

ORDINANCE OF THE LAPORTE  
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

No. 85-4

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT  
AND GOVERNANCE OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY FAMILY CRISIS CENTER  
GOVERNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the La Porte County Board of Commissioners have established the Huron Street Shelter Care facility for abused and neglected children, abused spouses and status offender juveniles, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners are the titled owners of the shelter care facility and, as such, ultimately responsible for the operation and maintenance of that facility; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Public Welfare indicated in May, 1983 that under DPW regulation 3-305, licensure of the facility could not take place until a governing board was appointed by the Commissioners to oversee operation of the facility, and

WHEREAS, the La Porte County Family Crisis Center, Inc. ("Governing Board") has been formally incorporated as an Indiana not-for-profit corporation, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners did on June 29, 1983 make several interim appointments to the Governing Board, with no provision for term lengths or party balance, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have expressed a desire to formalize the system of appointments to the Governing Board so that requirements for appointments and responsibilities of board members are consistent with other county boards and agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THIS BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is established the La Porte County Family Crisis Center Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the Governing Board.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners shall appoint the

Governing Board, which shall be composed of seven persons. The Governing Board will be composed of the following:

- (1) The President of the Board of Commissioners or his/her designee
- (2) The President of the County Council or his/her designee
- (3) An attorney-at-law
- (4) A physician
- (5) Three civic leaders

Section 3. Each of the five (5) non-elected members appointed by the Board of Commissioners shall serve for a four (4) year term, except that of the original appointees under this ordinance: two (2) shall serve for one (1) year, one (1) shall serve for two (2) years, one (1) shall serve for three (3) years, and one (1) shall serve for four (4) years.

Appointments of the new members selected under this ordinance shall commence immediately. Thereafter, all new appointments shall be made by the Board of Commissioners at their annual reorganization session held in January.

Section 4. No more than three (3) of the five (5) non-elected members of the Governing Board shall be from one (1) political party. All members shall be chosen for their special fitness for membership on the Board and shall be residents of the county.

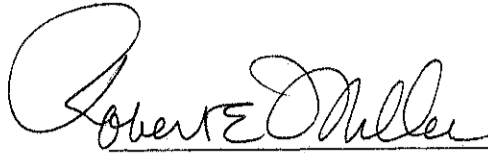
Section 5. The Governing Board shall meet on a monthly basis. At its first monthly meeting of the calendar year, the Board shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson from its membership.

Section 6. The Governing Board shall have all those duties and responsibilities which are properly assigned to it by the Board of Commissioners. In the absence of specific direction by the Board of Commissioners, the Governing Board shall undertake those actions which it finds necessary and proper for the maintenance and operation of the programs under its care. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Governing Board may appeal that decision to the Board of Commissioners, which shall have final authority on all contested matters.

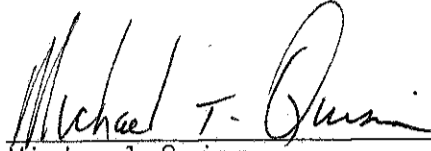
Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Passed this 15th day of April, 1985.

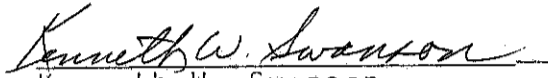
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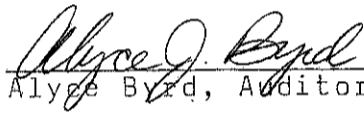


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