

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL
July 22nd, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the La Porte County Council was held on July 22nd, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (central time) in the Assembly Room of the La Porte County Government Complex, 809 State Street, La Porte, IN 46350.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Randy Novak.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Yagelski, followed by a moment of silence for the recently slain Corey Comperatore, a retired fire chief of Butler County's Buffalo Township.

ROLL CALL

Auditor Tim Stabosz called the roll: Councilman Cunningham, Councilman Yagelski, Councilman Novak, Councilman Koronka, Councilman Kiel, and Councilman Mollenhauer were all physically present for the meeting. Councilman Rosenbaum was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 22ND, 2024 AGENDA

- i. Mr. Koronka motioned to approve with the addition of one amendment: the addition of one Old Business item, an additional appropriation for Anthem insurance fees, to be added to the end of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Yagelski.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the June 10th, 2024 Workshop Memorandum

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

2. Approval of the June 24th, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Stabosz clarified that one edit needed to be made on the June 24th, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes: under Liaison Reports, "Councilman Koronka" was listed twice, and the last liaison report listed as "Councilman Koronka" needed to be changed to "Councilman Novak" instead.

- i. Motion to approve with the Auditor's correction made by Mr. Mollenhauer and seconded by Mr. Kiel.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

3. Approval of the July 2nd, 2024 Joint Workshop Memorandum

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brett Kessler – La Porte County Agricultural Association

Mr. Kessler gave an abbreviated report on attendance and participation at the 2024 La Porte County Fair, and praised the upgrades made to the campgrounds to accommodate increased attendance during the event. He additionally reported on the groundbreaking on the new show arena.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Matt Reardon – Office of Economic Development

Mr. Reardon noted his gratitude for the assistance given from the Auditor's Office to ensure that a requisite amount was appropriated towards Economic Development's funding, clarifying that with the fund balance of \$200,000, \$120,000 of that funding would be directed towards marketing, staff, and activities. He reported that he visited 20 businesses and integrated incentive discussion with the local farming community, as well as produced 2 applications for the READI program, and responded to 31 site selection programs in the State of Indiana, which resulted in 3 site visits. He added that the Kingsbury bridge project was completed, and that he was also working with St. Joseph County regarding housing development to accommodate new economic growth in the St. Joseph area.

Andy Skwiat – Marquiss Electric Inc.

Mr. Skwiat asked for a motion of support to proceed with the WJE documents and agreement so Marquiss Electric could begin working on the Franklin Street Bridge.

- i. Motion of support and motion to put on the August Regular Council Meeting agenda made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Cunningham.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

Lynn Swanson – La Porte County Coroner

Ms. Swanson informed the Council that the Psychological Autopsy Grant had been approved, and that she would be requesting a transfer of funds to pay for it. She reported that a total of 184 deaths had been investigated by the coroner year to date, which included 1 drowning, 2 homicides, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 152 natural deaths, 11 overdoses, 10 suicides, 3 currently undetermined deaths, and 1 work related death, as well as 1 death that was undergoing a current investigation.

Scott Cooley – La Porte County Project Management

Mr. Cooley gave the Council an update on the Complex building's ongoing repairs, noting that the 5th and 4th floor departments had been moved in, with the 3rd floor's IT and Coroner departments slated to be moving in the upcoming Thursday, and EMS to move in on August 2nd.

Rich Mrozinski – La Porte County Board of Commissioners Vice President

Mr. Mrozinski proposed that the county consider entering into a contract with Enterprise Fleet Management to manage its fleet of vehicles.

Ela Bilderback – La Porte County Recorder

Ms. Bilderback reported that, even though the Recorder's Office has seen less filings due to the poor state of the current real estate market, they have been utilizing the extra time to catch up on back-indexing. She additionally reported on the old record books that had received acid neutralization treatments and repairs.

LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Cunningham: Mr. Cunningham noted that he would be representing Chief Probation Officer Steve Eyrick later in the meeting should Mr. Eyrick be unable to attend electronically via Zoom.

Councilman Yagelski: Mr. Yagelski waived his liaison report.

Councilman Mollenhauer: Mr. Mollenhauer attended the La Porte County Soil & Water Legislative Breakfast, Sheriff's Merit Commission Board Meeting, the Cops Cycling for Survivors event, and the La Porte County Fair.

Councilman Kiel: Mr. Kiel reported that he met with his liaisons to discuss their budgets prior to the budget hearings.

Councilman Koronka: In addition to staying in touch with the HVAC concerns in the Complex building, Mr. Koronka also attended the Soil & Water Legislative Breakfast.

