

LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
June 28, 2010

The LaPorte County Council Meeting was held on Monday, June 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the LaPorte County Government Complex, 809 State Street, LaPorte, Indiana 46350.

Meeting was called to order by Council President, Mark Yagelski

Roll Call was taken by Auditor, Craig Hinchman. Those attending were Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Garner, Mr. Ford, Mr. Mrozinski, and Mr. Yagelski. Also present were Chief Deputy Auditor, Mary Ray and Council Attorney Don Baugher. Mrs. Sosinski was absent.

The agenda was approved by all members

The minutes from the April 26, 2010 and the May 24, 2010 Council meetings were approved by all members present.

ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

President Yagelski reported the budget hearings will be held August 11th and 12th, 2010.

He also announced that the September Council meeting has been changed to Monday, September 20, 2010, and the January meeting will be changed to Monday, January 17, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Garner had no report

Mr. Cunningham had no report

Mr. Ford wanted to thank Mr. Wright and Mr. Hendricks for fixing a flooding problem. He also wanted to thank the Center Township Fire Department for their extra efforts during the recent storms.

Mr. Mrozinski reported that the County Home open house was a huge success and thanked all those involved. He also reminded everyone to fly their flag on July 4th.

Mr. Yagelski stated that another 90 day extension was signed for IGS Logistics to give them more time to determine if the project is a go.

He requested that Attorney Baugher prepare letters to the taxing units regarding the non-binding budgets. Growth factor is 2.9% for the tax year 2011.

APPROPRIATIONS OR TRANSFERS OR REQUESTS

LAPORTE COUNTY PIONEER CEMETERY COMMISSION

Requested funds from the Riverboat Admission (272)

For fencing repair and or replacement.

\$3,000.00

Motion was made to approve the request

All members present voted in favor

Motion approved

NEW BUSINESS

LAPORTE SUPERIOR COURT NO.4, PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Requested consolidation of the five Adult Probation Departments budgets per

Order of all the LaPorte County Judges.

Motion was made to approve the request

All members present voted in favor

Motion approved

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000.) OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY INDIANA, TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2010 (HP LRHS LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT); DESIGNATING THE BONDS AS LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE COUNTY; APPROVING THE FORM OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF, THE TRUST INDENTURE, LOAN AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING PROPER OFFICERS TO DO ALL OTHER THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO. TO BE KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 2010-04

All members present voted in favor of the ordinance on the first reading by title only

Second reading will be at the July 26, 2010 County Council Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

LAPORTE COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Requested appropriation into the 327 account To be transferred to the General Fund 100	\$622,778.50
For further appropriation into LaPorte City Parks 100-41100-000-100	\$150,000.00
LaPorte County Parks 100-41102-000-100	\$150,000.00
Michigan City Zoo Project 100-41103-000-100	\$200,000.00
LaPorte County Fair Board 100-41104-000-100	\$100,000.00
Pre/Trial Diversion/Deferral Excess Fund 343-20200-000-343	\$ 22,778.50

First Reading of the ordinance, by title only, concerning the request

TO BE KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 2010-03

All members present voted in favor of the ordinance

Second reading of the ordinance, by title only

All members present approved the ordinance

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Mr. Garner commented on the huge success of the Red Power Roundup. He stated that is helped the economy in the towns of Michigan City and LaPorte and the non-profit vendors from the community. The Tourism Board did a great job promoting the event.

Mr. Cunningham reported the same. He stated that he spoke with several persons at the event and all comments were positive. The promoters of this event will definitely consider bringing the show back to LaPorte.

He also stated that the request he made to the LaPorte County Sheriff for a detailed Report of the Commissary funds has not been complied with. He made the following motion:

Mr. Baugher is to inform the State's Public Access Counselor of Sheriff Michael Mollenhauer's failure to comply the Council's April request for detailed commissary records.

All members present voted in favor

Motion approved

Mr. Yagelski asked Auditor Hinchman when the reconciliation bills were expected to be ready. He replied that there have been problems with the software. We are moving forward but it will take time. He estimates October at the earliest.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

