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**La Porte County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 4, 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.

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

Considered the agenda. **Commissioner Mrozinski** motioned to accept the agenda. **Commissioner Haney** seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered approval of April 20, 2022 minutes. **Commissioner Mrozinski** motioned to approve. **Commissioner Haney** seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Auditor Tim Stabosz read the Claims with Payroll ending 4/22/2022 - \$1,275,471.27 and Operating Expense Claims - \$1,675,007.29. **Commissioner Mrozinski** motioned to approve. **Commissioner Haney** seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

President Matias, please remember the focus is on conducting county business on the agenda. Be respectful.

Public Comment

Thao Nguyen, with colleague Dan Cory from the firm of Plews Shadley Racher & Braun, attorneys for Stephen Nightingale. Thanked the Commission for the stop work order on the MS4 permit issued to Daniel Versaw on 1000 North in Galena Township. Dr. Nightingale assembled 24 signatures from his neighbors thanking the Board for their decision. Ms. Nguyen read the letter into the record then distributed copies of the signed letters to the Board members. *****Letter attached to minutes**

Phyllis Marks, 118 Sagamore Parkway, La Porte, commented on the sale of the County Home. Claims of 'no bids' or interested parties. She was not allowed to explore the home when it was for sale even though she asked many times. She had a group that was interested but excuses were given as to why they could not explore the building. After the sale, Commissioner Mrozinski told her he didn't know anything about the sale of the County Home. She questioned the Commission on how many knew it was up for sale. **Commissioner Haney**, he was in the audience just as she was, heard her trials and tribulations when she was denied access to the building. **Phyllis**, she was told she assaulted a maintenance man and was asked to apologize. Questioned whether or not the home was sold by County Attorney Shaw Friedman and Auditor Joie Winski at the time. **President Matias**, please state your comments but it will not be question/answer time. **Phyllis**, the sale of the County Home was not done correctly, not advertised properly, incorrect address listed, and no sign out front on the property. She is 91 years old and a long-time county resident. Where is the iron fence that used to surround the home? While restoring the barn the wrought iron fence was leaning against the hog barn but has since disappeared. County spent 1.2 million on the home 8-10 years ago, new windows, new roof, new boiler system yet no one bid on it?

ORIGINAL

Tim Shortt, Michiana Marine Corp League Detachment 1348 and as the Department of Indiana's co-coordinator for Toys for Tots, every year just after Veterans' Day and up through Christmas, collection boxes are seen in 4 locations for donations in county buildings. Locally in La Porte County 13,600 toys were collected and distributed to about 3,900 children at Christmas time. Nationally, a little over 19 million toys were collected and given to 7.3 million children last year. In November of 2021, tornadoes ripped through parts of Kentucky and his group was able to donate \$45,000 worth of toys to the children in that area so they could have a Christmas. Certificates of Appreciation are given to groups who support their cause and Tim presented the Commissioners with a Toys for Tots Commander's Award. A part of the Marine Corp League is a social club called 'Devil Dogs' and they donate money to local children's hospital wherever their National Convention is located so in 2019, a \$50,000 check was presented to the Billings Children's Infusion Center, in 2020 about \$40,000 was donated to St. Jude's Hospital and in 2021 in Springfield, Illinois a check for \$70,000 was given to St. John's Children's NICU. Although they may not be active-duty Marines, they are still serving.

Jim Kimmel, 1015 S. Westwood Drive, La Porte, election day process had a few issues. A voter reported to him a precinct in Center Township was having issues, the voter had to go to work and was told 'well, I guess you don't get to vote.' This is unacceptable and provisional ballots should have been available. Voiced his concerns for the results tabulation at the end of the evening. Both the media and candidates look forward to results given out in increments, say every ten precincts or so, but instead everyone had to wait almost 4 hours until any information was released. This was due allegedly to 'transparency' which is unacceptable as well. Everyone should have been told prior to the 4-hour wait. **Commissioner Haney**, it was a 2-1 vote by the County Election Board to hold the results, both attorneys versus the Clerk, until everything was collected and fully tabulated. Clerk Stevens voted against that and wanted to release results as they were coming in. "I know there's going to be some more looking into that but I think it caught everyone flat footed, including the Clerk, that the, you know, 2 of the 3 election board members were going to go the way they did last night so I understand your concerns." **Clerk Stevens**, via Zoom, wished the results would have been released as they had been in the past. **Attorney Shaw Friedman**, questioned Nelson Pichardo, Democrat Election Board Attorney, as to why the results were not being released as previously done, he was told that the new technology played a part in the delay and a decision was made by the two attorneys on the board not to release any results until all precincts were in and numbers fully tabulated. Both attorneys, Republican Chuck Watterson and Democrat Nelson Pichardo, made the decision to wait until everything was counted. The decision was made in good faith and hopefully can be modified come the fall election. Clerk Stevens was not a part of the May Primary Election in 2020 when incorrect tallies were given then had to be retracted. Everyone should have been informed prior to Election Day that the results would be released differently than previous elections.

