

LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL

JULY 25, 2011

The LaPorte County Council Meeting was held on Monday, July 25, 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. Council members present were Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Garner, Mr. Ford and Mr. Mrozinski. Also present were Chief Deputy Auditor, Mary Ray and co-council attorneys, Don Baugher and Doug Biege.

All members present approved the revised agenda. The PEP was removed until the August Meeting.

All members present approved the June 27, 2011 Council minutes

Department Head Reports

Mrs. Huston reported on the 911 Center. Software will be upgraded for dispatching. Which will benefit the ISO rating to help lower insurance rates for the County. New radios will need to be purchased by December 31, 2012 to meet the state requirement that all dispatching be done on narrow banding radios. A new surcharge is being used to save the general fund money. Already this year, \$100,000.00 has been saved and approximately \$30,000.00 will be saved next year. Mrs. Huston thanked several people for their help in this effort.

Sheriff Mike Mollenhauer reported that the notice to quit funds received since May 2007 totaled \$51,660.00. This fund is mainly used for officers continuing education and training. He stated that his department is one of the best trained in the state. He read an article from the LaPorte Herald Argus regarding a beating in the jail and stated that it was all recorded. He also reported on the recent fire in the jail. He thanked his Jail staff, LaPorte County and LaPorte City and reserve police officers, for their great courage in the incident. Thirteen prisoners were evacuated with only smoke inhalation to some. Only three required hospitalization. Mr. Mrozinski requested a meeting with him, Mr. Layton and Mr. Ott regarding the sprinkler system being turned off. He replied that it would be best to wait until the insurance company and the State Fire Marshall reports were in. Mr. Cunningham complimented Sheriff Deputy Andy Hahn for his excellent help with a problem at his house, and also complimented the entire jail staff for their quick action regarding the recent fire at the jail.

Michigan Township Assessor, Scott Bell requested permission to hire a replacement for an employee who is retiring at the end of August
Motion was made to approve
All members present voted in favor
Motion approved.

Mrs. Huston reported that the cameras have been installed in the Assembly Room, under the bridge and in the Judges area.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Garner had no report

Mr. Ford complimented Fran Tibbot from Emergency Management for her good work.

Mr. Cunningham met with the Public Defender's Office. He stated that there is new state mandate on the number of cases each person may handle.

Mr. Bernacchi reported meeting with Assessor, Mike Shultz. Mr. Schultz reported that the reassessment is going very well. Tyler Group has brought more employees to work on the project. He estimates that 75% of the work will be completed by the end of October.

Mr. Mrozinski reported that he met with the Young Veterans from PNC. He stated that the group is a very good organization. On July 3rd to 7th, 2012 the American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall will be on display at the Purdue North Central Campus. He encourages all to attend. Also, the Guardian Riders will be hosting a fund raiser on August 6th, 2011.

Public Comments

None

APPROPRIATIONS OR TRANSFERS

Lynne Spevak, CLERK OF THE LAPORTE CIRCUIT COURT

Requested the approval to fill a vacancy due to an employee terminating their employment
No additional funding is required.
Motion was made to approve her request
All members present voted in favor
Motion approved

LAPORTE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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 concerning the necessity for all the vehicles to be purchased
A motion was to approve the request for all six items
Mr. Mrozinski, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Garner voted to approve
Mr. Bernacchi and Mr. Ford voted against
Motion approved

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Requested an additional appropriation from the General
Fund for Overtime (10140) \$45,000.00
Motion was made to approve the request
All members present voted in favor
Motion approved

E911 COMMUNICATION CENTER

Requested a transfer of funds from
#598-20200-000-598
To
#598-10158-000-598 (Unemployment) \$75,000.00
Motion was made to approve the request
All members present voted in favor
Motion approved

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Requested funds from Pre-Trial Diversion Acct /Infraction Deferral Acct.
#327-03276-000-327 \$31,496.50 AND
#327-03277-000-327 \$111,695.50
Transferred to #327-20200-000-327
For further appropriation:

FROM:
#327-20200-000-327

To:

343-20200-000-343 (Claims)	\$77,581.58
343-10117-000-343 (Salary)	\$36,339.00
343-11007-000-343 (OASI)	\$ 2,275.00
343-11009-000-343 (Medicare)	\$ 510.00
343-11017-000-343 (PERF)	\$ 3,180.00
343-11019-000-343 (Health Insurance)	\$ 6,210.00
508-11017-000-508 (PERF)	\$ 60.25
508-11019-000-508 Health Insurance)	\$ 1,031.17
550-11007-000-550 (OASI)	\$ 885.00
550-11009-000-550 (Medicare)	\$ 280.00
550-11017-000-550 (PERF)	\$ 1,550.00
550-11019-000-550 (Health Insurance)	<u>\$13,290.00</u>
Total	\$143,192.00

Motion was made to approve the request
All members present voted in favor
Motion approved

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Requested the following transfers:

From the State Family Reunification Grant
Carryover Funds #503

To

State Grant Account #584-30135-000-0584 (Professional Services) \$59,863.47

From Juvenile Services State Grant Carryover
Funds Account #534

To

State Grant Account #584-30135-000-0584(Professional Services) \$64,970.79

Transfer from State CTP Fund #563

To

#590-41002-000-0590 Community Corrections Project Income-Vehicles \$50,000.00

Project Income Cash Acct. Fund #590-05091-000-590 \$19,204.25

Juvenile Services State Grant CTP Carryover Funds #553

To

Juvenile Services State Grant #534 \$36,671.71

Motion was made to approve the request

All members present voted in favor

Motion approved

NEW BUSINESS

COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING FUND

Per IC 36-2-7-19, a fund shall be established for

County Elected Officials Training

A resolution was introduced (2011-05) and read.

Motion was made to approve

Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. Ford, Mr. Mrozinski voted in favor

Mr. Garner voted against (he stated his reason for voting against that he was tired of the state mandates)

Motion approved Resolution to be known ad 2011-05

Review of Township non-binding budgets (when available)

None available at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Mr. Bernacchi inquired if all the funds had been put in the Highway Department accounts. Chief Deputy Mary Ray replied that everything that was received was in the accounts.

Mr. Garner repeated that he does not like State mandates

Mr. Ford had no comment

Mr. Cunningham inquired as to how much was billed for real estate taxes.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.