

# Porter County Council

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The Porter County Council will meet on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., in the County Administration Center, located at 155 Indiana Avenue - Room 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

## **AGENDA**

### **Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call**

### **Minutes**

Approval of minutes for May 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

### **First Reading**

### **Special Presentation**

- **Porter County Aging & Community Services (PCACS)**  
Bruce Lindner Executive Director (Outgoing)  
Jason Kegebein PCACS Executive Director (Incoming)  
Dawn Stover PCACS Transportation Director

Presented by: Porter County Council Andy Bozak

- Certificate of Award from Porter County Council

Recipient Awarded to Porter County Aging & Community Services:  
PCACS Driver - Raymond Baity

Recipient Awarded to Porter County Aging & Community Services:  
PCACS Director – Bruce Lindner

- **Indiana Dunes Tourism – Board of Directors President Mitch Peters**
  - Christine Livingston – Interim President/CEO
- **Portage Recovery Association**
  - Jake Monhaut, PRA President

**Commissioners**

2023 Bond Project Fund  
4606-000-0068                      Additional Reason                      \$3,300,000 to 31200 Consultants  
Consultant fees for the Jail and Highway Garage projects.

Additional Reason                      \$3,000,000 to 39500 Contractual Services  
Jail and Highway Garage projects.

Commissioners General Fund  
1000-000-0068                      Form 144 Reason                      Facility Services Assistant                      \$112.91 Daily Stipend  
Temporary daily stipend, splitting up duties from the former Director to 3 Employees.

LIT Fund  
1112-000-0068                      Form 144 Reason                      Facilities Coordinator                      \$112.91 Daily Stipend  
Facility Engineer II                      \$112.91 Daily Stipend  
Temporary daily stipend, splitting up duties from the former Director to 3 Employees.

**Veterans – Director Edwin See**

Veterans General Fund  
4112-000-0012                      Additional Reason                      \$2,748.52 to 50000 Distributions  
Funds to be donated to Indiana Dunes Young Marines Program which is dedicated to instilling the core values of discipline, leadership and teamwork in our youth. The organization is heavily involved with honor details and events related to veteran outreach.

**Coroner – Cyndi Dykes**

Opioid Unrestricted Fund  
1238-000-0000                      Additional Reason                      \$14,502.24 to 37300 Lease Purchase  
Appropriation needed to Lease 2024 AWD Ford Transit Van

93.946 SUID/SDY (Sudden Unexplained Infant Death & Sudden Death in the Young) Grant Fund  
8158-000-0007                      Additional Reason                      \$4,500 to 45400 Other Equipment  
2024 Reimbursement Grant award from the Indiana Dept of Health.

**EMA – Director Lance Bella**

EMA Donation Fund  
4114-000-0360                      Additional Reason                      \$3,000 to 45400 Other Equipment  
Appropriation needed to purchase workout equipment for the EMA building.

**Animal Shelter – Jennifer Schaafsma**

Animal Shelter Donation Fund  
4101-000-0626                      Additional Reason                      \$58,656 to 11200 Hourly  
Amounts passed at Budget Session exceeded the advertised amounts. This will bring the advertised amounts in correlation to the budget passed.

**Adult Probation – Chief Probation Officer Melanie Golumbeck**

Adult Probation General Fund  
1000-000-0274

**Reduction**      **-\$16,793** to 11100 Salaries  
Reason            Reduction in salaries for two (2) new officers. Promotion for existing employee into vacant Supervisor position

Form 144            \$39,612 to \$22,819      Probation Officer Supervisor  
                         \$15,160 to \$27,742      Probation Officer Vacancy  
                         \$40,434 to \$27,852      Probation Officer Vacancy  
Reason            Salary decreased a total of **-\$16,793** in the Form 144 (Retroactive to 2/26/2024)

Adult Probation User Fees Fund  
2101-000-0274

**Reduction**      **-\$23,106** to 11100 Salaries  
Reason            Reduction in salaries for two (2) new officers. Promotion for existing employee into vacant Supervisor position