Department Reports/Department Head Comments

Tim Stabosz, Auditor, brief status on the recalculation of the tax bills. Certified Net Assessed Values were submitted through the Gateway System on Monday to the state which starts the recalculation process. The budget order, tax abstract and advertising of the tax ratio chart 3 times two weeks apart. Hope is to have the new bills out by the end of the month. Tax payers are encouraged to pay prior to the May 10th deadline to avoid penalties. Typical bill should be less than 5% so please pay the taxes.

Mike Callahan, Juvenile Service Center, Assistant Director, tomorrow on May 5th will be the National Thank a Youth Officer Day. Highlighted programs at the facility. Secure detention is only a small part, Educational Day Reporting with the area schools for students who are given a last chance before they are expelled from school and still earn credit through the online system that the schools accept; Day/Evening reporting program for those that may need more supervision but not as much supervision as Secure Detention and can be referred by Probation and DCS; house children from the Department of Child Services that may not have any other place to go or in transition between placements. Currently they have staff shortages which has caused the other employees to pick up extra shifts, work in the kitchen or anywhere else they may be needed. Publicly thanked all of those currently working at the Juvenile Service Center for their work and dedication.

Tony Rodriguez, OCED, Tuesday, May 10th between 2-6 p.m. at Blue Chip Casino along with Michigan City Economic Development Corporation, Michigan City Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Indiana Workforce Board and WorkOne will host the 6th annual Michigan City Job Fair event with up to 100 employers seeking employment.

Rob Sabie, EMA, reported on the tornado siren at Westville that was relocated from the old police station to the park. A pole was donated, the siren was moved however when activated he could not get it to reset so it was disabled. A siren at Hwy 4/104 needs repair. Sirens are tested the first of every month on Saturday mornings. In April a program on Emergency Management was done at Lake Hills School with elementary students in Michigan City. Students interacted, well informed and the teachers are doing a great job. Grants will be applied for, hopefully to help with the repairs of the sirens. Currently the sirens are two different parts, Federal heads with American Signature electronics so the equipment is actually half and half. Repairs are difficult on the sirens because of not having unison manufactured products.

Requests

Considered permission for travel to NASW Conference in Washington, D.C. June 22-25, 2022. **Katherine Schmitt**, Adult Protective Services, requested 2 investigators to attend the National Association of Social Work Conference to learn about Elder Financial issues, mental health, treatments and services that are available. A state grant is funding everything, no additional funds are needed from the County. **Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered permission for travel to Fidlar Symposium in Davenport, Iowa May 16-18, 2022 for herself and her deputy. **Ela Bilderback**, Recorder, meals, gas and mileage are covered, just the two-night hotel stay is needed. Reported in April she and Darlene Hale, IT Director, graduated from the AIC Leadership Academy with a certificate in Leadership. **Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered permission to approach the Council for additional appropriations of \$70,000 for autopsies. **Lynn Swanson**, Coroner, via Zoom. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered letter of endorsement for annual DOC Community Supervision Grant and DOC Residential Work Release Grant. **Rochelle Brown**, Community Corrections Director, via Zoom, deadline is Friday. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered letter of endorsement for annual DOC Drug Court Grant and Pretrial Grant. Steve Eyrick, Chief of Probation, was not present. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered Proclamation for Correctional Officers and Employees Week May 1-7, 2022. **John Boyd**, Sheriff, the first week in May was designated by President Ronald Reagan as Proclamation 5187 on May 5, 1984 as National Correctional Officers Week. One of the most meaningful compliments that was bestowed upon his jail staff came late this winter from a previously incarcerated offender who had been transferred to a state mental facility and he wrote the following letter on his release, 'Dear Sheriff Boyd and the Jail Deputies, I just want to say thank you for getting me the help that I needed when you guys treated me with respect and you were a big help. I am now out of the state hospital and I'm at a group home and I'm doing a great job and I'm going to group and staying out of trouble so I don't have to come back to your temporary holding cells again so thank you again for all of your help.' To date he calls the jail every other week to check in with the staff and thank them for his success. This is due to their positive attitude while performing their job. Sheriff Boyd introduced Deputy Michelle Allen, Sgt Aaron Harner and Sgt. Steve Oliver, who is assistant Jail Commander. **Sgt. Steve Oliver**, proud 22-year member of the Sheriff's Department, began his career on 9-11-2000. Jail officers take the job knowing it may be dangerous, no matter the weather, and even during the pandemic the staff showed up to work and should be commended. Personal goal is to return home after work and professional goal is to keep the community safe as well as the inmate population safe while under the care/custody of the county jail. There are employees that drive in from other counties to work in our jail and it is a compliment to the Sheriff who has created a culture for the department, they remain fully staffed and he thanked all officers for their dedication. **Commissioner Haney** read into the record the Proclamation. **Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried 3-0. ***Attached to minutes**

