

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL
August 22nd, 2022 at 6:00PM

A regular meeting of the La Porte County Council was held on August 22nd, 2022 at 6:00pm (central time) in the Assembly Room of the La Porte County Government Complex located at 809 State Street, La Porte, Indiana, 46350.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6pm by the Council President, Randy Novak.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Novak, followed by a moment of silence for the recently deceased District 2 Congresswoman Jackie Walorski.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Novak, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Yagelski, Mr. Rosenbaum, Mr. Mollenhauer, Mr. Garner, and Mrs. Gramarossa were all physically present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 22nd, 2022 AGENDA

Mr. Rosenbaum requested to add two new items to the agenda:

1. Under New Business item no. 1, letters “d” for La Porte County Community Corrections – Intake Position, and “e” for “La Porte County Maintenance – Full Time Housekeeper”
2. Under New Business item no. 4, “La Porte County Hwy Department – Paving issues and permission to hire two seasonal part timers.”
 - i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Yagelski.
 - ii. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 25th, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

- i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mrs. Gramarossa.
- ii. All members voted in-favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Allen Stevens, President of the South County Community Coalition

Mr. Stevens explained to the Council that he was unsure of whether the funding for the U.S. 30 Coalition, which had been decided roughly one year prior during a workshop, allotted for funding for one or two years. Mr. Novak directed Mr. Stevens to reach out to Tony Rodriguez of the Economic Development Commission to confirm whether the organization's previously determined funding was for one or two years.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN FLOOR CLOSED.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Barb Huston – E-911 Director

Mrs. Huston approached the Council to ask for \$92,154 and a motion of support for the funds to be distributed as \$5,000 annual pay increases for E-911 employees.

- i. Motion to approve made by Mrs. Gramarossa and seconded by Mr. Rosenbaum.

County Auditor Tim Stabosz inquired if these proposed pay raises included E-911's Director and Assistant Director. Mr. Novak confirmed that the proposed increases affected all of E-911's staff, including the Director, with the Director still being entitled to receive their director's bonus.

E-911 Assistant Director Matt Deckard noted that the department's Director, Assistant Director, and Network Administrator would be receiving more than the proposed \$5,000, and added that E-911 paid for the salary of their designated Network Administrator. IT Director Darlene Hale supplemented that the IT Department and Sheriff's Department also paid the salary of their designated Network Administrators out of their own departments' budgets, however Ms. Hale would provide on-call administrators if a department's own administrator was not available. She also explained that the three Network Administrators in question did not all receive the same salary, and that this discrepancy had been brought up at the recent budget workshop. Mr. Novak asked if pay increases were in place for these administrators, which Mrs. Hale explained that the Sheriff and IT's Network Administrators had pay increases set in place. Mrs. Gramarossa noted that if all three administrators performed the same duties, that they should be receiving the same salaries. Mr. Mollenhauer added that the salaries of the County and Sheriff's administrators would be brought up during the upcoming budget workshop. Mr. Deckard supplemented that E-911's Network Administrator was being paid a \$51,494 salary, and explained that increasing the associate's pay by \$10,000 would increase the annual salary to \$61,494, prorated for the remainder of 2022.

Mrs. Gramarossa asked how much the Sheriff's Network Administrator pay was annually, which Mr. Mollenhauer revealed was roughly \$45,000. Ms. Hale added that the IT Network Administrator received a salary of about \$46,000-\$48,000. Mrs. Gramarossa inquired as to why the three salaries varied as much as they did, to which Sheriff John Boyd explained that his own Network Administrator was classified as a Jailer, and proposed that the base salary of all three of the Network Administrators should be the same. Ms. Hale added that if the Network Administrator's recently recommended classifications were approved, per the recommendation of the County's Job Classification Committee, all three admins would no longer receive step-raises once the new classifications became active.