Councilman Novak: Mr. Novak attended the FMEC Meeting, Animal Control Meeting regarding the approval of a new director, and also attended a Redevelopment Commission Meeting and a meeting with St. Joseph County. He noted that the new show arena at the La Porte County Fairgrounds would cost roughly \$500,000.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Auditor reported no correspondence.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Amendment to Salary Ordinance 2023-01
2. Amendment to Salary Ordinance 2023-12
 - i. Motion to suspend the rules for two readings made by Mr. Koronka and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer.
 - ii. All members voted in favor.
 - iii. Motion to read by title only made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Koronka.
 - iv. Mr. Stabosz read aloud the ordinance by title only.
 - v. Motion to approve made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer.

County Assessor Mike Schultz informed the Council that the purpose of the amendment was to make the county compliant with the State Board of Accounts' request to have the \$26 per diem stipend for the Assessor and Assessor's Chief Deputy integrated into the salary ordinance. Due to confusion as to whether or not the per diem pay was considered an additional source of payment to the Assessor's predetermined salary, Council Attorney Guy DiMartino recommended tabling the item until it could be further researched.

- i. Motion to table items 1 and 2 made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Yagelski.

- ii. All members voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Enterprise Fleet Management, Nathaniel Berg, Account Executive

Enterprise Fleet Management's Account Executive Nathaniel Berg offered a presentation to the Council asking for approval of a contract with Enterprise for the 2025 fiscal year budget for the acquisition of a fleet of vehicles for the county. He noted that Enterprise would provide a fleet of light-duty vehicles, including police cruisers, which could be utilized by such departments as the Assessor, Coroner, and Sheriff's Department. He noted that heavy-duty vehicles such as ambulances, firetrucks, and highway vehicles would not be provided by Enterprise. He noted that Enterprise would provide savings to the county's budget by providing newer vehicles that were more fuel efficient, and by replacing these vehicles before they reached high mileage and subsequent breakdowns. Mr. Berg added that the conservative savings for La Porte County over a ten year period could amount to upwards of \$2.3 million, with the most amount of savings taking place in the first five years of the contract as older vehicles were replaced, and the lower amount of savings plateauing to about \$75,000 per year in the final five years of the contract, when the county's light-duty vehicles were fully integrated Enterprise fleet vehicles. He clarified that the county would still be able to utilize its own mechanics, or local mechanics at the Enterprise rate for any repairs needed to the fleet.

Mr. Stabosz asked how Enterprise would be paid for their service, which Mr. Berg explained that Enterprise had a government RFP through Sourcewell, with which La Porte County was also a partner. He noted that Enterprise would receive a fixed .1% management fee across the capitalized price of each vehicle in the fleet vehicles utilized by the county, which would be assessed monthly. Mr. Stabosz questioned what would prevent Enterprise from being incentivized to maximize the capitalized value of the fleet, to which Mr. Berg clarified that doing so would affect Enterprise's reputation, and thus their overall business. Mr. Kiel asked how the county would be able to exit the partnership with Enterprise and still maintain a fleet of vehicles if the light-duty fleet consisted of Enterprise vehicles, which Mr. Berg explained that the county would be able to buy or ride out the remainder of leases on any of the remaining Enterprise fleet vehicles. He clarified that, for Enterprise to provide 24 new vehicles in the first year of

the program, it would cost roughly \$265,000. Mr. Yagelski noted that he wanted to hold the item over until budget hearings were over so a conclusive decision could be made.

- i. Motion to hold the item over until the August Regular Council Meeting made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Koronka.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

2. Consider approval of Council President’s authorization to hire replacement positions for:

- a. La Porte County Small Animal Shelter – Animal Control Officer
- b. La Porte County Highway – Laborer Position
- c. La Porte County Building Maintenance – Maintenance Position and Office Manager

- i. Motion to approve items “a”, “b”, and “c” made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Cunningham.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

3. Job Evaluation Committee Recommendations – Monique Thomas, HR Director

Mr. Yagelski stated that he would rather discuss the Job Evaluation Committee’s recommendations at the upcoming budget hearings.

- i. Motion to hear the Job Evaluation Committee’s recommendations during the July 2024 Budget Hearings made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Koronka.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, AND REQUESTS

La Porte County Clerk

Requesting Transfers from the General Fund Election Board Budget (1000.0131)

- 1. From 10136 Board Members to 30044 Meal for Precinct Boards \$2,394.62
- 2. From 10136 Board Members to 30119 Polling Places \$3,521.00

- i. Motion to approve both items made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Yagelski.