Considered Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services Week May 15-21, 2022. **Andrew McGuire**, EMS Director, and Assistant Director **Eric Fenstermaker**, in celebration of this years' National EMS Week and in an effort to recognize the professional, compassionate and dedicated men and women of La Porte County EMS, requested consideration of the proclamation. He shared there are 64 employees, of the 64, 25 are full-time EMTs, 28 full-time paramedics, 5 part-time

paramedics, and 1 part-time EMT. In-house billing department has 4 employees and 1 office manager. When asked 'what does it take to be an EMT' the response is on an average the course consists of approximately 160 hours of classroom time, followed by 12-24 hours of clinical time, and a typical course usually lasts 6-7 months. This is an entry level EMS, typically. Paramedics, which are considered the highest level of provider on the ambulances, an average course consist of 500 hours of classroom instruction followed by another 300-400 hours of clinical time. As a paramedic student you are required to do clinical rotation time through every department in a hospital, such as lab, ER, OB, ICU, Neonatal ICU and just about every department for clinical rotation. There is additional time on an ambulance with multiple preceptors before your course is even considered completed. The National Registry test is next with hopes of passing. A typical paramedic class lasts 12-18 months before you are even able to take the National Registry test. La Porte County EMS operates on a 24-on/48-off rotation among 3 different shifts, A, B and C shifts. Three bases - La Porte, Michigan City and Wanatah then currently a 4th one, Rolling Prairie, will be breaking ground today. La Porte County is the second largest county in our state and our EMS covers the entirety of it with 7 ambulances. At times they are stretched thin. In 2021, 15,834 calls of service came in which is an increase of 1,184 calls more than the year 2020. "We're an extremely busy EMS service with a wide range of call types." It could be anywhere from landing a helicopter for a 5-patient motor vehicle accident with heavy trauma to attending a call for someone that just doesn't feel well. Management team consists of Field Train Officers, Lieutenants, and Captains and along with the Administration Department often respond to large incidents, off duty, to assist their crews, night and day. They are a 5-time winner of the Indiana Paramedic Provider of the Year Award and the last award was in 2015. Events are planned for the employees. Andrew encouraged the Commission to stop by any of the bases or offices to show appreciate and support. **Commissioner Haney** read the Proclamation into the record. *****Attached to the minutes. Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Old Business

