



MEETING MINUTES
LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2026

The Reorganizational Meeting of the La Porte County Council was held on Monday, January 5, 2026 in the Assembly Room of the La Porte County Government Complex, 809 State St., La Porte, IN 46350.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Auditor Michael Rosenbaum at 5:00 p.m. local time.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by Auditor Rosenbaum.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by Chief Deputy Auditor, Joie Winski, who noted all present.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2026 LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS

Election of officers was overseen by Auditor Rosenbaum who asked for nominations for president. Adam Koronka was nominated by Councilman Kiel and was accepted by acclamation.

President Koronka then took control of the meeting and asked for nominations for Vice President. Councilman Pressel nominated Councilman Kessler. The vote was 7 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

No Department head reports were given.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion of support for funding EMS 2026 (\$5,126,961)

Auditor Michael Rosenbaum stated that there would be a formal hearing on this at the January 26, 2026 meeting.

A motion of support for the funding was made by Councilman Mollenauer and supported by Councilwoman Heath. Motion passed 6 – 1.

	Heath	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenauer	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x		6
Nay							x	1

Appointment of Legal Counsel

A motion to retain Mr. Biege was made by Councilman Pressel and seconded by Councilman Kessler. The vote was unanimous.

	Heath	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenauer	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Nay								

County Council Appointment of Board Members

Asterisk (*) denotes person is seeking reappointment

Alcohol Beverage Board

*Current member: Matt Sikorski 12/31/25 **

President Koronka stated that in previous years, the council has waited to make this appointment until the cities and commissioners made their appointments. He then asked if the council wished to table this and bring it back at the January 26th meeting. Councilman Kessler made the motion to table the appointment until the January 26th meeting. Councilwoman Heath seconded the motion to table.

	Heath	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenauer	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Nay								0

LaCrosse Public Library

*Current Member: Tracie L. Vernich 12/31/25 **

A motion to retain Ms. Vernich was made by Councilman Mollenauer and supported by Councilman Kiel. Vote was 7-0 in favor.

	Heath	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenauer	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Nay								0

Wanatah Public Library*Current Member: Noelle Sojka-Howell 12/31/25**

A motion to retain Ms. Sojka-Howell was made by Councilman Mollenauer and supported by Councilman Kiel. Vote was 7-0 in favor.

	Heath	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenauer	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Nay								0

Westville Public Library*Current Member: Stephanie Fenters 12/31/25**

A motion to retain Ms. Fenters was made by Councilwoman Heath and supported by Councilman Mollenauer. Vote was 7-0 in favor.

	Heath	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenauer	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Nay								0

FMEC*Current members: Adam Koronka 12/31/25**Jimmy Pressel 12/31/25*

Councilman Kessler nominated Councilman Pressel and Councilman Koronka.
Councilwoman Heath nominated herself.

	Heath	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenauer	Pressel	Yagelski	
Heath	x				x		x	3
Koronka		x	x	x	x	x		5
Pressel	x	x	x	x		x	x	6

PTABOA (2)*Current members: Bob Bailey 1/1/26***Erica Miller 1/1/26**

Councilman Yagelski nominated Bob Bailey. Second by Councilman Mollenauer.
Councilman Mollenauer nominated Erica Miller. Seconded by Councilwoman Heath.
Councilman Kiel nominated Tim Stabosz. Seconded by Adam Koronka.

	Heath	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenauer	Pressel	Yagelski	
Bailey	x				x	x	x	4
Miller	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Stabosz		x	x	x				3

LaPorte County Animal Control Advisory Commission (1)

Current member: Brett Kessler 100/1/26

Councilman Kessler was nominated by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Pressel. The vote was unanimous to retain Councilman Kessler.

LaPorte County Redevelopment Commission (3)

Current members: Adam Koronka 12/31/25

Brett Kessler 12/31/25

Tom Fath 12/31/25

Councilman Mollenauer nominated Councilwoman Heath. Councilman Yagelski seconded. Councilman Mollenauer nominated Councilman Koronka. Councilman Yagelski seconded. Councilman Kiel nominated Councilman Kessler. Councilman Kiel nominated Jackie Thomas.

	Heath	Kessler	Kiel	Koronka	Mollenauer	Pressel	Yagelski	Total
Heath	x	x			x		x	4
Koronka	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Kessler	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Thomas			x	x		x		3

LaPorte County Solid Waste Management District Board (1)

Current member: Mike Mollenhauer

Councilman Mollenauer was nominated by Councilman Yagelski and Councilwoman Heath seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to retain Councilman Mollenauer.

LaPorte County Regional Sewer & Water District

Current member: Mark Danielson 12/31/25

Councilman Mollenauer nominated Mr. Danielson and Councilman Yagelski supported the nomination. The vote was unanimous to retain Mr. Danielson.

Discussion on Liaison Assignments for 2026

President Koronka asked all Councilmembers contact him with liaison requests.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Yagelski and supported by Councilman Mollenauer. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

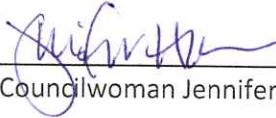
EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 26th day of January, 2025.



Councilman President Adam Koronka



Councilman Justin Kiel



Councilwoman Jennifer Heath



Councilman Brett Kessler



Councilman Mike Mollenhauer



Councilman Jimmy Pressel



Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST:



Michael Rosenbaum, La Porte County Auditor