa** said she is handling 20 of the 21 townships in our county, Michigan Township is doing their own, for 10-day evictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic through the ARP funds provided by the county.

Rip Ludlow, 1103 W. 19th Street, La Porte, congratulated the Commissioners on the EMS Base project in Rolling Prairie. He retired 8 years ago after serving 35 as a paramedic for the county. This has been going on for 40 years at a snail's pace, Ira Mills was administrator, he mentioned John Jones, Barb Huston, and Pat Pease. Although he lives in La Porte, he has always seen the need for emergency services in the eastern part of the County which includes Rolling Prairie, a school system, Hudson Township, Lincoln Township, Highway 2 and 20, and the Toll Road which carries a massive number of vehicles. Health care in this part of the County can be changed by providing closer services. He hopes this the Council will fund it and the project will continue moving forward toward completion.

Randy Veatch, 4177 W. Schultz Road, La Porte, commented on the agenda item for MS4 and retaining Reggie Korthals, project manager for Butler Fairman. He had contact with her in 2015 and he hopes it doesn't compromise any of her thoughts. Why is an environmental consultant being considered for a code compliant when he suggested TR Arnold out of Elkhart, Indiana. Due to

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everyone's fixation on the word 'sand' which was introduced to him by elected public officials, he will no longer be referring to the activity behind his house as sand mining but instead he will use the exact terminology 'mineral extraction.' "Back on August the 4th, 2001 meeting, minutes show that then President Mrozinski saying an investigation was taking place with the highway department and the Sheriff's office. Mrozinski also stated there would be a report at the next meeting. August 18th, 2001 agenda and meeting minutes, there's no mention of any investigations, no mention of the signs at the meeting by anyone but myself, I've always asked where did the signs go, who ordered the signs down. This isn't just an MS4 thing that happened here, there was a whole series of items that went on." One truck was pulled over, the driver was the president of the company. The sheriff that pulled him over happened to be a member of his wedding party, what a coincidence. He was surprised there were no new clocks running tonight or is it possibly hidden. He is only allowed 3 minutes to repair a 6-and-a-half-year mistake that the county has created. Money has been spent by the county, not on him, but on fighting inner departments, 'you allowed this, you started this, you caused this, I live with it.' That is the only involvement he has is living with it. A cause analysis should be done on the whole project and not just cut off a piece of it and use it as a scape-goat. There was more than just MS4 involved.

Department Reports/Department Head Comments

Larry Levendowski, Director of Facilities, came to the Commission a month ago on the housekeeping issue at the Michigan City Courthouse on the request from Councilman Yagelski, proposals were sent out, a few came back and those were distributed to the Commissioners. Eight companies toured the Michigan City courthouse and only 3 gave proposals for it and they ranged anywhere from \$467,000 to \$108,000 a year. The \$108,000 was at an hourly rate. If two additional full-time employees were hired the cost would be \$114,000 and he would like to be able to do this so he could manage them with the rest of his staff. **Commissioner Haney** agreed two additional employees would be good. Two previous Directors prior to Larry had 5 full-time and 4 part-time for a total of 9 housekeepers. Currently he has 4 full-time and 1 part-time for a total of 5 housekeepers cleaning all out buildings, 3 buildings in La Porte and now add the newly remodeled Michigan City courthouse which has doubled in size. He would like to take a recommendation to the Council if the Commission allows it. **Commissioner Haney motioned to allow Larry to approach the Council for additional funding to hire 2 housekeepers. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded the motion. Auditor Stabosz called the roll: Commissioner Mrozinski - Aye; Commissioner Matias - Aye and Commissioner Haney - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.**