Considered 2nd/Final reading on Tax Fraud Ordinance. **John Carr**, Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters and **Joe Svetanoff**, Attorney with Kopka Pinkus Dolin, 9801 Connecticut Drive, Crown Point, representing the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters. **John Carr**, several municipalities throughout Northwest Indiana have passed a tax fraud ordinance, is well supported from both sides of the aisle, is bipartisan, a real issue that is growing and affects all the skill trade people who work construction on a daily basis. The problem is real and support is needed from the local level. This ordinance will protect the county and the tradesman that live/work here, both union and non-union, that play by the rules and pay their share of taxes. Members of the Building Trades were in attendance for the meeting to show support for the ordinance. **Joe Svetanoff**, "You've already heard the presentation from Mr. Carr on the first reading of this ordinance with the importance of the ordinance uncovering tax fraud itself, the negative impact it has to local and state collection rates and in protecting the working men and women within La Porte County." In early April La Porte County Prosecutor John Lake filed charges against a contractor for tax fraud under Indiana Code. The ordinance will provide certain county officials with additional tools to not allow this type of fraud to occur in the county again. **President Matias** opened the meeting for Public Comment pertaining to this ordinance. **Commissioner Mrozinski**, as a member of the United Steel Workers for 37½ years and his wife a member for 27 years, its pretty simple, you're either against tax fraud or you're okay with it. The issue with The Banks and the contractor on Clear Lake in La Porte should be proof enough that we need some form of enforcement. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve.** **Commissioner Haney**, appears to be updates made from the first reading and he appreciated the changes made. He still has issues with the ordinance, it looks like direct copy/paste with edits made from the City of La Porte's ordinance on tax fraud. Example, last page, item 'f,' "It says additionally, 'a contractor found to have violated the conditions and requirements of Section 10-47 (a)' that's referencing the City of La Porte." Number 7 (b) and (c) needs attention. If the City of La Porte has had this ordinance on the books it obviously did not stop the contractors at The Banks project at NewPorte Landing. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve on 2nd/final reading with amendments.** **Commissioner Haney seconded the amendments only. Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to accept the ordinance on 2nd and final reading with amendments.** **President Matias**, the ordinance bans the practice of large companies paying workers without reporting it. Fraud is fraud. Taxes are paid to support community services such as law enforcement, fire departments, sheriffs, schools and even road crews. "During the last Commission meeting we heard our esteemed Senator Bohacek explain that in his view there are some shady things happening here and he used the word shady." Tax dollars are lost and it puts the burden on those that pay taxes. Proud to support the working men and women of our county, both union and non-union. Family, faith, hard work and the goal for an education was taught to her by immigrant parents. "How did my father survive as a newcomer to this country, who knew no one and had no connections, because the unions fought for him and they protected him so he in turn could work hard and support our family. If the paint factory in Cleveland that paid my dad an honest wage for a hard day's work would have chosen to bring in unskilled

workers on the downlow to save a buck while fleecing the U.S. tax payer, I likely wouldn't be here today talking to you. Frankly, I don't understand how anyone could be against an ordinance banning the practice of having sham workers not pay their fair share of taxes so in affect taking food off other people's tables are making it difficult for people to pay their rent, pay their mortgage, while corrupt companies get richer." In the last meeting government undermining Uber drivers, DoorDash workers and 1099 workers were comments heard. We are good people in this county who work hard and pay our taxes. This is a bipartisan issue. She asked if there was a seconded from **Commissioner Haney**, "No, stopping fraud and mistreatment of workers I think is crucial but passing 'feel good' laws that we see have no impact on stopping this corrupt behavior while at the same time adding more additional red tape and bureaucracy to legitimate business owners in La Porte County, I don't think is the right way to go. I would continue to encourage the state just like I did when Senator Bohacek was here, and also encourage Representative Pressel as well, to work at the state level to continue to increase some enforcement for the Indiana Work Force as well as the other entities down there, you know it simply does not make sense to pass 'feel good' laws that aren't going to actually have any affect on what we're trying to stop, I think it's just passing the buck down the road and I think we really should focus on encouraging our state legislators to do what they can to continue because if some of these companies aren't dissuaded by felonies and things like that a simple \$2500 fine I don't think is going to have any additional weight on that, especially not when we consider the added cost and burden to the legitimate small business owners and minority business owners here in La Porte County so no." **President Matias stepped down and seconded the motion. Commissioner Haney - Nay. Motion carried 2-1. ***Ordinance 2022-2**

Considered reinstatement of the Coronavirus Paid Sick Leave Policy April 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