Mr. Novak clarified that the requested funds of \$92,154 was for the \$5,000 increases for all E-911 Employees, which Mrs. Huston confirmed. Mr. Novak then inquired as to why the E-911 Director, E-911 Assistant Director, and E-911 Network Administrator were not receiving the same \$5,000 incremental pay increase as the rest of E-911 staff. Mr. Deckard explained that the proposed salary increases for the Director, Assistant Director, and E-911 Network Administrator had been determined in previous budget hearings, and noted that he would look over the proposed salary increases of the three persons, although said increases were meant to reflect the rates of those positions in the surrounding counties.

Mr. Yagelski noted his exception that the salary increases for the E-911 Director, E-911 Assistant Director, and E-911 Network Administrator would be based off of the pay of surrounding counties when said counties had different tax rates than that of La Porte County. Mr. Cunningham added that Starke County paid less for these positions than what La Porte County did, while Mr. Mollenhauer added that the general population of Starke County was also significantly smaller than that of La Porte.

Mr. Yagelski additionally added that the Council had not officially changed the job classification for the E-911 Director, E-911 Assistant Director, or the E-911 Network Administrator, which Mrs. Huston and Ms. Hale confirmed that the classification had not yet officially been changed, just recommended by the Job Committee.

- ii. Mrs. Gramarossa withdrew her original motion, and motioned instead for all E-911 employees to receive a \$5,000 pay increase from now until the end of the year, and to also include the Sheriff Department's Network Administrator and IT Network's Administrator in the consideration.

Mr. Rosenbaum noted that he would not agree to support the motion for two reasons; first, that he would have preferred the motion to offer a pro-rata of \$5,000 for the rest of the year, and additionally, that the Sheriff's Network Administrator and IT's Network Administrator should not be included to receive a pay raise until their classifications had been officially changed. He explained that once these changes were implemented, he would agree to the motion.

Mrs. Huston added that, at this time, she was only requesting the proposed pay raises for the E-911 employees, not the additional two Network Administrators, and said two Network Administrators would have their job reclassifications addressed at the next budget workshop.

- iii. Mrs. Gramarossa withdrew her motion and instead motioned to grant a \$5,000 pay raise for all E-911 employees, pro-rated for the rest of the year, seconded by Mr. Rosenbaum.

- iv. Five members voted in favor (Mr. Rosenbaum, Mr. Novak, Mr. Mollenhauer, Mrs. Gramarossa, Mr. Garner) and two members voted not-in-favor (Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Yagelski).

Steve Eyrick – Chief Probation Administrator

Mr. Eyrick approached the Council to ask for permission to spend \$11,972.95 from Probation User Fees for computers for the Superior 2 Court, which would include monitors as well as software.

- i. Motion to approve made by Mrs. Gramarossa and seconded by Mr. Yagelski.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

Jeremy Sobecki – Parks Superintendent

Mr. Sobecki reported that, earlier that day, a 20-year-old air conditioning unit had broken down due to an aged compressor. He explained that the unit in particular chilled the hall and restrooms near the rental area. Mr. Sobecki added that he had reached out to the La Porte County Maintenance Department's Doug Newland regarding a rate for a new air conditioner, and received a rate of \$4,884 for a unit from Berkheimer. He explained that there was another unit that was beginning to age that he would like to replace as well, so in total, he would prefer to purchase two air conditioners at the price of \$4,884 each.

Mr. Yagelski stated that he would prefer to replace just one unit for the time being, and replace the other unit at the beginning of 2023. Mr. Mollenhauer asked Mr. Sobecki if a reduced rate for purchasing two air conditioners was an option, however Mr. Sobecki explained that given the last-minute nature of the air conditioner's breakdown, he had not looked into whether or not a discounted rate could be acquired.

- i. Motion of support made by Mr. Yagelski to approve the purchase of one air conditioner, with the exception that two could be purchased if a discounted rate could be secured, made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Cunningham.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Cunningham: Mr. Cunningham informed the room that five students from the Union Mills South Central School's Social Studies class were present at the meeting, and expressed pride in their attendance of the meeting.