Tim Stabosz, Auditor, he has been on vacation the last couple of weeks. After watching the previous Commissioners' meeting last night, he wanted to comment with feedback of his thoughts, as Chief Financial Officer of the County, on advice for pay increases for county employees and discussion around LIT tax. He spoke on Karl Cender's presentation on February 16th for viable alternatives for paying salary increases to public employees other than increasing the current local income tax (LIT). He was never provided a copy of the slideshow and knew nothing about it. He noted the Waggoner, Irwin and Scheele salary study from late 2016 is kind of 'gold standard' and gives a view point on how county employees are underpaid. He provided a copy of the 2016 study with an executive summary report to both Commission and Council a few months ago. "It bears repeating that the average employee back in late 2016 was underpaid in the realm of 5-10% compared to our peer groups." Since then, public safety people were deemed to be even more underpaid. Since we've generally kept up with inflation with the salary increases since the salary study was done, with the 5-10% underpaid, then the amount of money to be raised could be in the realm between 1.75 to 3.5 million. There are some offices that can't find any employees to hire. For example, in his office, Auditor's, the COMOT IV Clerks, according to the 2016 study, were underpaid about 10%. He has had success in his most recent round of hiring quality people at the current rates. The county either needs to 'dust off' and look at the salary study to make a decision or have another study done. His point about all of this is the \$351,000 for each one percent increase that Mr. Cender received from the Auditor's office, that's between 1.75 and 3.5 million in 'new money' needed to permanently fix the problem, he emphasized the notion of 'new money' to say the we want to pay competitive salaries to all employees is disingenuous or would be disingenuous on any of their parts unless they actually do something to permanently solve the problem. "I believe that the Cender report essentially sought to have the County use smoke and mirrors to address the problem. The county can certainly kick the can down the road to 2027, which is essentially what Mr. Cender, in my view of the report was advocating and use 5+ million dollars of our ARP money to give a 3% raise immediately that would carry over for those five years but in my opinion as the County Auditor that is a fiscally irresponsible decision that forces a future County Council to essentially take that raise back from employees five years from now unless an alternative permanent revenue source is found, alternative permanent revenue source. One such revenue source is to increase the local county income tax in some form. Representative Jim Pressel had been very clear that assuming we are going to extract more revenue from the state, expect that 7 billion in federal highway dollars coming through the state or worse, that elements of the state surplus are going to be gifted back to local...localities, is political pie in the sky." They are not sympathetic to giving 'their money' for counties who refuse or decline to take control of their own destiny. He spoke about Tom Dermody being in the state legislature for a long time, he was influential and if he could get money back from the state, by knowing the people there, he would have done it. Asking the state to change their laws with the report from Karl Cender and the resolution that was passed is naïve. The report recommended issuing Cedit Bonds which he feels is bad, borrowing from future Cedit revenue collections and adding interest costs that the County would not otherwise bear. "Finally, the Cender report essentially read suspiciously like your imperative, your anti-tax resolution that you had passed prior to his report. The major elements of which was determined and written by the County Attorney. You said you wanted him to be involved in policy and approved a contract with him that allowed as such which is exactly the conflict of interest I referred to when I asked you to pass a contract that precluded him from being a policy figure which means that you got exactly what the County Attorney wanted in your recommendations from Cender, that Rich Mrozinski told me that Mr. Friedman vacations with, which means we ended up paying

an outside advisor several hundred dollars an hour for a recommendation that confirms the resolution that you passed. **That** is a waste of money. My recommendation to the County Council and County Commission, respectfully, do not give any additional raises until or unless you find some additional source of permanent money anything less would be fiscally imprudent. Thank you.”

Tony Rodriguez, OCED, presented his 2021 annual report to the Council. He failed to recognize a few players in his report who are absolutely critical to the efforts of our Economic Development Office. He acknowledged County Assessor Mike Schultz, his office plays an intracule role, County Planner Mitch Bishop, and County Building Commissioner Mike Polan. They are all part of a winning team that helps Tony do his job. **President Matias** asked Tony to run through the Business Retention/Expansion program. **Tony** replied currently there are 6 businesses: O-tech, Dwyer Instruments, Alexander Chemical, Peepers, Harrison Electric and Sullivan Palatek. They are all long standing companies in our county. He also added a 3rd attempt has been made in applying for Broadband assistance from the state.