New Business

Considered renewal of county's property/liability insurance policies - **John Jones**/Stacy Green - Michiana Insurance, County's liability agent of record. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered renewal of contract with Gallagher Bassett - County's Third-Party claims administrators, **Brenda Shaffer**, Gallagher-Bassett, via Zoom. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered opening bids for 12 replacement vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. **John Boyd**, Sheriff, for the bid opening by **Attorney Shaw Friedman**. La Porte Chrysler Dodge Jeep dealership bid on 2022 Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicles - \$38,987 per vehicle with a road ready package of \$6,447 submitted by Matt Magnuson. Timely dated and received. A letter postmarked April 23rd but arrived in the Commissioners' office on May 2nd from Lochmandy Ford out of Knox stated unfortunately due to ongoing supply chain shortages Ford has stopped taking orders for 2022 model year police vehicles effective March 25th. This was done to eliminate current backlog, as of the writing of the notice Ford has not made pricing available for the 2023 model year, has not provided any information as to when 2023 pricing will be available so due to these circumstances Lochmandy Ford must respectfully decline to bid but will be bidding on the 2023 model vehicles when 2023 pricing is made available. Bids were given to Sheriff Boyd for his recommendation at the next Commissioners' meeting. **Commissioner Haney motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered contract amendments for grant supported sign replacement project. **Mitch Bishop**, about 2 years ago he came to the Commission for support of a grant agreement for sign replacement in 8 townships. In January the bids for the project came in at \$171,363 over the estimate, he received funds to cover this which will be for roughly 5,000 signs. Today he is requesting two grants with H. W. Lochner in the amounts of \$9,282.88 and \$5,250.00. **Commissioner Haney motioned to accept. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried 3-1.**

Considered renewal of interlocal agreement with Pottawattomie Park and La Porte County for building code inspection services. **Attorney Shaw Friedman** for Attorney Doug Biege, recommended approval by the board for the renewal. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered contract with Thomson Reuters for computer search services to aid Prosecutor Office investigations. Prosecutor **John Lake**, funds are available just need permission from the Board. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve. Commissioner Haney seconded. Motion carried 3-0.**

Considered first reading on ordinance to restrict use of jake brakes on vehicles. **Commissioner Mrozinski**, a few years ago this was considered but never followed through on and he continues to receive phone calls about passing this for our county. He called INDOT and was told to pass a local ordinance, signs can be posted where needed and he supports it. **Commissioner Mrozinski motioned to approve.** **President Matias** opened the floor for comments from the public. **Sheriff Boyd** stated calls are frequent for this issue. His department can enforce once an ordinance is in place. No public comments were heard at this time. **Commissioner Haney seconded for first reading only. Motion carried 3-0.**
*****First Reading Only for Ordinance on Jake Brakes restriction**

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Haney, reported on Wellness Days for the employees and the opening of the new clinic. Excited for the groundbreaking ceremony later this afternoon for the new EMS Base/Highway Garage in Rolling Prairie which has been underserved for years now. Possibly after passing the LIT tax, we may be able to get an additional ambulance and crews for this facility. As EMS Director stated earlier, we currently have 7 ambulances to cover our entire county. Hopefully stress will be lifted from the current staff. Wrapped up by saying, 'If it can be destroyed by the truth, it deserves to be destroyed by the truth.'

Commissioner Mrozinski, reports came back on the drone flyover on the Franklin Street Bridge. A plan has been submitted to Congressman Mrvan's office for consideration of a grant for repairs. Yesterday a meeting was held with a group of residents for a potential Mill Creek to Fish Lake Bike Trail. Code enforcement issues continue to come in to the office. Hopefully progress will be made soon for the county. Commented on the upcoming workshop for the Meadowview Estates/Kingsbury Creek drainage issue. The Redevelopment Commission continues moving forward on several projects; 39 North, Loves Travel Stop at U.S. 421/I-94, and Hwy 35/U.S. 20/I-94. Continuing to work on the recent tax problem. Graves registration will be coming up for placing a flag on all veterans' graves that served our country. VFWs and American Legion's memberships are decreasing, help has been offered by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to put flags on the graves at the cemeteries. Continuing work with the Veterans Advisory Board for the county and the Mayor's Veterans' Committee in La Porte. The Regional Sewer and Water Board is currently working on the Saugany Lake project. Attended a meeting with the Rolling Prairie Business and Community Association and they're excited about the EMS Base/Highway Garage going in their community. Reported on the roof leak issue around the chimney at the Museum, Building Maintenance and a contractor are working on it. Volunteers are needed at the Museum. LEAP, Small Animal Shelter and the Drainage Board have had meetings as well. Rich said although the position of Commissioner is part-time, he works 24/7 whether on the phone, emails, text messages or in person doing work for the county. "Although it is a part-time job, it's a busy job, if you do it right and all the different people we deal with, it gives you a good feeling at the end of the long, hard day that you're doing the best that you can do with what you were elected to do."