- ii. All members voted in favor.

Requesting an Appropriation from Campaign Enforcement Fund (1111) for:
 Compensation of Witnesses \$100.00

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

La Porte County Community Corrections

Requesting a Transfer from the General Fund Budget (1000.0179) 20025 Gas, Fuel and Oil to account 30007 Maintenance Contracts for:
 Remaining Balance of Tek84 Service Agreement \$1,900

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

La Porte County Sheriff

Requesting Additional Appropriations from LIT Public Safety (1170) or Riverboat (1191) or Opioid Unrestricted (1237) or WinTax (4220) or ARP (8950) for:
 Sheriff's Pension Fund \$355,966

- i. Motion to hear the Sheriff's Pension Fund request during the July 2024 Budget Hearings made by Mr. Koronka and seconded by Mr. Yagelski
- ii. Five members voted in favor (Mr. Yagelski, Mr. Novak, Mr. Koronka, Mr. Kiel, and Mr. Mollenhauer) and one member voted not-in-favor (Mr. Cunningham).

Overtime	\$90,000	
Payroll Deductions	\$6,885	\$96,885

Sheriff Ron Heeg noted that the \$90,000 request for appropriation would likely be the only appropriation needed, so as long as no departmental emergencies happened in the near future.

- i. Motion to approve \$90,000 out of Opioid Unrestricted (1237) for Overtime made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Koronka.
- ii. Four members voted in favor (Mr. Novak, Mr. Koronka, Mr. Kiel, and Mr. Mollenhauer) and two members voted not-in-favor (Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Yagelski).

La Porte County Coroner

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

Autopsies \$50,000

Ms. Swanson explained that the \$50,000 request would hopefully get her autopsy budget through the end of the year. Mr. Novak asked if LaPorte County was receiving reimbursement for autopsies it performed on non-residents, to which Ms. Swanson responded that the county did receive reimbursement for non-resident prison autopsies, funds for which were directed into the Prison Autopsy Account (4078). She clarified that autopsies were performed on those who perished in motor vehicle accidents, drownings, overdoses, and inconclusive natural deaths. She added that the price per autopsy was \$3,000, and autopsies absorbed about 80% of the Coroner's budget. Ms. Swanson explained that the Prosecutor had requested that every overdose death be investigated with an autopsy, and this was a notable factor as to why there was a sizeable increase in the autopsies performed in the past few years.

- i. Motion to approve from WinTax (4220) made by Mr. Koronka and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer.
- ii. Four members voted in favor (Mr. Novak, Mr. Koronka, Mr. Kiel, and Mr. Mollenhauer) and two members voted not-in-favor (Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Yagelski).

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

Grant Match \$6,000

Mr. Novak noted that this Health Foundation grant would fund an opioid autopsy study. Ms. Swanson clarified that she had originally requested \$12,000 in funding for two years of the grant, but only one year was put on the agenda in the amount of \$6,000. Mr. Novak noted that the remaining \$6,000 for the additional year would be put on the next month's agenda.

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

La Porte County Building Maintenance

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

Ceiling Repair \$48,559

Given that the damage in question was caused by a Community Corrections participant, Mr. Yagelski and Mr. Cunningham questioned if the inmate was still permitted to participate in the program. Mr. Novak asked Mr. DiMartino if he could investigate whether or not the inmate in question would be given a restitution order to help pay for the damage that they caused.

When Mr. Kiel asked La Porte County Maintenance Director Sheryl Lestinsky how many quotes she had received for the items on the agenda, Mrs. Lestinsky clarified that she had received one quote, from La Porte County Project Management, as each of the projects came in under \$50,000, so additional quotes had not been sought out.

- i. Motion to approve out of ARP (8950) made by Mr. Koronka and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer.
- ii. Four members voted in favor (Mr. Novak, Mr. Koronka, Mr. Kiel, and Mr. Mollenhauer) and two members voted not-in-favor (Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Yagelski).

Purchase Toilets and Repair a Leak \$41,459

Mrs. Lestinsky clarified that the high cost of the toilets was because they were institutional, prison-grade toilets that required specialized installation, and the broken toilets in question had been in disrepair for about two years as a result of being damaged from Juvenile Services Center participants. The only reason that the request was being brought before the Council at this time was because the Juvenile Services Center was reaching maximum capacity.