Requests

Considered Purchase of Archive Social. **Darlene Hale**, IT Director, and **Shaun Jernigan**, Archive Social, requested permission to approach the Council for funding. Any county departments that use a Facebook page, such as Animal Shelter and Health Department, could be subject to a request by the public. This would give us limited storage to keep comments, changes or anything with those pages. **Shaun** stated, “For any county department that’s using social media, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, Archive Social automatically captures all of the communications virtually in real time in an online database.” Designated users will be able to access and search to allow the county to full fill any records request for communications or for any kind of internal requests regarding policy decisions or false violations made by citizens in the comments. Anything edited or deleted will be captured and marked searchable as well. **Commissioner Haney** asked if there is a requirement under the open-door law section that we have some sort of archiving function. **Darlene** replied yes, correct. **Commissioner Haney** motioned to approve. **Commissioner Mrozinski** seconded. **Auditor Stabosz** called the roll: **Commissioner Matias - Aye; Commissioner Haney - Aye and Commissioner Mrozinski - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered I.T. Director and Insurance Agent of Record’s request for multi-factor authentication on all county email user accounts. **Darlene Hale**, IT and **John Jones**, Michiana Insurance, requested Arlington/Roe for approval through Travelers. **Commissioner Mrozinski** motioned to approve. **Commissioner Haney** seconded. **Auditor Stabosz** called the roll: **Commissioner Matias - Aye; Commissioner Haney - Aye and Commissioner Mrozinski - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered permission for travel to New Orleans April 11-14, 2022 for ‘On Aging 2022 training for two Adult Protective Service Investigators. **Katherine Schmitt**, no additional funds are required, the money is in their budget. **Commissioner Haney** motioned to approve. **Commissioner Mrozinski** seconded. **Auditor Stabosz** called the roll: **Commissioner Mrozinski - Aye; Commissioner Matias - Aye and Commissioner Haney - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered purchasing new vehicles for Adult Protective Services. **Katherine Schmitt**, they would like to purchase a vehicle with funds from a grant. They are possibly looking at a 2022 Ford Escape in the amount of \$26,220. **Commissioner Haney** motioned to approve. **Commissioner Mrozinski** seconded. **Auditor Stabosz** called the roll: **Commissioner Mrozinski - Aye; Commissioner Matias - Aye and Commissioner Haney - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered permission for **Rob Sabie**, EMA, to approach the Council for additional appropriation of maintenance fund line item in their budget that was not included for the 2022 year. **Commissioner Haney** motioned to approve. **Commissioner Mrozinski** seconded. **Auditor Stabosz** called the roll: **Commissioner Haney - Aye; Commissioner Matias - Aye and Commissioner Mrozinski - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.** **Considered** permission for **Rob Sabie**, EMA, to approach the Council to repair 2 sirens and move one at Springfield Fire Department. The cost will be about \$46,000. **Commissioner Haney** motioned to approve. **Commissioner Mrozinski** seconded. **Auditor Stabosz** called the roll: **Commissioner Haney - Aye; Commissioner Mrozinski - Aye and Commissioner Matias - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.**

Old Business

Considered retaining Reggie Korthals, former Executive Director Indiana MS4 partnership and project manager for Butler Fairman for top-down review of two (2) disputed MS4 permits and help redesign compliant storm water permitting program going forward. **Commissioner Mrozinski** motioned to approve. **Nicole Messacar**, Soil & Water Conservation District, stated she supports retaining Reggie Korthals for her expertise and knowledge to help set up their MS4 program. This is not new to just La Porte County but the entire state on the permits. **Reggie Korthals**, Environmental Resource Project Manager at Butler, Fairman & Seufert, distributed handouts then approached the podium. She explained changes made in the state with MS4 permits. “It’s important for the county to understand that as a regulated MS4 permittee, you are only responsible for implementing the program in the county. And you, as the County Commissioners, are the MS4 operator so you’ve put it in the laps of the SWCD which is an excellent, excellent choice. Nicole and her staff have long histories of doing this kind of work and working with them will be a good deal. In the past, you’ve had this partnership and it kind of fell in your lap, that you were being responsible for all of these entities. The new permits now, you have a permit number in the State of Indiana called INR040107, the new permits coming out will be 107-A, 107-B, 107-C, so the other entities within the county, the City of

