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The Porter County Council will meet on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 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 April 18, 2023 Council Meeting.

First Reading

Commissioners

Commissioner General Fund 1000-000-0068	Transfer Reason	\$2,000 from 37100 Equipment Rentals to 321000 Travel Appropriation needed to pay Hotel and Travel Expenses for Human Resources Training & Commissioner's Conference.
	Transfer Reason	\$2,000 from 37100 Equipment Rentals to 31300 Training & Education Appropriation needed for Commissioner's Conference and other training needs.
	Transfer Reason	\$2,000 from 37100 Equipment Rentals to 39780 Care of Patients and Inmates Appropriation needed for to get through the end of the year.
	Form 144 Reason	\$51,041.00 to \$44,225.00 Media Specialist \$44,225.00 to \$51,041.00 Executive Assistant II Reorganizing department Media Specialist retired and responsibilities have increased for Executive Assistant II.
LIT Fund 1112-000-0068	Additional Reason	\$350,000 to 39500 Contractual Services Appropriation needed to hire Architects and with hiring the Construction Manager to oversee the projects for the Jail and Highway Garage. Along with any other Capital Improvements that fall under that plan.

Superior Court 1 – Judge Fish

Superior Court I General Fund 1000-000-0201	Additional Reason	\$30,000 to 31100 Legal Appropriation needed for criminal transcripts for defendants who are determined to be indigent and for their expenses. Also to be used for temporary Court Reporters.
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Public Defender – Ken Elwood

Public Defender Supplemental Fund
1200-000-0271 Additional Reason \$40,000 to 13110 Legal Services
Additional appropriation needed for Legal Services.

E-911 – Director Debby Gunn

Foundation - E-911
4922-000-0303 Additional Reason \$7,197.31 to 32200 Telephone & Internet Services
Appropriation needed for configuration pricing to integrate NITCO PBX system into the existing 911 CallWorks call answering software

Health Department – Interim Administrator Carrie Gschwind

Health Fund
1159-000-0610 Additional Reason \$750 to 13200 Medical Services
Appropriation needed to cover increase in monthly rate for medical consulting contract for TB.

Additional Reason \$1,485 to 33400 Advertising
Appropriation needed for increased advertising for outreach events utilizing the mobile clinic.

Adult Probation Supplemental - Antabuse Fund
2102-000-0610 Additional Reason \$2,235 to 61000 Interfund Transfer
Closing out fund. Antabuse program is no longer offered

93.268 Health IIC Grant
8205-000-0610 Form 144 Reason Up to \$30.00 per hour PHN
Up to \$19.00 per hour Clerical
Rate of pay adjustment from \$26 to \$30 per hour for PHN and \$18 to \$19 per hour for Clerical

Health Department COVID FEMA Grant Fund
8916-000-0610 Additional Reason \$3,548 to 22500 Other Supplies
\$1,699.50 to 24400 Road Signs
\$2,017.46 to 36100 Maintenance Agreements
\$307,189.75 to 37500 Other Rentals
\$11,449.95 to 39500 Contractual Services
\$2,762.50 to 39910 Other Services
\$8,824.59 to 45100 Data Processing Equipment

Reason Appropriations needed for new grant fund. To reimburse Facilities, Highway, Health Fund, Northwest Health, Sheriff, Memorial Opera House, IT, Portage Fire Department, and Valparaiso Fire Department for allowable expenses.

Health Department Tobacco Grant Fund
8917-000-0610 Additional Reason \$29,484 to 11200 Hourly
\$2,358 to 12100 FICA

Reason Grant to provide support and partnership to the local Porter County Tobacco Coalition.

Form 144 Reason Up to \$22 per hour Program Coordinator
Creating a new Program Coordinator position. See attached job description.

Porter County Sheriff – Jeffrey A. Balon

Sheriff

Sheriff General Fund 1000-000-0005	Transfer Reason	\$10,000 from 11100 Salaries to 11300 Overtime Transfer needed to cover the cost of overtime for patrol.
Sheriff's Donation Fund 4108-000-0005	Additional Reason	\$21,200 to 44500 Patrol K-9 Appropriation needed to cover the cost of facility certified therapy dog.

Sheriff - Garage

Sheriff Garage General Fund 1000-000-0307	Additional Reason	\$30,000 to 23200 Auto, Truck and Equipment Appropriation needed to cover the costs of parts and equipment for Jail and Sheriff department vehicles.
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Jail

Jail General Fund 1000-000-0380	Transfer Reason	\$35,000 from 11100 Salaries to 11300 Overtime Transfer needed to cover the cost of overtime for short shift coverage.
	Transfer Reason	\$15,000 from 11100 Salaries to 22500 Other Supplies Transfer needed to cover the cost of replacement radios and ear pieces for Jail Officers
Public Safety Data Tech Fund 4907-000-0380	Additional Reason	\$105,000 to 37100 Equipment Rentals Appropriation needed to cover the cost of LPR's (License Plates Readers) for 2023-2024. Grant was been approved to reimburse this fund.

Federal Prisoner/DOC

Federal Prisoner/DOC General Fund 1000-000-9601	Additional Reason	\$125,000 to 22300 Food and Groceries To cover the increased cost of food for inmates after new contract price increase.
	Transfer Reason	\$5,000 from 22540 Ammunition to 31300 Training and Education To cover the cost of Department of Homeland Security Bomb Training.
	Transfer Reason	\$5,000 from 22540 Ammunition to 45400 Other Equipment To cover the cost of additional Taser holsters and batteries.

Coroner – Cyndi Dykes

Coroner General Fund 1000-000-0007	Additional Reason	\$20,000 to 11200 Hourly Appropriation needed to cover deputy pay through the end of the year.
	Transfer Reason	\$5,000 from 31400 Medical & Hospital Services to 31200 Consultants Transfer needed to cover expenses through the end of the year.
Coroner Fatality Review Fund 4930-000-0007	Additional Reason	\$5,000 to 39910 Other Services Appropriation needed to cover expenses through the end of the year.

Auditor – Karen Martin

Auditor Non-Reverting Fund 1216-000-0002	Additional Reason	\$148,759 to 37200 Software Rental Fees Appropriation needed to monitor and flag county property deductions.
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Memorial Opera House – Interim Director Natalia Klobuchar

Memorial Opera House 4915 4915-000-00	Form 144 Reason	\$0 to \$55,000 Interim Executive Director Scot MacDonald’s last day was August 11, 2023. Natalia Klobuchar has been appointed as Interim Director. (Retroactive 8/12/2023)
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Second Reading

Attorney’s Report

Any other matter that may come properly before the Council

- **Levy Limits and Tax Caps – Auditor Karen Martin and Auditor Chief Deputy Dave Wichlinski**
 - Council Review of Levy Limits and Tax Caps per IC 6-1.1-17-3.6
- **Commissioner’s Resolution No: 23-08**
 - Resolution of the Porter County Commissioners Accepting State Public Health Funding
- **Porter County Redevelopment Commission Presentation**
 - Stu Summers – Project Manager
- **Porter County Facilities Update**
 - Daniel Sullivan – Facilities Director

Meeting Adjourned