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**AGENDA
LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 28, 2025**

(Please Turn Off All Cell Phones)

The Regular Meeting of the LaPorte County Council to be held on April 28th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. CT in the Assembly Room of the LaPorte County Government Complex, 809 State Street, LaPorte, IN 46350.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL - Auditor Michael Rosenbaum

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF March 24, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

LIAISON REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

•DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REPAIR

•A RESOLUTION OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL IDENTIFYING AND DECLARING PORTIONS OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA BE DESIGNATED AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA(S) PURSUANT TO I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 *et. seq.*

•LAPORTE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS MERICKA BEATTY, DIRECTOR
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2005-10: ORDINANCE FOR LAPORTE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMMISSARY TO DISBURSE AND PURCHASE

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Budget Hearing dates. July 14, 15 & 16, 2025

- Permission to start the process to hire 2 positions within the Superior 4 Clerk’s office – LaPorte County Circuit Clerk
- Permission to start the process to hire a Juvenile Probation Officer – Debra Ackerman, Assistand Chief Deputy, Juvenile Probation

OLD BUSINESS

APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, REQUESTS

LaPorte County Auditor

Permission to appropriate funds from the Auditor’s Ineligible Deductions Fund 1216 \$80,000

Approval of support to spend/appropriate funds from the Auditor’s Ineligible Deduction fund \$80,000**
1216.20200.00000.0352 (\$20,000 supplies)
(\$60,000 salaries)

Requesting Additional Appropriations for DEFC Contract from 2024 \$39,678.82
From: 4220.30065.000.0102 Win Tax#
1191.30065.000.0102 Riverboat
1000.30065.000.0102 General Fund
#Recommended

Community Crossing Matches \$1,699,407.48
Mitch Bishop, LaPorte County Planner
Request to appropriate \$1,699,407.48
And permission to spend
For matching Community Crossing Grant
Approved by Council 6/11/2024
1176.50002.000.0200 MVH Highway

FMEC
Request for Additional Appropriation \$150,000.00
For Fairgrounds Improvements
Possible Funds:
1191 - Riverboat
1112 - LIT Economic Development#
#Recommended

E 911 (Tabled)
 Requesting an Additional Appropriation \$49,545.00
 For a new vehicle
 Possible Funds:
 1170 LIT Public Safety
 1112 LIT Economic Development

LaPorte County Clerk of the Circuit Court \$26,221.21
County Election Board
 Requesting an Additional Appropriation
 LaPorte County Clerk – Election Supplies
 1119 Riverboat
 1000 General
 1112 LIT Economic Development
 Or
 Transfer from budget
 1000.20025.00000.0131 Gas, Fuel & Oil \$250
 1000.30002.00000.0131 Postage \$400
 1000.30003.00000.0131 Travel \$7,000
 1000.30005.00000.0131 Printing O/T Office \$15,000
 1000.30027.00000.0131 Emp Education & Training \$3,500 (Total \$26,250.00)

LaPorte County EMS
 Requesting an additional appropriation
 From LIT Public Safety \$75,000.00
 For overtime
 1170.10140.00140.0227
 Permission to spend from Public Outreach \$10,000.00
 Permission to spend from Donation \$2,500.00

Jane Bernard Animal Shelter
 Requesting permission to appropriate \$35,000.00
 Fund 4100 – Animal Shelter Donations into
 4100.30120.00000.0531 (other services and charges)
 For:

- Able Paper & Janitorial Supply – Invoice #045278 – Total: \$763.48
- Spin Techs, Inc. – Invoice #27114, 27201 & 27303 – Total: \$944.44
- Kabelin – Invoice #496432, 502149, 500077, 502318 – Total: \$754.47
- Marquiss Electric - Security Cameras – Total: \$26,000.00 (Safety Concern)
- Uniforms – Total: \$1,000.00
- Animal Control Training – 4 individuals at \$500/each – Total: \$2,000.00