- i. Motion to approve out of ARP (8950) made by Mr. Koronka and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer.
- ii. Four members voted in favor (Mr. Novak, Mr. Koronka, Mr. Kiel, and Mr. Mollenhauer) and two members voted not-in-favor (Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Yagelski).

Mr. Kiel asked Mrs. Lestinsky how she was able to deduce that the \$41,459 quote for the repair and installation of the toilets was the best price when she had only sought out one quote for the project. Mrs. Lestinsky stated that she was confident in the decision to select La Porte County Project Management for the contract as they were a preferred vendor due to their quick response time and scope of their work. Mr. Kiel inquired how other contractors would go about becoming a preferred vendor with La Porte County, to which Mrs. Lestinsky explained that she met with vendors and contractors once a month, and prospective contractors would just need to meet with her.

Mr. Cunningham questioned how the county could justify spending taxpayer dollars on repairing damage caused by inmates partaking in these programs, only to have the offending inmates in question remain in the program. Mr. Novak noted that Dion Campbell would be reporting additional information about this to him soon.

Install Counter (for La Porte County Superior 3) \$28,599

Mr. Yagelski asked why La Porte County Maintenance was not building and installing the counter, which Mrs. Lestinsky explained was due to a shortage of qualified staff. Mr. Cunningham voiced concern over the quoted price for the counter, which Mr. Kiel reiterated that receiving multiple quotes would prevent these high prices.

- i. Motion to deny made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Cunningham.
- ii. All members voted in favor; the request for appropriation was denied.

Install Security Glass (for La Porte County Superior 3) \$15,000

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

Purchase Two Heating Units (for La Porte County Historical Society Museum) \$51,568.92

- i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Mollenhauer and seconded by Mr. Koronka.
- ii. Four members voted in favor (Mr. Novak, Mr. Koronka, Mr. Kiel, and Mr. Mollenhauer) and two members voted not-in-favor (Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Yagelski).

La Porte County Parks Department

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

Roof Replacement \$53,984.64

La Porte County Parks Superintendent Jeremy Sobecki explained that he had received quotes for both shingled and metal roofs for the Redmill County Park building. The quote presented before the Council was for a metal roof replacement, which would last longer, and could potentially allow solar panels to be installed onto the roof. He noted that a shingled roof would cost roughly \$24,000 less, however it would not last as long as a metal roof.

- i. Motion to approve \$53,984.64 for the metal roof out of ARP (8950) made by Mr. Kiel and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer.
- ii. Four members voted in favor (Mr. Novak, Mr. Koronka, Mr. Kiel, and Mr. Mollenhauer) and two members voted not-in-favor (Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Yagelski).

La Porte County EMS

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

Vehicle Purchase	\$26,455	
Vehicle Equipment	\$10,000	\$36,455

La Porte County EMS Administrator Eric Fenstermaker informed the Council that the \$10,000 request for vehicle equipment would not be needed, as EMS would be covering the cost.

- i. Motion to approve \$26,455 for the vehicle purchase out of ARP (8950) made by Mr. Mollenhauer and seconded by Mr. Koronka.
- ii. Four members voted in favor (Mr. Novak, Mr. Koronka, Mr. Kiel, and Mr. Mollenhauer) and two members voted not-in-favor (Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Yagelski).

La Porte County Adult Probation

Requesting an Appropriation from Adult Probation Supplemental Fund (2102) for:

Printer/Copier		\$9,500.00
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Requesting an Appropriation from Problem Solving Court Fund (2701) for:

Other Services and Charges		\$4,730.60
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- i. Motion to approve both items made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Yagelski.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte Count Health Department

Requesting an Appropriation from Water Lab Non-Reverting Fund (2711) for:

Lab Services		\$25,000
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- i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Yagelski.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County Animal Shelter

Requesting Appropriation from Animal Shelter Donation Fund (4100) for:

Other Services & Charges		\$23,000
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- i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Yagelski.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County Prosecutor

Requesting Additional Appropriations from Opioid Restricted Fund (1237) for

Salary	\$26,307.72	
Payroll Deductions	\$4,959.00	\$31,266.72

La Porte County Prosecutor Sean Fagan clarified that the request was to shift around how the Problem Solving Court’s Deputy salary was distributed, noting that the very specific duties that they performed allowed for their salary to be paid for out of the Opioid Restricted Fund. He noted that this was the result of a cut in the grant funding that normally paid for the position in question, and the move to use Opioid Restricted Funds would avoid the need to use General Fund monies to pay for the position’s salary.

