

LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS FOR 2012

AUGUST 11, 2011

AUGUST 12, 2011

The LaPorte Council met in budget hearings on August 11, 2011 and August 12, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room, LaPorte County Government Complex, LaPorte, Indiana. President, Rich Mrozinski called the hearing to order. Council members present were Matt Bernacchi, Earl Cunningham, Terry Garner, Scott Ford, Lois Sosinski, Rich Mrozinski and Mark Yagelski. Also present were Auditor ,Craig Hinchman, Chief Deputy Auditor, Mary Ray, Lisa Parrett-Hock and Sharon Struyf.

Throughout the day the County take home vehicles were discussed. The Council strongly recommended that the use of these vehicles should be eliminated (with some exception).

The 100 accounts will be addressed at a later date

All 400 accounts were returned to -0- unless otherwise previously voted on

(Lunch was served at the county home on Thursday for all involved in the budget process)

SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2 (150)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION (155)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (222)

A motion was made to approve \$240,000.00 from the Riverboat Fund #272
Mr. Yagelski and Mrs. Sosinski voted against
Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Garner, Mr. Ford and Mr. Mrozinski
Voted in favor
Motion approved

AUDITOR (102)

Account #30135 was reduced to zero (Professional Services)
Then all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

CIRCUIT COURT (148)

Account # 30074 was reduced to \$100,000.00 (Care of inmates in institution)

Account # 30091 was reduced to \$75,000.00 (CASA)
Then all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

JUVENILE PROBATION (154)

Account #10173 was reduced to \$415,107.00 (Probation Officers)
Account #30059 was reduced to \$8,200.00 (Motor vehicles)
Then all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

JUVENILE SERVICES CENTER (176)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

SUPERIOR COURT NO 4 (152)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

ADULT PROBATION (147)

All 100, 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

COUNTY ASSESSOR (109)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

REASSESSMENT (247)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

SUPERIOR COURT NO 1 (149)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

CLERK (101)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

COUNTY ELECTION BOARD (131)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

RECORDER (104)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

RECORDERS RECORD PERPETUATION (324)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

SUPERIOR COURT NO 3 (151)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICE (242)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

COUNTY COUNCILMEN (144)

Account #10130 was reduced to zero (extra hire/part-time/seasonal)
Then all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members except
Mr. Garner

CONTRACTORS REGISTRATION FEE (246)

All 200 & 300 accounts were returned to the 2011 Budget and then approved by
All members present

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (135)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

PLAN COMMISSION (134)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (153)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

LAPORTE COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT (142)

A motion was made to increase #20028 by \$10,000.00 over the 2011 budget amount to \$85,000.00 (janitorial services)

Mr. Ford and Mrs. Sosinski voted against

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

Motion approved

Account #20025 was reduced to \$4,000.00 (gas/fuel & oil)

Account #20034 was reduced to \$22,000.00 (trash removal)

Account #20036 was reduced to \$14,000.00 (pest control/grounds maintenance)

Account #3007 will be revisited

After adjustments all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

CORONER (107)

A motion was made to return all 200 & 300 accounts to the 2011 budget.

Mr. Yagelski voted against

All other members voted in favor

Motion approved to return to the 2011 budget

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION (158)

Account #30041 was reduced to zero (rental-office space)

After adjustment all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

COUNTY CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE (133)

Account #30041 was reduced to zero then

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

ANIMAL SHELTER (156)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

EMERGENCY PLANNING (174)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

WIRELESS 911 (569)

All 200 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

E-911 SURCHARGE (598)

Account #30003 was reduced to \$4,000.00 (travel)
Account # 30123 was reduced to \$65,000.00 (computer maintenance)
Then all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

E-911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (140)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

MS4 (161)

Account #3002 was reduced to \$100.00 (postage)
Then all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (157)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

HUMAN RESOURCES (162)

Motion was made to approve all 200 & 300 accounts as submitted
Mr. Bernacchi voted against
All other members voted in favor
Motion approved

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR (130)

A motion was made to go back to the 2011 budget
Mrs. Sosinski and Mr. Yagelski voted in favor
Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Ford and Mr. Garner voted against
Motion failed
Account # 30018 was reduced to \$1,200.00 then a new motion was made
To approve the adjusted 2012 budget.
Mr. Yagelski and Mrs. Sosinski voted against
Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Ford and Mr. Garner voted in favor
Motion approved