La Porte, the City of Michigan City, Town of Trail Creek, Town of Long Beach, all will have their own permit and they're responsible operator will be the highest elected official in that community so **you** will be responsible for putting the permit together in **your county**. Now, once the MS4/Soil & Water District has put things together and found they have the staff and the wear for all to help any of these other communities, you will be required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with them. They are still the responsible entity and they will have to submit their NOI and submit their annual reports but your focus now is on your own county, but I think it's important for me to say that the issues that have developed and I'm not going to look back, are farther, are more inclusive than the MS4 program. We need to develop a process where a stormwater talks to the planning department talks to the county engineer. We need to take the MS4 program and engage public works, engage the parks, engage the Health Department, they're all part of the compliance process which will make it easier for you and more economically beneficial to get it done plus the big thing is it puts La Porte County in a position where contractors and developers that come in to work here can feel comfortable that the permits are in place, the residents can feel comfortable that they know what's going on and they don't and if they have objections to a certain project they could come forward and we're going to try and get that together so, you're not hiring me to do the work, you're just hiring me to help do the work." **Commissioner Haney** thanked Reggie then asked her if the changes coming to the permit processing that are coming this year are significant enough to require additional expertise. **Reggie** said, "Four years ago EPA came down and said Indiana has to stop issuing permits by rule because they went to a rule board and they went to the legislature. The rule board was made up of elected officials who were being regulated so EPA said, 'we want it changed' so it changed to what we call a master general permit and there are additions that we added to that, things that MS4s will have to do. We have 182 MS4s identified in Indiana, IDEM is going to come forward using the 2010 census and add 40 more and a lot of those are going to be beach front communities but as we do that, then we have to find a way that we can make sure everybody is doing what they want because when I was auditing, I had 182 different storm water plans so we're trying to get some consistency across the board. It would help in the county so that if a contractor is working in La Porte, the City of La Porte, and comes to the county he knows the same things that are going on, that's kind of where we're going to go so once I left, I retired for a week and Butler Fairman hired me and so then I worked on the work committee to iron out all the problems, the permit was actually put in place on December the 18th, it's listed on the IDEM webpage but we're waiting for the notices of intent to come down to you once their reviewed by the document committee at IDEM and once you have them you have 190 days to respond to that and that's going to be enough time for the SWCD to put their program in place." **Nicole** added, "Internally, as far as the department goes, to answer your question Commissioner Haney, yes, as you know we are the Soil & Water Conservation District, we do Soil & Water Conservation District types of things, we have a conservation technical assistance program, we provide checks for various federal easements, I have my education outreach program so we're taking on these tasks, they're highly additional so yeah, I think the assistance of getting some things, not only to comply with the new permit but to...let's say untangle a lot of the things that had been done in the past that maybe weren't effective, I think it will be really, really, really helpful for us to be able to have somebody that knows, you know, that knows what's kind of been done in the past, why it's been done in the past and where we're going in the future and to just sort of lighten some of our work load, getting that put together to be honest with you, I think it's going to be incredibly important." **Reggie** stated there is an organization across northwest Indiana, Lake, Porter and La Porte County, called the Northwest Indiana Storm Water Advisory Group, NISWAG, they provide education to Commissioners, contractors and developers. A workshop was held to teach new elements to the permits and 190 attended, some that do work in La Porte County. Ongoing education is important. **Commissioner Haney seconded. Auditor Stabosz called the roll: Commissioner Mrozinski - Aye; Commissioner Matias - Aye and Commissioner Haney - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.**