LaPorte County Circuit Court
 Requesting permission to appropriate
 Fund 2503/Domestic Relations \$50,000.00 into
 2503.30135.00000.0273 \$50,000.00

LaPorte County Drug Free Partnership
 Micki Webb, Program Director
 Seeking an Appropriation from the County Drug Free Community Fund (1148) for:
 Distribution of Funds to Other Entities
 1148.30120.000.0331 \$59,176.00

LaPorte County Parks Department
 Jeremy Sobecki, Director
 Requesting transfer from 1179.00000.00000.00000
 Non-reverting Operating Fund
 To 1178.00000.00000.0000 Non-Reverting Capital
 Purpose is to reduce balance by \$50,000 as stated
 In Ordinance 2009-2 section II number 4
 (See attached) \$64,574.32

Permission to spend \$15,598.46 for
 1178.20030.000.0259 \$15,598.46

LaPorte County Community Corrections
 Mericka Beatty, Director
 Seeking an additional appropriation for lease
 Agreements, food for training they are hosting
 1170.30120.000.0227 \$255,713.00

Permission to spend and permission to provide
 food for the Indiana Department of Corrections
 training they are hosting
 1170.30120.000.0227 **\$250.00

Required Kitchen renovations
 1170.41106.000.0227 **\$20,000.00

LaPorte County Planner
 Seeking an Additional Appropriation for
 Matching Funds for the Lincoln Trail.
 1191 Riverboat
 4220 Win Tax
 1112 Economic Development \$90,000.00

Purdue Extension Office
 Requesting an Additional Appropriation
 From LIT Economic Development
 (Approved in 2024)
 For office renovation (gates)
 1112.41007.00200.0208 \$5,130.00

LaPorte County Highway Department
 Requesting additional appropriation **\$800,000.00
 From Local Roads & Streets for
 Purchase of new Hydro-Excavator Truck &
 A new forestry bucket truck
 1169.41006.00000.0207

LaPorte County Highway
 Permission to spend from LIT for equipment **\$500,000.00
 1112.41007.00200.0208

LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center **\$132,000.00
 Dion Campbell, Director
 Requesting an additional appropriation
 For a new gym floor
 1170 LIT Public Safety
 1112 LIT Economic Development
 1191 Riverboat

LaPorte County Engineer
 Jay Sullivan, LaPorte County Engineer \$154,000.00
 Request permission to spend \$154,000.00
 From Cumulative Bridge Fund to make
 Up difference from quote in 2019 for
 Construction for Bridge #97

LaPorte County Commissioners
 Requesting additional appropriation \$20,000.00
 For Unemployment Compensation
 1000.000.000.0000

LaPorte County Prosecutor
 Requesting permission to appropriate \$21,000.00 \$21,000.00
 From fund 2500 to be appropriated to:
 2500.20200.000.0327

Permission to transfer \$21,000 from
 Fund 2500 to 2501 as follows:
 2501.10130.000.0343 (\$10,000.00) part time salary
 2501.11007.000.0343 (\$800.00) OASDI
 2501.11009.000.0343 (\$200.00) Medicare
 2501.20021.000.0343 (\$10,000.00) Law Enforcement
 Equipment and Supplies

LaPorte County EMS

Requesting an additional appropriation of \$1,226,459.50 \$1,226,459.50

For the Installment Styker Agreement for replacement

Of Expired Equipment

To be allocated as follows:

Year One: \$145,000.00

Year Two: \$181,250.00

Year Three through Six: \$292,619.06 annually

Requesting an additional appropriation for Loose **\$20,000.00

Equipment for Monitor Installation in 12 Ambulances

1170.000.00000.0000

LAPORTE COUNTY HAZ MAT

**\$48,000.00

Requesting an additional appropriation for

A new chemical detection device

FROM RIVERBOAT (1191) OR WIN TAX (4220)

**Not to exceed

COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 28th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:


Michael Rosenbaum, CPA, LaPorte County Auditor

Meeting is televised on Access LaPorte County (ALCO)
Online and on Channel 97