Commissioner Matias, today's groundbreaking just didn't happen, it is from the efforts of the last 20 years and those who have kept pushing the idea forward. Thanked Commissioner Mrozinski for his involvement in the process for the east part of our county. Met with the committee for the Mill Creek Bike Trail. As a board member of NIRPC she is hoping a fund might be available to help with the project of the bike trail. Thursday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m., a workshop will be held here at the complex for Meadowview Estates/Kingsbury Creek area drainage project. A Zoom link will be made available. The Next Level grant for broadband was applied for 3 times and the efforts paid off. We were able to get better in the application process, we were designated as a Broadband Ready Community in January and have been awarded 6.8 million dollars, Surf Broadband has added \$2 million dollars as well. La Porte County Works! is showcasing Building Trades this meeting. The Indiana Plan offers apprenticeships for skilled careers. Great quotes from carpenters, for example from Scott Cooley, Business Representative for IKOC, 'The La Porte County and Northwest Indiana building trades offer a sustainable, life-long opportunity with career advancements for those interested in a hands-on learning experience. The building trades play a critical role in sustaining the economic growth of the Region and have been a long-time supporter of community activities.' From fixing our roads and bridges to renovating the historic buildings, from residential construction needs, supporting manufacturing plants and industrial expansions, the building trades provide critical services that affect everyone in our community on a daily basis. Tradesmen and tradeswomen such as ironworkers, operating engineers, sheet metal workers, carpenters, electricians, construction laborers, roofers, millwrights, plumbers, painters, cement finishers, and bricklayers are examples of the building trades careers that provide good living wages for families across La Porte County and across the region. The trades built Northwest Indiana.

Commissioner Mrozinski, 'be careful what you hear about somebody, you might be hearing it from the problem.' An individual requested he read the quote during the meeting.

President Sheila Matias adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA

DATE 5-18-2022
Sheila Matias
Paul D. Mrozinski

ATTEST: _____

Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

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May 2, 2022

Ms Sheila Matias, President
La Porte County IN Board of Commissioners
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Dear President Matias,

Thank you for defending our community by issuing the Order to Stop Work on what you have found to be the illegal sand mining operation conducted by Mr. Daniel Versaw on the Agriculturally Zoned land between my and the recently deceased Ms Nina Firebaugh's farms on 1000 N (998 E and 066 E, respectively).

We urge you and your fellow Commissioners to continue to support us as we seek to remediate the environmental, economic, and public health damages this sand mining has caused, and to assure that any similar illegal activity never happens again in our County.

Sincerely,

Stephen D Nightingale

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County of La Porte

Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, Correctional facilities across the U.S. are run by highly qualified and experienced individuals with a deep understanding of the challenges within the profession; and
- WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees are resourceful, capable, committed, patient and persistent professionals in criminal justice and our nation; and
- WHEREAS, Correctional officers and employees serve admirably in many different capacities, including jail administrators, wardens, chaplains, nurses, supervisors, social workers, teachers, managers and directors; and
- WHEREAS, The career of correctional officers and employees is often very challenging and stressful, the dedicated individuals who work in the La Porte County Jail every day perform their duties well and with great pride; and
- WHEREAS, La Porte County Jail correctional officers and employees are brave, courageous and tenacious individuals who put their lives and health at risk every day to keep the public safe and serve this honorable profession nobly and admirably;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Commissioners of La Porte County, do hereby proclaim
May 1-7, 2022 as

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK

in the County of La Porte, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.



President Sheila Matias, Commissioner

Vice President Richard Mrozinski, Commissioner

Joe Haney, Commissioner



LAPORTE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

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ANDREW McGUIRE
Administrator

Resolution _____

PROCLAMATION

TO DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF MAY 15th – 21st, 2022 AS
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

Whereas, emergency medical service is a vital public service; and

Whereas, members of the LaPorte County Emergency Medical Service team are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

Whereas, emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival rate and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

Whereas, emergency medical service providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; and

Whereas, the LaPorte County Emergency Medical Services team consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

Whereas, the members of the LaPorte County Emergency Medical Services team, whether a career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

Whereas, LaPorte County residents benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of our LaPorte County Emergency Medical Service provider by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

Now, therefore, the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaPorte, State of Indiana, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 15th – 21st, 2022 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.


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ATTEST:


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