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The Porter County Council will meet on Tuesday, November 28, 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 2024 First-Reading Budget Meeting.

First Reading

Adoption of Bonds

- **Bakertilly Municipal Advisor - Jason G. Semler**
- **Taft Law – James D. Shanahan**

- **Bonds**
 - **Public Hearing on Additional Appropriation**
 - **Consideration of Adoption of Bond and Appropriation Ordinance**

Public Defender – Ken Elwood

Public Defender Supplemental Fund 1200-000-0271	Additional Reason	\$25,000 to 13110 Legal Services Additional appropriation for Legal Services needed to get to the end of the year.
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Juvenile Probation – Chief Probation Officer Chris Buyer

Juvenile Probation Supplemental User Fee Fund 2150-000-0273	Additional Reason	\$3,000 to 39640 Toxicology Lab Appropriation needed to ensure ample funds to finish out 2023
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Juvenile Detention – Director Alison Cox

Juvenile Detention General Fund
1000-000-0381

Transfer	\$3,000 from 31300 Training and Education to 22300 Food and Groceries \$1,000 from 32100 Travel to 22300 Food and Groceries \$1,000 from 45100 Data Processing Equipment to 22300 Food and Groceries
Reason	Transfers needed to cover food bills for the remainder of the year.

Weights and Measures – Director Mike Harper

Weights and Measures General Fund
1000-000-0308

Transfer	\$300 from 31300 Training & Education to 33100 Printing Other than Office Supplies
Reason	Transfer needed for 2024 sticker
Transfer	\$300 from 31300 Training & Education to 24200 Shop Supplies
Reason	Transfer needed for new equipment.
Transfer	\$200 from 31300 Training & Education to 22200 Uniform & Clothing
Reason	Transfer needed for new work clothes.

Clerk & Board of Elections & Registration – Clerk Jessica Bailey

Board of Elections & Registration General Fund
1000-000-0062

Transfer	\$10,000 from 13100 Election Board Members to 39300 Dues and Subscriptions
Reason	Transfer needed to pay invoice for online campaign finance software.
Transfer	\$5,000 from 13100 Election Board Members to 22100 Gas, Fuel & Lubrication
Reason	Transfer needed to pay invoices for fuel.
Transfer	\$10,000 from 22520 Ballots and Coding to 22500 Other Supplies.
Reason	Transfer needed to pay for new office materials.
Transfer	\$500 from 44200 Motor Vehicles to 32100 Travel
Reason	Transfer needed to pay travel expenses for upcoming conference.

Prosecutor – Prosecutor Gary Germann

STOP (Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors) Grant Fund
8113-000-0009

Additional Reason	\$5,000 to 11100 Salaries Appropriation needed to be put into salaries. The STOP Grant runs from October to October the new increase reflects the changes.
Form 144 Reason	\$50,544 to \$63,806.75 Deputy Prosecutor 9 Increase Stop Grant fund \$13,262.75 for Deputy Prosecutor. Total Salary Increase of \$9,206 (Retroactive 10/1/23)

Prosecutor – Prosecutor Gary Germann (Continued)

Prosecutor General Fund 1000-000-0009	Form 144 Reason	\$2,000 to \$2,200 Increased General fund \$200 for Deputy Prosecutor. (Retroactive 10/1/23)	Deputy Prosecutor 9
Prosecutor Pre-Trial 2503 2503-000-0009	Form 144 Reason	\$25,525 to \$21,268.25 Reduced Pre-Trial fund \$4,256.75 for Deputy Prosecutor.	Deputy Prosecutor 9

Porter County Sheriff – Jeffrey A. Balon

Sheriff

Sheriff General Fund 1000-000-0005	Additional Reason	\$9,800 to 11300 Overtime Appropriation needed to cover the cost of overtime for remainder of the year.	
	Transfers Reason	\$3,500 from 11100 Salaries to 11300 Overtime \$1,750 from 13700 Physical & Psychology Services to 11300 Overtime \$1,000 from 33100 Printing Other Than Office Supplies to 11300 Overtime Transfer needed to cover the cost of overtime for remainder of the year.	

Jail

Jail General Fund 1000-000-0380	Reduction Reason	-\$9,800 to 31400 Medical & Hospital Services Reduction needed to cover the cost of overtime for in the General Fund.	
	Transfer Reason	\$30,000 from 11100 Salaries to 11300 Overtime Transfer needed to cover the cost of overtime for remainder of the year.	

