

LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 22, 2011

The LaPorte County Council Meeting was held on Monday, August 22, 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, Don Baugher co-council.

All members approved the agenda.

A motion was made to approve the July 25, 2011 Council minutes
Mrs. Sosinski abstained since she was ill and not at the meeting
All other members voted in favor
Minutes approved

PEP to explain their interest in preserving two barns at the LaPorte County Home. No one was present from PEP so there was not a presentation.

Department Head Reports

Highway superintendent Robert Young spoke about the upcoming snow plow rodeo. Stated that it will be a big event for LaPorte County.

Liaison Reports

Mrs. Sosinski reported that on Tuesday, she will attend a personnel meeting with Human Resource Department, Payroll Department and Consultants, Waggoner, Irwin & Scheele. Some departments and job descriptions need to be re-evaluated. Another meeting is planned for September 1, 2011.

Mr. Yagelski reported on the 505 bridge. It is not in the historic register but does have historic values.

Mr. Bernacchi wants to set a meeting with the offices of the Auditor, Assessor and Treasurer. He states that another reconciliation bill must be done this year.

Mr. Cunningham agrees with Mr. Bernacchi.

Mr. Ford thanked County Surveyor, Tony Hendricks for a great job obtaining state funds and the good job he has done with drainage on the Yellow River and the Kankakee River.

Mr. Garner had no report

Mr. Mrozinski has been working with the economic Alliance with job development. He was pleased that VanAir is ready to expand and bring new jobs to the area. He reported that little has changed with the KID project. All involved are working hard to move forward.

Public Comments

None

APPROPRIATIONS OR TRANSFERS

LAPORTE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (REVISITED FROM THE July 25, 2011 County Council Meeting)

Requested funds from either the Win tax (252) or the Riverboat (272) to purchase the following:

5 SINGLE AXLE TRUCKS	\$821,396.35
1 TANDEM AXLE TRUCK	\$194,117.54
1 ROAD PATCHING TRUCK	<u>\$171,336.00</u>
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$1,186,849.89

After a discussion on reducing the amount of trucks, Mr. Young stated that the order had already been placed due to the fact that approval had already been given by the Council at the July 25th 2011 meeting.

He was not notified until later in the week of Attorney Baugher's objection.

Motion was made to approve as requested from the Riverboat Fund #272

Mrs. Sosinski, Mr. Bernacchi and Mr. Ford voted against the motion

Mr. Yagelski, Mr. Mrozinski, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Garner voted in favor

Motion approved

SHERIFF MICHAEL F. MOLLENHAUER

Requested the payment of sick time for Jail Officer Raymond Thorpe

He was permanently disabled as the result of an accident with an inmate

In the jail in February 2009.

\$2,184.38

After a discussion and Chief Deputy Jim Sosinski reading from the employees had book

A motion was made to table until more information can be obtained

All members voted in favor to table

Motion approved

SHERIFF MICHAEL F. MOLLENHAUER (CONTINUED)

Requested the following additional appropriations:

Jail Extra Hire (0100-10130-000-0145)	\$55,000.00
Sheriff Overtime (0100-10140-000-01050)	\$35,000.00

It was discussed the possibility of changing the title to the Sheriff Overtime account name.

Motion was made to approve the request from the Riverboat Fund #272

All members voted in favor

Motion approved

ROBERT C. SZILAGYI, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Requested the payment of sick time for Bernard Borg for unused sick days who is retiring after 27 years. \$4,012.50

Motion was made to approve the request

All members voted in favor

Motion approved

LYNNE F. SPEVAK, CLERK OF THE LAPORTE CIRCUIT COURT

Requested allocation from the Clerk's Record Perpetuation Account To Document Storage Fund #341-20200-000-341 \$10,000.00

A motion was made to approve the request

All members voted in favor

Motion approved

TONY MANCUSO, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Requested the authority to proceed with the employment of a Medical Billing Coordinator

And to implement a non-reverting fund which will enable the program to be

Self supportive.

Motion was made to remove from the agenda and place on the final budget hearing schedule.

All members voted in favor

Motion to remove was approved

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Township non-binding budgets (when available)

A motion was made previously to approve ALL non-binding budgets with a growth factor of 2.9% or less.

Review of the Solid Waste District of LaPorte County Budget for the year of 2012

A motion was made to approve the budget except for the salaries.

All members voted in favor of the request

Motion approved

Attorney O. Jerrold Winski, Attorney for Vanair Manufacturing requesting the following two Resolutions:

RESOLUTION APPROVING STATEMENT OF BENEFITS IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT AND ADDENDUM: VANAIR MANUFACTURING, INC.(Vanair) to be known as 2011-06

RESOLUTION APPROVING STATEMENT OF BENEFITS IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT AND ADDENDUM: KOKOT BROTHERS DEVELOPMENT, LLC (Company) AND VANAIR MANUFACTURING, INC. (Vanair) to be known as 2011-07

A motion was made to approve both resolutions (2011-06 and 2011-07)

All members voted in favor

Motion approved

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bernacchi reminded everyone that the September 26th Council Meeting was rescheduled and moved to September 19, 2011

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Mr. Garner encourages a meeting with the Assessor, Auditor and Treasurer to work together to get another tax bill out. Mr. Bernacchi is to arrange.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.