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**LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by President Adam Koronka.
President Koronka asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Councilman Pressel.

Auditor Michael Rosenbaum called the roll and noted all were present and a quorum was achieved.

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Councilman Novak and supported by Councilman Kiel on a 7 – 0 vote.

A motion to approve the June 23, 2025 minutes was made by Councilman Yagelski and supported by Councilman Kessler. The motion passed by a 7 -0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Commissioner Steve Holifield spoke on the issue with the air conditioning problem in the LaPorte Courthouse. It is being addressed by the maintenance department.
- Kelly Wozniak, 2399 Orchard Dr, Michigan City, IN spoke on the first deputy position within the Treasurer's office.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- Coroner Lynn Swanson gave an update on the numbers during the passed seven months and the years of 2024 and 2025. Ms. Swanson asked for permission to spend funds from her non-reverting fund for lunch provided for emergency personel. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Mollenhauer and supported by Councilman Novak. The motion passed on a 7 – 0 vote.

- Chief Probation Officer, Steve Eyrick approached the council to request no more than \$3,000 for a laptop for Magistrate John Link to be paid for with Adult Probation User Fees.
A motion to approve was made by Councilman Yagelski and supported by Councilman Novak. The motion passed on a 7 – 0 vote.

On a motion made by Councilman Yagelski and supported by Councilman Novak, the motion passed 7 – 0.

- IT Director, Darlene Hale, approached the council for permission to spend \$16,000.00 from the Assessor's Reassessment Fund to fund a GIS Strategic Plan for GIS. The plan will be done by Abonmarche and will include information on updating the server.

Motion to move forward was made by Councilman Yagelski and supported by Councilman Kessler. The motion passed 6 – 1 with Councilman Kiel dissenting.

- Treasurer Dan Barenie stepped to the podium to discuss one of his employees. A short discussion took place.

LIAISON REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN MS4 FUNDS DORMANT AND TRANSFERRING REMAINING AMOUNTS TO THE STORMWATER OPERATIONS FUND

The Ordinance was read by title only.

A discussion took place with MS4 personnel, and financial consultant, Karl Cender.

The motion to approve was made by Councilman Yagelski and supported by Councilman Novak. Motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote.

* See attached document

- RESOLUTION CREATING CERTAIN STORMWATER OPERATIONS FUND

A discussion took place with MS4 personnel, and financial consultant, Karl Cender.

The motion to approve was made by Councilman Novak and supported by Councilmen Kessler and Pressel. Motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote.

*See attached document

- CONSIDERATION FOR ABATEMENT REQUEST FOR 2M SHOP GROUP (KIP)

Mr. Reardon gave a brief explanation.

The motion to approve was made by Councilman Novak and approved by Councilman Yagelski.
The motion passed 7 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

LaPorte County Clerk, Heather Stevens, permission to hire a Deputy Clerk in Superior Court #1 and a Deputy Clerk in Superior Court 3.

LaPorte County Prosecutor, Sean Fagan, requesting permission to hire Investigator due to lateral transfer of current investigator.

Laporte County Building Maintenance director, Angela Davis, requesting permission to hire 2 full time housekeepers.

Laporte County Auditor requesting permission to hire full time Real Estate Deputy Clerk and permission to utilize part time budget to train for position.

All have been given permission to begin the process to replace positions by President Koronka.

A motion was made to accept by Councilman Mollenauer and supported by Councilman Kiel.
Motion passed by a 6 – 1 vote with Councilman Yagelski dissenting.

APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, REQUESTS

Laporte Circuit Court

Requesting Additional Appropriation for Psychological Services	\$11,000.00
1000.30088.00000.0148	
From:	
Riverboat 1191.20200.00152.0275*	
WinTax 4220.20200.00152.0257	

Motion to approve from Riverboat by Councilman Novak and supported by Councilman Pressel.
No discussion took place.
Motion passed on a 6 -1 vote with Councilman Yagelski voting nay.

Laporte County Building Maintenance

Requesting Additional Appropriation for Repair of two sets of showers in cell block S2 and S3 In the Laporte County Jail, above the "back 40" Three Inch Gas Line	\$40,000.00
Riverboat 1191.20200.00152.0275	
WinTax 4220.20200.00152.0257	
LIT Public Safety 1170.20200.000.0257	
LIT Economic Development 1112.20200.000.0257	

Building Maintenance Director, Angie Davis appeared to answer any questions.
Councilman Kiel: Did you seek any estimates?
Ms. Davis: No; one has been repaired previously and because of this, the current repair is a little less expensive.

Motion to approve from LIT Economic Development was made by Councilman Mollenauer and supported by Councilman Pressel.
Motion passed on a 6 -1 vote with Councilman Yagelski voting nay.

Laporte County Auditor

Requesting permission to spend/appropriate from	\$6,800.00
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The Auditor's Ineligible Deduction Fund
1216.20200.00000.0352

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Yagelski and supported by Councilman Kessler.
Motion passed on a 7 – 0 vote.

Requesting a transfer from \$70,000.00
1000.30166.00000.0150 (Juror Fees) to
2506.30120.00000.0510 (Jury Pay Fund)

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Yagelski and supported by Councilman Novak.
Motion passed on a 7 – 0 vote.

Laporte County Coroner \$58,000.00
Requesting an Additional Appropriation for
Autopsy's (1000.30033.00000.0107 - \$42,000)
Professional Services (1000.30135.00000.0107 -\$16,000)
From:
Riverboat 1191.20200.00152.0275
WinTax 4220.20200.00152.0257

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Kessler and supported by Councilman Kiel from Riverboat.
A discussion to place on contract requests.
Motion passed 5 – 2 with Councilmen Yagelski and Novak voting nay.

Laporte County Prosecutor \$25,803.00
Requesting a transfer from User Fees
2500.00000.00000.0327 to
8137.10137.000.0508 (Salary) \$17,927.36
8137.11007.000.0508 (OASDI) \$2,565.64
8137.11009.000.0508 (Medicare) \$600.04
8137.11017.000.0508 (PERF) \$3,088.60
8137.11019.000.0508 (Health) \$1,147.10
8137.30120.000.0508 (Claims) \$474.26

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Yagelski and supported by Councilman Kessler.
Motion passed on a 7 – 0 vote.

Requesting a transfer from \$10,000.00
2500.0000.00000.0327 to
2501.20021.00000.0343
For Law Enforcement Equipment

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Novak and supported by Mr. Kessler.
Motion passed on a 7 – 0 vote.

COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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



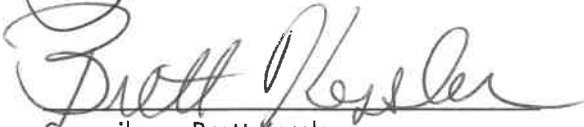
Councilman President Adam Koronka



Councilman Justin Kiel



Councilman Randy Novak



Councilman Brett Kessler



Councilman Mike Mollenhauer



Councilman Jimmy Pressel



Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST: 

Michael Rosenbaum, CPA, LaPorte County Auditor

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