Tourism – Director Lorelei Weimer

PCCRVC – Indiana Dunes Tourism Fund 9997-000-0000	Additional Reason	\$10,000 to 11200 Hourly Appropriation needed for Part-time employees hourly wages for 7 employees for 2023 Budget approved in 2022 resulting in a shortage in for this line item.	
	Additional Reason	\$350,000 to 42100 Buildings Appropriation needed because of ICT (Indigenous Cultural Trail) costs.	
	Additional Reason	\$8,000 to 36200 Buildings and Structures Repair & Maintenance Appropriation needed because of the Visitor Center is 17 years old and more funds are needed to repair the front entry doors and HVAC work remains outstanding.	

Memorial Opera House – Director Megan Stoner

Memorial Opera House 4915 4915-000-00	Form 144	\$55,000 to \$0	Interim Executive Director
		\$45,830 to \$48,830	Administrative Coordinator
	Reason	New Director Megan Stoner was appointed September 17, 2023, the Interim Executive Director position is no longer needed.	

Porter County Expo Center – Lori Daly

PC Expo Center Fund 4005-000-9604	Additional Reason	\$175,000 to 61000 Interfund Transfer Appropriation needed to move monies from PC Expo Center fund into 4006 Capital Fund to keep the reimbursement monies from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for Capital Improvement Projects that come up in the future.	
	Transfer Reason	\$7,000 from 35100 Power to 39500 Contractual Services Transfer needed to pay for repairs to Sprinkler Systems and Fire Alarm based on issues noted on inspection report.	
	Transfers	\$1,200 from 22100 Gas, Fuel & Lubrication to 35200 Water & Sewer \$600 from 32100 Travel to 35200 Water & Sewage \$500 from 34200 Building/Liability/Comp Coverage to 35200 Water & Sewage	
	Reason	Transfer needed to cover increased water & sewage usage.	

PC Expo Center Capital Fund 4006-000-9604	Additional Reason	\$175,000 to 36200 Building and Structures R&M Appropriation needed to move monies from PC Expo Center fund into 4006 Capital Fund to keep the reimbursement monies from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for Capital Improvement Projects that come up in the future.	
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Portage Township Assessor – Crystal Millsap

Portage Township Assessor General Fund 1000-000-0013	Form 144	\$49,980 to \$0	Chief Deputy
		\$0 to \$46,000	Residential Director
		\$0 to \$46,000	Commercial Director
		\$43,967 to \$45,967	Assessment Specialist III
		\$0 to \$43,967	Assessment Specialist II
	Reason	Chief Deputy retired. Restructuring department. Amount of reduction is \$3,934. Changing the salaries and titles for: Assessment Specialist III to Residential Director from \$45,967 to \$46,000 Assessment Specialist III to Commercial Director from \$45,967 to \$46,000 Decreasing Assessment Specialist III from 3 to 1 @ \$45,967 Adding Assessment Specialist II from \$0 to \$43,967 Removing Chief Deputy and 2 Assessment Specialist III Positions. Adding 1 Residential Director, 1 Commercial Director and 1 Assessment Specialist II position.	

Any other matter that may come properly before the Council (continued)

Ivy Tech Community College - National U.S. CyberBowl 1st Place Gold Belt Award

- **Porter County Certificate of Award in Recognition their 1st Place win in the National U.S. CyberBowl Presented by:**
Porter County Council President Jeremy Rivas
Porter County Council Vice-President Red Stone
 - Certificate of Award from Porter County Council

Recipient Awarded to Ivy Tech Community College

Ivy Tech Community College - Chancellor Aco Sikoski

Ivy Tech Community College - IT Dean Professor Ben Marrero

Ivy Tech Community College – Assistant Professor of Cybersecurity Program Chair Rami Salahieh

Ivy Tech Community College - CSOC Analyst Tabatha Tachik

Ivy Tech Community College – Gladiator Captain Dustin Price & 12 Teammates

- **2023 Town of Hebron Economic Development Commission Appointment**
 - Town of Hebron EDC Board Applicants (1 Year Term)

- **Adoption of the 2024 Employee Salary Ordinance**
 - 2024 Employee Salary Ordinance

Meeting Adjourned