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**LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President Adam Koronka at 6:12 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Councilman Mike Mollenhauer led the pledge.

ROLL CALL - Auditor Michael Rosenbaum called the roll and noted all members present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA On a motion made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Kessler, the agenda was approved on a 7-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF THE April 28th and May 28th, 2025 MEETING MINUTES Councilman Novak made a motion to accept both the April 28th and Math 28th meeting minutes. Councilmen Kessler and Yagelski both seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT Commissioner Steve Holified rose to speak on raises for the employees. He said the raises should be added to the budget this year.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Probation Officer, Steve Eyrick asked for permission to purchase food not to exceed \$1,500 each for two meetings they are providing food for.

A motion to grant \$3,000 (\$1,500 each) was made by Councilman Yagelski and supported by Councilman Kessler.

Councilmember	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenhauer	Novak	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Nay								0

Councilman Novak asked Mr. Eyrick if we are pursuing additional Opioid Grant funds.

Mr. Eyrick responded that Mickey Webb from the LaPorte County Drug Free Partnership was pursuing the grant.

Auditor Rosenbaum stated that the paperwork had to be submitted by Monday.

•EMA director, Rob Sabie, spoke about an online meeting with Homeland Security Director, Kristie Nome.

FEMA is ending and will now be under the President. Right now, in the event of a disaster, the federal government provides 75% of the funding and local government provides the remaining 25%. They are looking to reverse that – the local government will pick up 75% and feds 25%.

New training will be available. It is not clear who will provide the training. A discussion took place on recent emergency.

•Commissioner Gramarossa approached the council about funding 58 sick days for an Adult Protective Services Employee who is retiring after 20 years service. APS is no longer being funded by the State, so the Commissioner was here asking for an additional appropriation. A discussion took place and it was decided that since this is a grant that is no longer in effect, the funding will need to come from the General Fund through an additional appropriation.

Councilman Yagelski made a motion and it was supported by Councilman Novak, that the sick days be paid by the Prosecutor from his alternate funds if possible, if not, it should be paid for from the general fund. It will be placed on next month's agenda under the Prosecutor.

Councilmember	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenhauer	Novak	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Nay								0

Commissioner Gramarossa also informed the Council about a situation at the MC Courthouse where the air conditioning was not working. She introduced, Angie Davis and Larry Levendowski from LaPorte County Construction Management Company who explained what happened and how it was repaired.

LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Mollenhauer: We lost Larry Trueblood, a retired merit officer, recently. Prayer go out to his family.

Councilman Novak: Attended the Redevelopment Commission meeting, 911 board meeting, Building Maintenance committee, PNW event, commented on the upcoming LaPorte County Fair and FMEC.

Councilman Kiel: met with his liaison departments on the budget; attended National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) meeting in Seattle and was elected as President.

Councilman Kessler: attended the Animal Control board meeting.

Councilman Pressel: attended the Plan Commission meeting on solar; attended the Animal Shelter Water Park ribbon cutting; Building Maintenance committee

President Koronka: met with the Judges

Councilman Yagelski: Building Maintenance Committee; elevator repair

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, REQUESTS

Superior Court 4 – Magistrate Link

Requesting Additional Appropriation

\$8,000.00

For Psychological Services

1000.30088.00000.0152

From:

Riverboat 1191.20200.00152.0275

WinTax 4220.20200.00152.0257

Motion to approve by Councilman Novak and supported by Councilman Kiel from Riverboat.

Councilmember	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenhauer	Novak	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x		6
Nay							x	1

LaPorte County Emergency Management

**\$65,000.00

Request to purchase vehicle

From:

LIT Public Safety: 1170.42001.0153.0227

Win Tax: 4220.42001.0153.0257

Motion to approve by Councilman Mollenhauer and supported by Councilman Kessler from LIT Public Safety.

Councilmember	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenhauer	Novak	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x		6
Nay							x	1

LaPorte County Council

\$50,000.00

Requesting an additional appropriation
For Professional Services for Baker Tilly contract

From:

Riverboat 1191.20200.00144.0275

General 1000.20200.00000.0144

Motion to approve by Councilman Novak and supported by Councilman Mollenhauer from Riverboat.

Councilmember	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenhauer	Novak	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x		6
Nay							x	1

LaPorte County Board of Commissioners

\$50,000.00

Requesting an additional appropriation
For Professional Services for Baker Tilly contract

From: Riverboat 1191.20200.00143.0275

General 1000.20200.00000.0143

Motion to approve by Councilman Novak and supported by Councilman Mollenhauer from Riverboat.

Councilmember	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenhauer	Novak	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Nay								0

LaPorte County E-911

\$150,000.00

Requesting an additional appropriation
For Overtime

1170.00000.00000.0000

1191.00000.00000.0000

Motion to approve \$75,000 by Councilman Novak and supported by Councilman Kessler from LIT Public Safety.

Councilmember	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenhauer	Novak	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x		6
Nay							x	1

LaPorte County Building Maintenance

Requesting Additional \$21,000.00

\$21,000.00

For Complex Roof

Riverboat 1191.20200.0142.0272

WinTax: 4220.20200.0142.0257

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Mollenhauer and supported by Councilman Kessler from Riverboat.

Councilmember	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenhauer	Novak	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
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Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x		6
Nay							x	1

Requesting Additional \$11,450.00

\$11,450.00

For drain work at JSC

WinTax: 4220.20200.0142.0257

Riverboat: 1191.20200.00142.0275

Motion to approve by Councilman Pressel and supported by Councilman Kessler from Win Tax.

Councilmember	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenhauer	Novak	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x		x	x		5
Nay				x			x	2

LaPorte County Adult Probation

\$1,869.71

Permission to spend/appropriate fund

From carry forward

2701.30120.000.0728

Motion to approve by Councilman Novak and supported by Councilman Kessler.

Councilmember	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenhauer	Novak	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Nay								0

Permission to spend/appropriate fund

\$22,678.35

2460.30120.000.0824

Motion to approve by Councilman Novak and supported by Councilman Yagelski.

Councilmember	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenhauer	Novak	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Nay								0

LaPorte County Auditor

Requesting permission to appropriate

\$335.00

For software invoice

Real Estate Endorsement Fund

1181.20200.00000.0588

Motion to approve by Councilman Yagelski and supported by Councilman Novak.

Councilmember	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenhauer	Novak	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Nay								0

**Not to Exceed

COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilman Kessler and supported by Councilman Yagelski at 7:47 pm. A 7 – 0 vote was recorded.

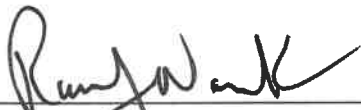
EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 23rd day of June, 2025.



Councilman President Adam Koronka



Councilman Justin Kiel



Councilman Randy Novak



Councilman Brett Kessler



Councilman Mike Mollenhauer



Councilman Jimmy Pressel



Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST: _____
Michael Rosenbaum, La Porte County Auditor