- i. Motion to approve made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Koronka.
- ii. Five members voted in favor (Mr. Yagelski, Mr. Novak, Mr. Koronka, Mr. Kiel, and Mr. Mollenhauer) and one member voted not-in-favor (Mr. Cunningham).

La Porte County Board of Commissioners

Requesting an Additional Appropriation from Fair Security Fund (4904) for:

EMS & Sheriff’s Department Services at County Fair	\$55,100
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Commission President Connie Gramarossa noted that she was unsure as to why the item was listed under the Commissioners’ line, and stated that she was confused as to why the Commissioners were put on the agenda at all. Mr. Novak clarified that the item was put on the agenda as it was needed to approve the pay for the employees who worked at the fair, however the county would be receiving full reimbursement for it by the Fair Board. Mr. Cunningham asked why the item had not been listed under the Sheriff’s requests, while Ms. Graves explained that the item had been put on the agenda because the Fair Board would not reimburse the money until after the employees had been paid, and public money could not be spent without the Council’s approval.

- i. Motion to table made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Yagelski.
- ii. During roll call, two members voted in favor (Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Yagelski) and four members voted not-in-favor (Mr. Novak, Mr. Koronka, Mr. Kiel, and Mr. Mollenhauer). The motion to table did not pass.

Mr. Kiel clarified with Mr. Novak that if the item was not approved, the employees who worked security at the La Porte County Fair would not be paid until the item was addressed at the next Regular Council Meeting. Ms. Graves added that the employees’ contracts stated that they would be paid at the end of July.

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

- ii. All members voted in favor.

La Porte County Auditor

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

\$6,909.16

Mr. DiMartino clarified that these fees, from 2023, were the remaining legal fees to-date.

- i. Motion to approve out of WinTax (4220) made by Mr. Koronka and seconded by Mr. Mollenhauer.

Mrs. Gramarossa noted that the request for the payment of legal fees had not been brought before the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Yagelski questioned if the item would go before the Commissioners following the Council's approval, which Mr. DiMartino replied that, if the Council approved the request, the Auditor's Office would likely follow up with the claims payment process that was required, which would then be presented to the Commissioners.

- ii. Four members voted in favor (Mr. Novak, Mr. Koronka, Mr. Kiel, and Mr. Mollenhauer) and two members voted not-in-favor (Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Yagelski).

Anthem Final Bill

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

\$19,787.62

- i. Motion to approve out of ARP (8950) made by Mr. Mollenhauer and seconded by Mr. Koronka.
- ii. Four members voted in favor (Mr. Novak, Mr. Koronka, Mr. Kiel, and Mr. Mollenhauer) and two members voted not-in-favor (Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Yagelski).

COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS

With Scott Pejic resigning as the Board of Commissioners attorney, Mr. DiMartino informed the Council that he would be serving as both the Council and Commission attorney until alternative legal counsel was appointed. Mr. Cunningham questioned if it was legal for Mr. DiMartino to serve as an attorney for both the Council and Commission, to which Mr. DiMartino replied that while it was legal, there was a chance for conflict of interests to occur. If that were to happen, the Council would need to consult a different attorney to address their legal concerns.

- i. Motion to file an RFP and secure a new attorney made by Mr. Yagelski and seconded by Mr. Koronka.
- ii. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Kiel noted that he would like the packet that was presented to the Council for its meetings to be made available in full to the public, citing that the document issued to the public was roughly one page long, whereas the documentation given to the Council contained much more paperwork and detail.

- i. Motion to publicize the full packet of documentation given to the Council for its meetings on the La Porte County government website 72 hours prior to meetings (barring any confidential documents), made by Mr. Kiel and seconded by Mr. Cunningham.

Mr. Novak stated that the Council had attempted to do so in the past, however information that was either incorrectly or poorly labeled in the packets often resulted in an influx of communication from concerned county residents. Specifically citing the high cost of the Maintenance Department's request for the installation of a counter on the evening's agenda, Mr. Cunningham voiced his support to have the full packet publicized.

- ii. All members voted in favor.

The Council confirmed that the budget hearings would begin the following day at 9am.

As the liaison for the La Porte County Maintenance Department, Mr. Koronka apologized for not advising on their requests that were presented during the evening's meeting and emphasized the importance of hashing-out the details of the county's in-depth projects so as to save on costs.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Examined & Approved by the La Porte County Council this 26th day of August, 2024.



Councilman Earl Cunningham



Councilman Adam Koronka

Councilman Justin Kiel

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Councilman Mike Mollenhauer




Councilman Randy Novak



Councilman Mike Rosenbaum



Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST 

Timothy Stabosz, Auditor