Councilman Yagelski: Mr. Yagelski shared his condolences regarding the recent death of Congresswoman Jackie Walorski, and praised the work of her and her team and the influence they had on La Porte County.

Councilman Rosenbaum: Mr. Rosenbaum waived his liaison.

Councilman Garner: Mr. Garner reported that the Sheriff had sent an email about his various ongoing issues, however the most prominent of those was the struggle to retain his current officers amidst the competitive salaries in the surrounding counties. He urged the Council to take action, and also informed them that the Sheriff's newly ordered vehicles were slowly arriving.

Councilwoman Gramarossa: Mrs. Gramarossa informed the Council that the County Coroner, Lynn Swanson, had been working 60-65 hour weeks, however only received an annual salary of \$30,958, which came out to an hourly rate of roughly \$10.75 per hour. She noted her exception to this, and added that when part-timers for the County were offered \$15.00 per hour and some local food establishments started their employees off at \$20.00, the Coroner shouldn't be paid such a meager salary.

Councilman Mollenhauer: Mr. Mollenhauer attended the Economic Development meeting, the La Porte County Quarterly Employee Insurance Meeting with GIS, and also attended the executive session and its follow-up meeting regarding the Human Resources position. He attended another meeting about La Porte employee insurance with Fidelity Insurance representatives, while also attending the ribbon cutting for the new playground at Bluhm County Park. Mr. Mollenhauer also met with Facilities Superintendent Larry Levendowski regarding staffing troubles, and met with Mericka Beaty of Community Corrections as well.

Councilman Novak: Mr. Novak attended a Redevelopment Commission Meeting, the ribbon cutting at Bluhm County Park, had one meeting with E-911, and also reported that FMEC meetings were ongoing.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 2022-05 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2009-03 to Add Penalty for Failure to Pay the Yearly Sex or Violent Offender Registration Fee as Well as Failure to Pay the Address Change Fees

[Editor's Note: This ordinance originated with the County Commission.]

- i. Motion to suspend the rules to allow for one reading made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer.
- ii. All members voted in favor.
- iii. Motion to read by title only made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer.
- iv. All members voted in favor.

- v. Auditor Tim Stabosz read aloud the ordinance.
- vi. Motion to approve made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Rosenbaum.
- vii. All members voted in favor.
- viii. Motion to approve on second reading made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Rosenbaum.
- ix. All members voted in favor.

Ordinance No. 2022-07 – An Ordinance to Adopt Request to Use Recorder’s Perpetuation Fund to Cover Office Expenses and Salaries

- i. Motion to suspend the rules to allow for one reading made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Rosenbaum.
- ii. All members voted in favor.
- iii. Motion to read by title only made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mrs. Gramarossa.
- iv. All members voted in favor.
- v. Auditor Stabosz read about the ordinance.
- vi. Motion to approve made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mrs. Gramarossa.
- vii. All members voted in favor.
- viii. Motion to approve on second reading made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Cunningham.
- ix. All members voted in favor.

Resolution No. 2022-07 – A Resolution Authorizing Support for the Pursuit of Middle Mile Fiber Optic Network Construction and Submission to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce

- i. Motion to approve by title only made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mrs. Gramarossa.

Economic Development Director Tony Rodriguez approached the Council to speak about the resolution. He informed the room that a workshop was to be planned for October 7th, in which all of the vendors that would be partaking in the middle mile fiber optic network construction would be present. He explained the middle mile fiber optic network construction would allow for new construction to expand internet connectivity in La Porte’s underserved areas, especially in the rural, southern areas of the

County. Mr. Rodriguez added that, previously, these areas were underserved due to internet service providers not wanting to invest in expanding due to poor investment returns. He explained that Neo Network Development would be preparing the grant application, and that the project in general was considered vendor-neutral. He noted that the match for the grant would be funded by the Kankakee Rural Electric Co-Op.

