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AGENDA
LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Amended @ 6:00 PM on August 26, 2024
August 26, 2024

(Please Turn Off All Cell Phones.)

The Regular Meeting of the La Porte County Council to be held on August 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm (local time) in the Assembly Room of the La Porte County Government Complex, 809 State St., La Porte, IN 46350.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting to be called to order by Council President Randy Novak

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 26, 2024 AGENDA

APPROVAL OF JULY 22, 2024 MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

LIAISON REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
2. Present Letters of Interest for the La Porte County Council Attorney Position

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Amendment to Salary Ordinance 2023-01
2. Resolution 2024-8 – A Resolution Authorizing Per Diem Payment to Assessor and Deputy Assessor for Continuous Reassessment Activities
3. Ordinance 2024-8 – An Ordinance to Adopt Request to Use Recorder’s Perpetuation Fund to Cover Office Expenses and Salaries

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of Council President’s authorization to hire replacement positions for:
 - a. La Porte County Human Resources – HR Assistant
 - b. La Porte County Health Department – Environmental Health/Food Specialist
 - c. La Porte County Prosecutor – Victim Advocate
 - d. Michigan Township Assessor – Real Estate Deputy
 - e. La Porte County Superior Court #4 – Court Reporter
 - f. La Porte County Highway – Administrative Assistant
2. LaCrosse Public Library – Tiffany Atkinson, Director
 - a. Presentation of Budget
 - b. Public Hearing
3. Consider approval of Statement of Benefits for Alexander Chemical – Matt Reardon, Economic Development
4. Consider approval of Job Evaluation Committee 2025 Recommendations
 - a. Michigan Township Assessor – Brett Banic
 - i. Commercial Real Estate Deputy from COMOT IV to COMOT V
 - ii. Residential Real Estate Deputy from COMOT IV to COMOT V
 - b. La Porte County Assessor – Mike Schultz
 - i. PTABOA/Exemption Deputy Assessor from COMOT IV to COMOT V
 - c. Community Corrections – Mericka Beaty
 - i. Change Counselor position to Case Management Coordinator putting this position on the same POLE level as other Coordinators.
 - d. Health Department – Amanda Lahners
 - i. New position added for Director of Nursing (Unclassified)
 - ii. New position for Health Education Specialists/School Liaison (non-exempt)
 - iii. New position for Nursing Supervisor
 - e. Human Resources – Monique Thomas
 - i. Change Part-Time HR Administrative Assistant to Full Time at COMOT IV
 - ii. Change HR Assistant to Unclassified with a recommended base salary
 - f. Board of Commissioners – Connie Gramarossa
 - i. Confidential Secretary to the Board of Commissioners from COMOT V to COMOT VI
 - g. Information Technology – Darlene Hale
 - i. IT Network Administrator position be equivalent to the E-911 Network Administrator position with starting salary of \$61,494
 - h. County Highway – Charity Glaser
 - i. New position added for Crew Leader, LTC IV (approved at Budget Hearing)
 - i. Adult Probation – Steve Eyrick
 - i. Administrative Assistant from COMOT V to COMOT VI

APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, AND REQUESTS

La Porte County Health Department

Requesting Fund Transfers to Correct an Error within the Preparedness Grants:

From Fund 8903 Preparedness 17 to Fund 8277 Preparedness 19	\$5,944.18
From Fund 8903 Preparedness 17 to Fund 8242 Preparedness 18	\$8,582.88

La Porte County Auditor

Requesting Transfers from Riverboat (1191) to Rainy Day (1186) for:

½ April 2024 Riverboat Deposit	\$109,820.58	
½ July 2024 Riverboat Deposit	<u>\$244,927.50</u>	\$354,748.08

Requesting a Transfer from Regional Planner 7300.20200 (miscellaneous claims) to 7300.30120 for: (Correct Fund number is 7401 Regional Planner)

Other Services & Charges – Payment to NIRPC		\$78,691.90
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Requesting an Appropriation from Fair Security Fund (4904) for:

Personal Services – Remainder of EMS Services at County Fair		\$6,070.34
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Requesting Additional Appropriations from Riverboat (1191) or Opioid Unrestricted (1237) or WinTax (4220) or ARP (8950) for:

Personal Services – Group Health Insurance		\$500,000.00
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La Porte County Coroner

Requesting an Appropriation from Coroner Non-Reverting Fund (2053) for:

