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**AGENDA
LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
September 28th, 2026**

(Please Turn Off All Cell Phones)

The Regular Meeting of the LaPorte County Council to be held on Monday, September 28th, 2026 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 August 20th, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

APPROVAL OF August 24th, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

LIAISON REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

- Kingsford Heights Resolution on MUST
- City of LaPorte Impact Study
- Health Insurance Rates for 2027

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Permission to hire Maintenance for Parks and Recreation (Jeremy Sobecki)
- Permission to hire Comot IV, Deputy Clerk (Heather Stevens)
- Discussion of Funds 4700 & 4701 – Auditor’s office

APPROPRIATIONS

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/WANATAH LIBRARY

Don Parker, Director of the Wanatah Library

Requesting the County Council (as Library fiscal review body),
approve an Additional Appropriation from the Library's cash reserves,
in the amount of \$10,000, to cover the costs of bringing
on a new Library Director for orientation before the retirement
of the current Library Director (2 months' overlapping of terms to
smooth the learning of administrative processes).
The Library will draw from its own cash reserves and
is not requesting any additional funds from LaPorte County.

\$10,000.00

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LaPorte County Director of Facilities, Angela Davis

Requesting an additional appropriation not to exceed
\$125,000.00 for the replacement of 2 boilers in the jail
And county complex
(Voted on August 24, 2026 / 7 – 0)

\$125,000.00

1191 Riverboat
4220 Win Tax

Coroner Lynn Swanson

Requesting an additional appropriation
To fulfill the contract with Pathologix (autopsies)
For remainder of the year.

\$42,000.00

1000.30033.0000.0107

1191 Riverboat
4220 Win Tax

Requesting additional pay for
Professional Services (Deputy Pay)
1000.30135.00000.0107

\$25,000.00

1191 Riverboat
4220 Win Tax

LaPorte County Board of Commissioners

Requesting an additional appropriation of \$1,750,000.00 \$1,750,000.00
For the County's Liability Insurance Fund

1191 Riverboat
1112 LIT Economic Development
1186 Rainy Day

LaPorte County Planning and Zoning

Requesting an additional \$15,000.00 to cover \$15,000.00
Additional salary voted on by the council in 2025
For 2026 salary. Original \$15,000.00 was taken
From the Contractor's Registration Fees which
Is no longer allowed.

1191 Riverboat
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TRANSFERS/PERMISSION TO SPEND-APPROPRIATE**LaPorte County Health Department Director, Amanda Lahners**

Requesting permission to spend from Fund 1159 \$175,000.00
For part of the construction of a building at the
Fairgrounds. This is a partnership with EMS and is an
Expansion to their current building.

Brooke Kegebein, Director, LaPorte County Animal Control and the Jane Bernard Animal Adoption Center

Requesting permission to spend \$20,000 for \$20,000.00
vet & hospital expenses from the LP Animal
Control Citation Fee Fund
4008.30105.00000.0728.

Requesting permission to spend \$10,000 for \$20,000.00
other services and charges from the Animal
Shelter Donation Fund
4100.30120.00000.0531

Sheriff Ron Heeg

Requesting permission to spend from the \$22,500.00
Misdemeanant Fund for the purchase of a
Replacement washing machine for the jail

1175.30120.00000.0591

Requesting \$46,000.00 from the Misdemeanant \$46,000.00

Fund for the annual payment of the jail management
Software renewal.

1175.30107.00000.0591

Jeremy Sobecki, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

Requesting to spend or transfer \$3,700 from Donations account \$3,700.00
This money was donated to be used for:
\$2,000 for pioneer days and \$1,700 for Santa's reindeer event

1179.05321.00000.0259

Steve Eyrick, Chief Probation Officer, Adult Probation

Requesting permission to spend from Probation User Fees \$12,744.95
\$12,744.95 for computer upgrades (from Windows 10) for Superior Court 3.

2102.30107.00000.0334

Heather Stevens, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Requesting to permission to \$14,097.73
Appropriate funds from Carried Forward 8899
To 8899.20021.00000.0571 Supplies in the
amount of \$97.73 to pay invoice
To 8899.30120.00000.0571 Other Services &
Charges in the amount of \$14,000.00 to pay Malcon Invoices

Appropriate funds from Carried Forward 1119
To 1119.30120.00000.0341 Other Services & Charges
to pay invoice

Transfer of Funds/Riverboat

Auditor Michael Rosenbaum

Requesting the transfer of Riverboat Funds to the
Rainy Day Fund
50% of \$358,119.74 = \$179,059.74

Sean Fagan, LaPorte County Prosecutor

Requesting the transfer of the following: \$20,000.00
From Fund 2500 Co User Fees to
2501 Prosecutor's Pretrial Diversion & Deferral:

\$5000 Coolspring Township Trustee/Emergency Funds
\$5000 We Are in Recovery (WAIR/Recovery Works)
\$10,000 Trial and Office Operations

2500 to 572: \$14.00
\$14.00 CSB Balance Adjustment

COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 28^h day of
September, 2026.**

ATTEST: _____
Michael Rosenbaum, La Porte County Auditor