Mr. Rodriguez introduced Neo Network Development's Vice President of Sales and Business Development, David Wojcik. Mr. Wojcik explained that the NTIA was to be the administrator of the middle mile grant, and with the deadline for its application being September 30th, Neo Networks Development had already begun some of the preliminary work that was required to apply for the grant. He added that middle mile fiber optic was slightly different than ISPs: where ISPs primarily directly connected internet with clients, middle mile fiber optic was more a backbone for a network, allowing for ISPs to expand into rural areas and reduce their costs in doing so. This in turn would offer more internet service providers for clients to choose from, while also offering faster internet speeds, and hopefully stimulate development in the southern La Porte County area, which was designated as underserved.

- ii. All members voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of Council President's authorization to hire replacement positions for:

- a. La Porte County Juvenile Services – Educational Coordinator and Youth Specialist Worker positions

- i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Rosenbaum.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

- b. La Porte County Health Department – Nursing position

- i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Mollenhauer and seconded by Mr. Rosenbaum and Mrs. Gramarossa.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

- c. La Porte County Sheriff – Front Desk Administrative Assistant

- i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Mollenhauer and seconded by Mr. Rosenbaum.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

- d. La Porte County Community Corrections – Intake Position

- i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Mollenhauer and seconded by Mrs. Gramarossa.

ii. All members voted in favor.

e. **La Porte County Maintenance – Full Time Housekeeper**

i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mrs. Gramarossa.

ii. All members voted in favor.

2. La Porte Superior Court No. 1 – Permission to transfer \$1,000 from 1000-10130-000-0149 (Extra Hire/Part-time) to 1000-20001-000-0149 (Office Supplies) and \$1,000 from 1000-10130-00000149 to 1000-20048-000-0149 (Bailliff Supplies).

i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Cunningham.

ii. All members voted in favor.

3. La Porte County Sheriff – Permission to spend from Misdemeanant Fund in the amount of \$3,845 for additional labor cost of installing new switches in the jail.

i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Cunningham.

ii. All members voted in favor.

4. La Porte County Highway Department:

a. **Permission to hire two seasonal part timers**

Highway Department Superintendent Duane Werner explained that two of his full-time employees were slated to retire at the end of the year, which would leave two positions open during the department's most demanding season. To ensure that his department would be properly staffed during the winter season, he requested approval to hire two part-time seasonal employees, who would be given the option to fulfill soon-to-be vacant full-time positions.

i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Mollenhauer and seconded by Mrs. Gramarossa.

ii. All members voted in favor.

b. **Paving issues**

Mr. Yagelski noted that the Highway Department's paving projects were ahead of schedule and still have funds available to perform more projects, and as such proposed that additional blacktop paving be done before the year's end. He recommended that paving be done in various subdivision areas, with the cost for paving two subdivisions

averaging at roughly \$250,000. Mr. Werner confirmed that although all of the invoices for paving projects had yet to come in, the highway department did in fact still have the funding to perform additional paving projects. Mr. Cunningham also advised prioritizing new paving projects before the year's end, as according to a few reports he had read, the cost of paving was slated to rise as high as 20%-23% in 2023. Mr. Yagelski asked how much money was available for the Highway Department, which Chief Deputy Auditor Vaughn Galloway confirmed that \$1.3 million was available in the MVH Account.

- i. Motion to approve at a not-to-exceed \$300,000, and to revisit the topic at the next Council meeting when the total availability of funding for paving was able to be determined made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Yagelski.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, AND REQUESTS

La Porte County Maintenance

Requesting Additional Appropriations from Riverboat (1191) or ARP (8950/8951) for:

- 1. Annex Windows not-to-exceed \$20,000
- 2. La Porte County Community Corrections HVAC not-to-exceed \$35,000

- i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Garner.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County Sheriff

Requesting Additional Appropriations from Riverboat (1191) or ARP (8950/8951) for:

- 1. Gasoline \$70,000
- 2. Extraditions (Return of Fugitives) \$4,000
- 3. Jail Overtime \$20,000
- 4. Inmate Food \$123,000

(Full Amount was previously advertised and broken down to 1/3 of original request.)

