## COUNTY COUNCIL OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA ORDINANCE NO. 2024- 11 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NON-REVERTING PRISON AUTOPSY PAYMENT FUND Fund 4076

WHEREAS, two state prisons are located in LaPorte County.

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 4-24-4 et seq. sets forth that the County in which the prison institution is located is to provide autopsy services and the cost for such services are to be reimbursed by the prison institution to the County.

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 4-24-4-3 requires the County Council to appropriate the necessary funds for this purpose.

WHEREAS, it takes somewhere between 60 and 90 days to receive reimbursement from the State for these autopsy services.

WHEREAS, the delay in paying a pathologist can impact the ability to receive autopsy services for inmates.

WHEREAS, the County Council understands the necessity to make the payment for autopsies more expedient.

THEREFORE, the LaPorte County Council establishes the following:

- 1. A fund shall be established and shall be called the Prison Autopsy Payment Fund.
  - 2. The Council will appropriate \$10,000 to establish the fund.
- 3. The coroner can submit a payment request to the Auditor, when the autopsy bill is received.
- 4. On a quarterly basis, the coroner shall provide the Council an accounting of the prison autopsies paid in that quarterly. The statement shall identify the funds received from the prison institution and the amounts paid the pathologist.
  - 5. The funds in this account shall not revert to the general fund.

PASSED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA this day of November, 2024.

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