New Business

Considered contract amendment to Antero agreement providing for additional work on Lincoln Trail project. Planner **Mitch Bishop**, via Zoom, the county received multiple grants for the Lincoln Trail extension, the first one was in 2019 with NIRPC, additional funds from Healthcare Foundation of La Porte, Purdue, Parks Foundation and currently applying for the Next Level Trails Grant to extend this even further. This contract amendment pertains to the first part of the trail, the two-mile section between just west of New Durham Estates, west of 421, north along the Monon Trail through north of 200 South, along Otis Road and then it turns easterly and hooks up to the first light by PNW, just west of Purdue Northwest. When the engineer was working on the site, when that section turns 'easterly' to Purdue, a large ravine and wetlands were noticed. The amendment, in the amount of \$233,000, which the grant picks up 80% of this amount, will be used for an extension further north of the discovered wetlands on Otis Road, it will go around the wetlands so we would not have to build a boardwalk, retaining walls, will be a bit more seamless and easier to move through the site. No additional funds from the Council are needed, just a signature from the Commission today so the engineer can move forward with the project. **Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Auditor Stabosz called the roll: Commissioner Haney - Aye; Commissioner Mrozinski - Aye and Commissioner Matias - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered bid opening for bituminous materials, paving and pavement markings. **Duane Werner**, Highway Superintendent, was present while Attorney Shaw Friedman opened the timely received bids.

Class 11 – Bituminous Materials

Two Bidders: Bit-Mat Products of Indiana and Asphalt Materials.

Alternate Bid for Application of Bituminous Material Two Bidders: Bit-Mat Products of Indiana and Central Paving.

Class 12 – Hot Asphalt Concrete Two Bidders: Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. and Milestone Contractors North, Inc.

Class 13 – Pavement Markings Two Bidders: Avalanche Snow Removal & Maintenance, Inc. and The Airmarking Company, Inc.

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Bids were turned over to Duane and he will give his recommendation at our next meeting. Bids were also made available to the public for review. **Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Auditor Stabosz called the roll: Commissioner Matias - Aye; Commissioner Haney - Aye and Commissioner Mrozinski - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered bid opening for Rolling Prairie EMS/Highway Garage. **Larry Levendowski**, Director of Facilities, secured five different bids for this project. **Attorney Friedman** opened the timely received bids, they were in five different categories: Site Work, EMS Base, Highway Garage, Salt Storage Structure and a combination of various base bids. **Attorney Friedman**, for the record, all bids are reviewed for bonds as well as compliance with Responsible Bidders' Ordinance by the department head.

Pavey Excavating - Site Work - \$398,629

New Tech - EMS Base - \$591,000; Highway Garage - \$787,000; Salt Storage - \$221,000; Combo of 1,2,3 & 4 - \$1,999,000.00

Larson Danielson - EMS Base - \$596,321; Highway Garage - \$776,476; Salt Storage - \$337,193

Hasse Construction - Site Work - \$401,400; EMS Base - \$595,000; Highway Garage - \$802,000; Salt Storage - \$379,900; Combo of 1,2,3, & 4 - \$2,129,000

Gariup Construction - Site Work - \$737,500; EMS Base - \$827,500; Highway Garage - \$1,097,500; Salt Storage - \$539,500; Combo of 1,2,3 & 4 - \$2,763,500

Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Auditor Stabosz called the roll: Commissioner Mrozinski - Aye; Commissioner Matias - Aye and Commissioner Haney - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Considered settlement with Ashley Atwood in the amount of \$4,833.73 for snow plow accident. **Attorney Friedman** recommended approval for payment after reviewing all documents. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Auditor Stabosz called the roll: Commissioner Haney - Aye; Commissioner Mrozinski - Aye and Commissioner Matias - Aye. Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Haney stated he received an anonymous letter from a county employee and he encouraged the employee to reach out to him, he would like to dive in on what was expressed to him but he would need more information. An email or phone call would be good. Joe went on to talk about the Kingsbury Creek/Meadowview Estates Drainage Improvement project that has been funded by the Council, an amended contract with advertising will be at the next meeting so we can move forward on this project. He spent time visiting different county departments. He also attended a Kiwanis Club meeting. He participated in a segment of 'Sound-off' on the radio. He gave a 'shout-out' to an Eagle Scout for earning the Volunteer of the Year award from our Parks Department. While attending the Parks Dept meeting, Highway Department Superintendent Duane Werner was honored for the Organization of the Year for the work his department has done for the parks. He recognized the whole Parks Department for the year-round work they do to maintain the parks. March is Women's History Month and he quoted Ayn Rand, "The smallest minority on earth is the individual and those who deny individual rights cannot claim to be defenders of minorities." It is extremely important to remember that everyone has an equal voice.



Commissioner Mrozinski said spring is around the corner and a lot of projects will be gearing up. One is on 150 North and he attended a pre-construction meeting for it. Paving will begin at some time as well. Traffic will be impacted so please slow down and allow the workers to do their job. Michigan City draw bridge is still being discussed and possibly a presentation will soon take place with Congressman Frank Mrvan. In 2007 he told Rip Ludlow he would do what he could to get an EMS Base on the east side of the county. Attorney Friedman did a great job of securing the parcel that the proposed base/highway garage will sit on. During emergencies it will be great to have an ambulance close to attend the call.

Commissioner Matias talked about jobs which are critical for our families. She highlighted Filtration Plus, located at 4208 N. 900 West. Michigan City. Filtration Plus Inc. is a manufacturer of high-quality micron rated liquid filter bags & bag filter housings. They have over 20 years in business and are one of the largest filter bag manufacturers in America. All of their products are manufactured in America, and they are dedicated to providing excellent customer service and high-quality products. Their customers deal in water treatment, plating, and chemical manufacturing industries and include: Hormel, Tyson, Gatorade, and Campbells Soup. They are an independently operated "sister company" to Filter Technology Inc., located in Chicago, which is owned by Herman Hertsberg. Filtration Plus employs 17 people, and the factory staff have starting wages of \$15.00 an hour. They offer 401k, complimentary life insurance and health insurance. The company pays half the premiums for dental and another health insurance plan. All major holidays are paid along with 1-week paid vacation after specific years of employment. Filtration Plus has a very family-oriented atmosphere. Due to the number of different materials, filters and application, employment here stays interesting. The company is competitive in wages and benefits with the shift from 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. They currently have openings for seamstresses and are willing to train applicants. They also have openings for material spreaders, bag assemblers, and general utility/labor. Applications are available in their lobby as well as on our county website at La Porte County Works! Economic Development works hard to bring companies to our county. She attended a zoom meeting with other Economic Development professionals on various properties around our county. Rail accessibility, various zoning parcels, and fiber optic needs were just a few topics discussed during this productive meeting. Sheila spoke on the people of Ukraine, what they are going through right now. Veterans that served our country and put their lives on the line for all of us, to protect us and our rights. We have a democracy that is intact. Thank you, veterans. God Bless America.

Attorney Friedman, reminded the Commission of the Public Workshop scheduled for Stakeholders to meet and discuss the proposed amendments to the La Porte County Commercial Truck Ordinance 2020-2, March 7th at 6:00 p.m. here in the meeting room 3 at the Complex. County personnel will be on hand to hear questions and concerns, as well as Attorney Laura Nirenberg. La Porte County Ordinance #2020-2 was adopted to regulate and control commercial truck activity, to conserve and maintain public roadways and bridges within the unincorporated areas of the county.

President Sheila Matias adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
DATE 3-16-2022

ATTEST: _____ Auditor

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