- i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mrs. Gramarossa.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County EMS

Requesting Additional Appropriations from Riverboat (1191) or ARP (8950/8951) for:

1. Furnishings for Rolling Prairie EMS Base not-to-exceed \$39,500

Mr. Yagelski questioned how many furnishings should be purchased for the Rolling Prairie EMS Base, and voiced exception in providing full furnishings for a building that might not be fully occupied with staff. EMS Administrator Andrew McGuire explained that the building would be fully staffed and would require proper furnishing, as the Rolling Prairie EMS Base's coverage was more expansive than just Rolling Prairie alone.

- i. Motion to approve out of ARP (8950/8951) made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

2. Annual Maintenance Contracts

- a. Image Trend \$11,677
- b. Stryker LP-15 \$22,950
- c. Stryker Lucas \$14,044
- d. Net Cloud \$3,173

- i. Motion to approve all items out of ARP (8950/8951) made by Mr. Mollenhauer and seconded by Mr. Rosenbaum.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County Sheriff

Requesting Additional Appropriations from Riverboat (1191) or ARP (8950/8951) or General (1000) for:

1. Merit Pension \$650,477

- i. Motion to approve out of Riverboat (1191) made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

2. Garage Uniforms \$1,500
3. Garage Overtime \$4,000

Mr. Yagelski requested that the Auditor reach out to any departments that use uniform services to see if bulk uniforms could be purchased from less vendors for lower rates.

- i. Motion to approve items 2 and 3 out of Riverboat (1191) made by Mr. Mollenhauer and seconded by Mr. Yagelski.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County IT

Requesting Additional Appropriation from Riverboat (1191) or ARP (8950/8951) for:
3- year Anti-Virus/protection policy \$90,357.75

- i. Motion to approve out of Riverboat (1191) made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Cunningham.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

Family Advocates

Requesting Additional Appropriation from Riverboat (1191) or ARP (8950/8951) for:
Cover costs associated with supervised visitation \$12,500

- i. Motion to approve, with the exception that Superior Court 2 would distribute the allocated funds, made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Mollenhauer.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County Community Corrections

Requesting Additional Appropriation from Riverboat (1191) or ARP (8950/8951) for:
Total Court Services lease agreement \$200,000

Administrative Coordinator Mericka Beaty explained to the Council that the request for the funding was to pay off accumulated fees, and fees that were foreseen to accumulate, that were a result of program participants not paying their user fees, which the courts unfortunately could not prosecute for or enforce. Mr. Yagelski explained that he didn't agree with the courts' lack of action in prosecuting participants who didn't pay their fees, and how in the past, the courts would jail participants who did not fulfill their financial obligations to the program.

Mrs. Beaty noted that the payment of the \$200,00 fee was critical, as Community Corrections was already behind on one payment for court services, and were currently out of funds to make any further payments.

- i. Motion to approve \$100,000 out of Riverboat (1191) to allow for one month of back-payment and two additional months of payment for court services to allow the Council to reach out to the Judges and develop a plan made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Rosenbaum.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County Community Corrections

1. Requesting Additional Appropriation from General (1000) for:
Overtime Budget \$20,000

Regarding Mrs. Beaty's request to pay overtime and offer her employees an option to receive either compensation time or overtime in relation to their hours worked, Mr. Yagelski stated that there were County rules in place that prevented an option to select compensation time or overtime for employees,

in addition to strict rules that prevented compensation time payout. Mr. Novak asked Mrs. Beaty if she might be able to approach the State of Indiana for the \$20,000 pay out of compensation time which she noted could be done, however the grant period for Community Corrections had already ended, and payout wouldn't be received until 2024 when the grant period was open again.

Council Attorney Guy DiMartino added that most overtime issues were brought to the Council beforehand, not post-hock, and the Council needed to decide on how they wanted to approach this particular circumstance.