Form 144            \$17,158 to \$0              Probation Officer Supervisor  
                         \$19,175 to \$13,227      Probation Officer Vacancy  
Reason            Salary decreased a total of **-\$23,106** in the Form 144 (Retroactive to 2/26/2024)

Adult Probation Community Corrections Pre-Trial Grant Fund  
9164-000-0274

Form 144            \$38,951 to \$0              Probation Officer Supervisor  
                         \$0 to \$38,951              Probation Officer Supervisor  
Reason            (Retroactive to 2/26/2024)

**E-911 – Director Debby Gunn**

E-911 Donation Fund  
4115-000-0303

Additional Reason      \$200 to 22500 Other Supplies  
                                 Appropriation needed to Other Supplies used to purchase party supplies.

**Development & Storm Water Management**

Cumulative Bridge Fund  
1135-000-0079

Form 144            Hwy Engineer                      \$2,500 ½ Stipend 2024  
                         Project Manager                    \$1,000 ½ Stipend 2024  
                         Executive Assist                    \$1,000 ½ Stipend 2024  
Reason            Second half of Stipend for 2024. They are splitting the duties up from the former Director with 5 Employees. With the funds to be split-up from 3 separate funds.

Plan Commission Fund  
1180-000-0079

Form 144            Planner I                              \$2,000 ½ Stipend 2024  
Reason            Second half of Stipend for 2024. They are splitting the duties up from the former Director with 5 Employees. With the funds to be split-up from 3 separate funds

Storm Water Fund  
1182-000-0079

Form 144            Exec Assist to (Co Eng./Asst Dir)      \$1,000 ½ Stipend 2024  
Reason            Second half of Stipend for 2024. They are splitting the duties up from the former Director with 5 Employees. With the funds to be split-up from 3 separate funds.

**Highway – Superintendent Jim Polarek**

Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) Fund  
1176-000-0530

Additional Reason	\$1,850,000 to 23620 Bituminous Appropriation needed for the annual Chip Seal and Pavement Preservation.
Additional Reason	\$57,000 to 45400 Other Equipment Appropriation needed to purchase Total Patcher. Sold the old Hitachi 200 by Online Auction.
Transfer Reason	\$60,000 from 44200 Motor Vehicles to 45400 Other Equipment Transfer needed to purchase Total Patcher.

Local Roads and Bridge (LRB/CCMG) Match Grant Fund  
9400-000-0530

Additional Reason	\$300,000 to 23600 Aggregates Appropriation needed for additional Pavement Preservation
Additional Reason	\$300,000 to 23620 Bituminous Appropriation needed for additional stone for Chip Seal projects

**Porter County Sheriff Jeffrey A. Balon**

**Sheriff**

Sheriff's Drug Task Force Fund  
4010-000-0005

Additional Reason	\$20,000 to 44200 Motor Vehicles Appropriation needed to purchase a new vehicle for PC-MEG (Porter County Multi Enforcement Group). HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas) will reimburse monthly.
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Sheriff DEA/Forfeiture Proceeds Fund  
8118-000-0005

Additional Reason	\$30,000 to 45400 Other Equipment Appropriation need to purchase CVSA (Voice Stress Analyzer) and four new radios for Patrol Officers.
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**Jail**

Public Safety Data Tech Fund  
4907-000-0380

Additional Reason	\$3,600 to 37100 Equipment Rentals Appropriation needed to cover the cost of Linde Gas for oxygen tank rentals for 2024.
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**Council**

Opioid Unrestricted  
1238-000-0000

Additional Reason	\$10,000 to 39500 Contractual Consideration and discussion from the Opioid Grant Fund for Portage Recovery Association
	▪ Portage Recovery Association      \$10,000 5965 McCasland Avenue, Portage, IN 46368

**Second Reading**

**Any other matter that may come properly before the Council**

**Public Comment Session**

**Attorney's Report**

**Meeting Adjourned**