Grant Match		\$6,000.00
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La Porte County Prosecutor

Requesting Appropriations for Reimbursement from Prosecutor Pretrial Diversion & Deferral Fund (2501) for:

Services & Charges – Scholarship Reimbursement	\$2,190.10	
Services & Charges – Scholarship Reimbursement	<u>\$1,654.09</u>	\$3,844.19

Requesting Appropriations for Grant Reimbursements from Adult Protective Services Fund (8137) for:

Personal Services – Salary	\$55,759.60	
Personal Services – OASDI	\$3,342.46	
Personal Services – Medicare	\$781.69	
Personal Services – PERF	\$6,245.10	
Personal Services – Health Insurance	<u>\$7,410.76</u>	\$73,539.61
Services & Charges		\$8,818.69

La Porte County Sheriff

Requesting Additional Appropriation from LIT Public Safety (1170) or Riverboat (1191) or Opioid Unrestricted (1237) or WinTax (4220) or ARP (8950) for:

Personal Services – Pension Fund		\$355,966.00
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La Porte County Building Maintenance

Requesting Additional Appropriations from Riverboat (1191) or Opioid Unrestricted (1237) or WinTax (4220) or ARP (8950) for:

Services & Charges – Water Utility Bills	\$85,000.00	
Services & Charges – Koorsen Fire & Security Repairs	<u>\$28,355.64</u>	\$113,355.64

La Porte County Parks Department

Requesting a Transfer from ARP 8951.20200.0155.1012 (Miscellaneous Claims) to 8951.30120.0155.1012 (Other Services & Charges) for:

Services & Charges – Proper Invoicing \$16,308.80

Requesting a Transfer from Park Non-Reverting Operating Fund 1179.20021.000.0259 (Other Supplies) to 1179.30120.000.0259 (Other Services & Charges) for:

Services & Charges – Removal of Roof in Preparation for Replacement at Red Mill \$10,852.70

Requesting an Additional Appropriation from Riverboat (1191) or Opioid Unrestricted (1237) or WinTax (4220) or ARP (8950) for:

Services & Charges - Roof Repair at the former highway property in Rolling Prairie \$5,300.00

Requesting Permission to make Advanced Payment for Approved Roofing Job at Red Mill Park. Payment will be to JB West and was Appropriated in July.

Half Down for Deposit \$26,992.32

Requesting Permission to make Advanced Payment to Prepare Red Mill Roof for Replacement. Payment will be to JB West.

Half Down for Deposit \$5,426.35

La Porte County Highway Department

Requesting a Transfer from Major Bridge 1171.20200.000.0215 (Miscellaneous Claims) to 1171.30120.000.0215 (Other Service & Charges) for:

Services & Charges – Proper Invoicing \$728,448.77

Requesting a Transfer from LIT Economic Development 1112.20200.0200.0208 (Miscellaneous Claims) to 1112.30120.000.0215 (Other Services & Charges) for:

Services & Charges – Proper Invoicing \$2,500,000.00

Requesting Transfers from LIT Economic Development 1112.20200.00143.0208 (Miscellaneous Claims) to 1112.30120.00143.0208 (Other Services & Charges) for:

Services & Charges – Marquette Grant \$56,517.39

Services & Charges – Union Mills Grant \$108,446.00

Requesting an Additional Appropriation from LIT Economic Development (1112) or Riverboat (1191) or Local Road and Street (1169) for:

Capital Purchase – Two Side Rotary Mowers \$338,053.98

La Porte County Superior Court #4

Requesting an Additional Appropriation from Riverboat (1191) or Opioid Unrestricted (1237) or WinTax (4220) or ARP (8950) for:

Services & Charges – Psychological Services \$5,0000.00

La Porte County Council

Requesting an Additional Appropriation from Opioid Restricted (1237) or Opioid Unrestricted (1238) for:

Services & Charges – WAIR, Inc. \$5,000.00

*All requests are on a “not to exceed” basis

COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 26th day of August, 2024.

ATTEST: 
Timothy Stabosz, La Porte County Auditor

**LaPorte County is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting on
August 26, 2024 at 06:00 PM Central Time**

By Email:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84846039224?pwd=dcYqwOxccPrkQBhyntj7GikQ2ZTx10.1>

Meeting ID: 848 4603 9224

Passcode: 746572

By Phone: 1-312-626-6799