- i. Motion to table until the next meeting made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Yagelski.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

2. Requesting to pay out compensation time totaling \$40,455.35 from their own monies

Mr. Yagelski asked how many people were currently housed at Community Corrections, which Mrs. Beaty clarified that 58 participants were currently in the dormitory, with roughly 240 participants partaking in GPS and SCRAM programs. Mrs. Beaty explained that the funds she wanted to spend on the compensation time payout would be acquired by moving the pay of two County-funded employees onto grant funding, funding which was being underutilized due to being short-staffed at Community Corrections. This, she continued, would allow for the payment of the compensation time payout, in addition to covering the two employees' salaries for the remainder of the year.

Mr. DiMartino inquired if the grant's terms focused on the amount of hourly payment needed for a single employee, to which Mrs. Beaty responded that the terms of the grant's payment to employees was strictly full-time salary based, not hourly. Mr. DiMartino recommended checking with the DOC and other responsible government bodies behind the grant to ensure that inputting a County employee into a predetermined grant wouldn't cause any violations of the grant's terms. Mrs. Beaty added that she had spoken with her DOC liaison, who didn't voice any concerns about Mrs. Beaty's plan. Mr. DiMartino requested that Mrs. Beaty reach out to her DOC liaison, so they may contact the Council to ensure that no violations to the grant would be made in moving a County employee onto its funding.

- i. Motion to approve, if the Department of Correction grants permission, made by Mr. Mollenhauer and seconded by Mr. Cunningham.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County Parks Department

Requesting Additional Appropriations from Riverboat (1191) or ARP (8950/8951) for:

- 1. Nature Center siding \$40,700

- i. Motion to approve out of ARP (8950/8951) made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mrs. Gramarossa.
- ii. All members voted in-favor.

2. Fuel not-to-exceed \$7,000

- i. Motion to approve out of Riverboat (1191) made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County Highway Department

Requesting Additional Appropriation from LIT (1112) or ARP (8950/8951) for:

Two new excavators not-to-exceed \$460,000

- i. Motion to approve, with the exception that the two retiring excavators that the new excavators will be replacing will be put up for sale at public auction made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded Mr. Mollenhauer.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County Auditor

Requesting Additional Appropriation from General (1000) for:

Part-time pay not-to-exceed \$5,000

- i. Motion to approve out of General (1000) made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Cunningham.
- ii. Six members voted in-favor (Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Yagelski, Mr. Rosenbaum, Mr. Novak, Mrs. Gramarossa, and Mr. Garner), and one member voted not-in-favor (Mr. Mollenhauer).

La Porte County Council

Requesting Additional Appropriation from Riverboat (1191) or ARP (8950/8951) for:

Attorney not-to-exceed \$2,100

- i. Motion to approve out of Riverboat (1191) made by Mrs. Gramarossa and seconded by Mr. Garner.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County Clerk

Requesting Additional Appropriation from Riverboat (1191) or ARP (8950/8951) or General (1000) for:

Child Support Account \$13,223.53

- i. Motion to approve out of General (1000) made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Rosenbaum.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County Redevelopment Commission

Requesting Additional Appropriation from Riverboat (1191) or ARP (8950/8951) or General (1000) for:

Appropriation of READI funding for US35/I-94 Economic Development Project Area \$1,500,000

Mr. Novak asked if the funds could be taken out of Economic Development LIT, or even split between LIT. Mr. Galloway confirmed that even though it was not on the agenda, the item had also originally been under Economic Development LIT (1112), and as such, the fund could be utilized.

- i. Motion to approve \$750,000 out of Riverboat (1191) and \$750,000 out of Economic Development LIT made by Mr. Rosenbaum and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Yagelski wished his wife a happy 60th birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

- i. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Rosenbaum; no audible second could be heard.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

Examined & Approved by The La Porte County Council this 26th day of September, 2022.



Councilman Earl Cunningham




Councilman Terry Garner



Councilwoman Connie Gramarossa



Councilman Mike Mollenhauer



Councilman Randy Novak



Councilman Mike Rosenbaum



Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST: 

Timothy Stabosz, Auditor