PIONEER CEMETERY (260)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

COUNTY HOME (146)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

VOTERS REGISTRATION (132)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES (138)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved a submitted by all members present

TREASURER (103)

All 200 & 300 accounts approved as submitted by all members present

SURVEYOR (106)

All 200 & 300 accounts approved as submitted by all members present

DRAINAGE BOARD (136)

All 200 & 300 accounts approved as submitted all members present

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (219)

All 200 & 300 accounts approved as submitted by all members present

LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND (520)

All 100, 200 & 300 accounts approved as submitted by all members present

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (108)

All 200 & 300 accounts approved as submitted by all members present

COUNTY PROSECUTOR CHILD SUPPORT (137)

Account #10168 was reduced to \$37,531.00 (process servers)
Then all 100, 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

BAD CHECK DIVISION/PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (159)

All 100, 200 & 300 accounts approved as submitted by all members present

COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (179)

Account #20025 was reduced to \$16,000.00 (gas, fuel & oil)
Then all 100, 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUND (590)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT (584)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

PUBLIC DEFENDER (180)

All 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

GIS (175)

Account # 11019 is reduced to zero (employee's group insurance)
Account # 30137 is reduced to \$4,000.00 (continuing education)
Then all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

PRINTING/COMMISSIONERS (181)

Account #11017 is reduced to zero (co rev retirement withheld)
Account #10119 is increased to \$30,590.00 (clerks)
Account #30007 is increased to \$14,000.00 (maintenance contracts)
Then all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (143)

Account # 30042 was reduced to \$20,000.00 (publishing)
Account # 31025 was reduced to \$10,000.00 (advertising & donations)
Account # 31007 was reduced to zero (workman's comp. insurance)
Account # 30041 was reduced to zero (rental-office space)
Account # 30027 was reduced to \$20,000.00 (educational inst. Training)
Account # 30045 was reduced to \$20,000.00 (4-H program development)
Account # 30078 was reduced to zero (change of venue)
Account # 30080 was reduced to zero (animal health testing)
Then all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present

MAJOR MOVES FUND (223)

Account # 20200 (claims) was approved as submitted by all members present

COUNTY HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (201)

Account #11019 was reduced to \$55,000.00 (employees group health ins)
Account # 30001 was reduced to zero (freight & express)
Account # 30012 was reduced to zero (repairs equipment)
Account # 30116 was reduced to zero (computer consultation)
Account # 31019 was reduced to zero (utilities)
Then all 200 & 300 & account 11019 were approved by all members present

HIGHWAY FUND MAINTENANCE & REPAIR (202)

Account # 20043 was reduced to zero (paint & painting)
Then all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present
Except Mr. Garner who voted against

HIGHWAY GENERAL & UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSE (204)

Account # 31016 was reduced to \$30,000.00 (trash disposal)
Account # 31013 was reduced to \$2,500.00 (other cont. services)
Then all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members present
Mr. Yagelski told Engineer ,Jeff Wright that his take home car was not necessary and to park it after hours. Mr. Wright disagreed but would abide by this decision

Mr. Bernacchi made a motion to allow Mr. Wright to take home his vehicle
Mr. Yagelski voted against
All other members voted in favor
Motion approved to allow Mr. Wright to continue to take his vehicle home.

HIGHWAY LOCAL ROADS & STREET (207)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND -CONSTRUCTION & RECONSTRUCTION (213)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

MAJOR CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND-MAJOR BRIDGE FUND (215)

Account # 21024 (bridge 505) was approved as submitted by all members present

MAJOR MOVES FUND (223)

Account # 20200 (claims) was approved as submitted by all members present

SHERIFF (105)

Account # 20013 was reduced to \$30,000.00 (computer repair/maintenance)
Then all 200 & 300 accounts were approved by all members except Mr. Cunningham

Mr. Cunningham expressed his disapproval of the Sheriff's Uniforms account (#20014)

A motion was made to phase out two of the canine officers. Only retain one for the department after two are retired.

All members voted in favor except for Mrs. Sosinski who voted against.

Motion approved

COUNTY COMPLEX GARAGE (141)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

LAPORTE COUNTY JAIL (145)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

COURT HOUSE SECURITY (182)

All 200 & 300 accounts were approved as submitted by all members present

It was again stated that any of the non-binding budgets in the County were approved if the growth factor was 2.9% or below

Budget hearings recessed at approximately 2:30 p.m. and will continue on September 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the LaPorte County Government Complex, 809 State Street, LaPorte, IN 46350

