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LAPORTE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES January 27, 2026

Members Present: Rita Beaty James Pressell III
 Anthony Oss Eric Pointon
 John Carr John Matwyshyn
 Andrew Chlupacek Joe Tuholski

Absent: Steve Holifield, Doug Biege, Attorney

Others Present: Michael Polan, Building Commissioner; Janet Cole

Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Polan asked for approval of the agenda for the January 27th, 2026 meeting.

Rita Beaty made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Joe Tuholski seconded the approval of the agenda.

All Approved, motion carried 8-0

Michael Polan asked for approval of the November 25th, 2025 minutes.

Rita Beaty made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Eric Pointon seconded.

All approved, motion carried 8 - 0

Michael Polan stated they will have elections and appointments for the annual reorganizations. We will start with the nominations for president.

Eric Pointon nominated Rita Beaty for President.

John Carr seconded the nomination.

Michael Polan asked for any other nominations.

Eric Pointon made a motion to close the nominations for President.

John Carr seconded the motion.

All approved and the motion carried 8-0.

Rita Beaty took her seat as president and asked for nominations for Vice President.

Eric Pointon nominated Jimmy Pressell III for Vice President

Andy Chulpacek seconded the nomination.

Eric Pointon made a motion to close the nominations for Vice President.

Andy Chulpacek seconded the motion.

All approved and motion carried 8-0.

Rite Beaty asked for the list of appointments.

Michael Polan stated: Appointment to the Board of Zoning, County Attorney and the Building Commissioner.

Rita Beaty asked for a nomination for the appointment to the Board of Zoning.

Jimmy Pressell nominated Eric Pointon.

Joe Tuholski seconded the motion.

All approved and the motion carried 8-0.

Rita Beaty: Is there a nomination for the Recording Secretary/Building Commissioner for the Building Department?

Eric Pointon nominated Michael Polan.

John Carr seconded the nomination.

All approved and motion carried 8-0.

Rita Beatry: Do you have a nomination for Plan Commission Attorney?

Eric Pointon nominated Doug Biege for Board Attorney.

James Pressell seconded the nomination.

Rita Beatry: I did talk with Mr. Biege and he is willing to accept the position if appointed this evening. So, any other nominations for or appointments for the County Attorney?

All Approved Doug Beige. Motion carried 8-0.

Rita Beatry: We can let Mr. Biege know that he is appointed then for this year, for the County Planning Commission. That should be all the elections for this evening then. Thank you all for everyone.

Any old business?

John Matwyshyn: I would like to have recorded someplace. The transition from my volunteering for the Data Center Task Force to have some place to record that it was officially done. That I had volunteered and I was appointed or for the for the Data Center Task Force and then I received a call.

Rita Beatry: Then we had to because we had had somebody else that had volunteered ahead of time. All right. I'm sure Ashley has that in the Minutes from there. So, if we need to do anything with that to review that, that would be all right. Thank you. All right. Any new business?

Mike Polan: Madam President. We had previously established, I think one or two committees that Harold Parker had served on. We might need to revisit that. And make sure that we have those still set up and in place, so that perhaps at our next meeting we can have committee reports and discussion.

Rita Beatry: Think about that. That he might have been involved in a few of those too.

James Pressell: I think he was on the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

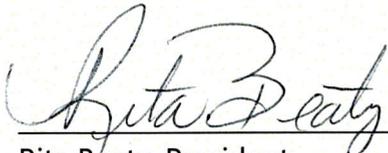
Eric Pointon: Also, I'm pretty sure he was. I know he was on the Solar Committee and he was on the Data Center.

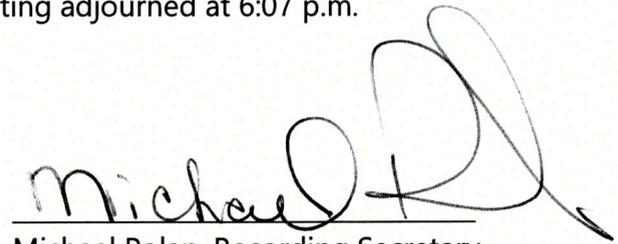
Rita Beaty: No, he wasn't, he didn't volunteer for that one. Thank you. We can address that hopefully then next month and we find out what we do need to fulfill his position. Any other new business? This evening motion to adjourn

John Carr: Made the motion to adjourn.

Eric Pointon: Seconded the motion

All Approved and the motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.


Rita Beaty, President


Michael Polan, Recording Secretary