

LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 18, 2011

The LaPorte County Council Meeting was held on Monday, April 18, 2011 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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Auditor, Craig Hinchman called the roll; all Council members were present along with Chief Deputy, Mary Ray and Attorney, Doug Biege, co-council.

All members approved the amended agenda.

All members approved the March 14, and March 21, 2011 Council minutes

Department Head Reports

County Surveyor, Tony Hendricks spoke briefly on the need for a different vehicle for his department. He stated that the vehicle he has is beyond repair and a safety hazard. This topic will be on the May 23, 2011 agenda.

Liaison Reports

Mrs. Sosinski met with the data board regarding software that is not being utilized. She reported that there is software available that is much improved. It would allow the offices to communicate with each other through the computer, saving time on duplication.

Mr. Yagelski reported that he met with the NICTD Board. He stated that funds were given to Trans Systems for the study of moving the South Shore route through Michigan City. He also stated that the new Purdue Extension building must be handicapped accessible. Commissioner, Ken Layton reported that most of the County buildings are now handicap accessible. The County is working to be 100 percent, but the balances of upgrades are very expensive.

Mr. Bernacchi met with the Assessor and reported that Tyler group has hired eight full time employees and two part time employees. Eight people are local hires. Re-assessment is approximately 20% complete. He also met with the Treasurer on the status of the reconciliation bills. There have been many taxpayer calls with concerns. Some bills that stated zero balance actually have a credit rolled to the next year. New provisional bills are going to be due on approximately June 24, 2011 if the legislature passes a bill to allow this.

Mr. Cunningham had no report.

Mr. Ford is meeting with Emergency Management Director, Fran Tibbit regarding the narrow banding project.

Mr. Garner reported that the City of LaPorte is asking for the County Police Officers to help during the Fourth of July Parade. He also reported meeting with Mr. Al Ott regarding the use of jail supplies. He stated over half of the budget has been spent already.

Mr. Mrozinski reported that the KIDC project contract is getting very close to being signed. He also reported that twenty LaPorte County Veterans received medals this month. He also attended meetings regarding Solid Waste, Leadership, Economic development and PNC for the Campus Veterans Project.

Public Comments

None

APPROPRIATIONS OR TRANSFERS

LAPORTE REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT/ OAK TREE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Requested funds from the Major Moves Fund (223)
For the sewer project from LaPorte to Rolling Prairie \$1,900,000.00

REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

LAPORTE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Requested the May CEDIT draw \$1,750,000.00

Motion was made to approve the request

All members voted in favor

Motion approved

Requested the hiring of two CDL Truck Drivers/Equipment
Operators.

After discussion, motion was made to allow the hiring of one employee.

Employee

All members voted in favor

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Requested funds into 222-30135-000-222 (Professional Fees)
From either Riverboat Admissions (272 or
Winn Tax (257) for payment of 2011 First Quarter Draw
To LaPorte County Economic Development Alliance \$55,000.00
REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

The Alco Television Contract will be discussed in a workshop. The old contract is up in July.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Mr. Garner stressed that the Council will not approve for overruns or change orders on the Purdue Extension Building.

Mr. Ford stated that the Council will not provide funding for new furniture at the New Purdue Extension Building.

Mrs. Sosinski echoed Mr. Ford

Mr. Yagelski moved to close the meeting

Mr. Bernacchi seconded that

Mr. Cunningham recommended the reading of the Northwest Indiana Times regarding Ethics.

A motion was made to move the July Council meeting back to the original date because of the LaPorte County Fair.

Move from July 18th, 2011 to July 25, 2011

All members voted in favor

Motion approved

Mr. Mrozinski wished everyone a Happy Easter

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.