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The Porter County Council will meet on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 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 January 27th, 2026 Reorganization meeting.

First Reading

Commissioners

Foundation Principal Borrowing Fund
4822-000-0068

Additional
Reason

\$2,000,000 to 39500 Contractual Services
Appropriation needed for 2026 Ambulance Contract.

ITS – Director Lee Childress

ITS General Fund
1000-000-0106

Additional
Reason

\$46,000 to 36100 Maintenance Agreements
Appropriation needed to cover the cost increase of all
maintenance contracts for courtroom audio systems.

Health Department – Administrator Matthew Paul

The Community Foundation AED Responder Platform Grant Fund
8172-000-0610

Additional
Reason

\$10,000 to 39500 Contractual Services
Appropriation needed to fund the implementation of the
PulsePoint platform county-wide.

Geminus Grant Fund
9181-000-0610

Additional
Reason

\$1,346.46 to 22500 Other Supplies
Appropriation needed to purchase of the Safe Sitter class
supplies.

Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) Injury Prevention Program Fund
9182-000-0610

Additional
Reason

\$10,000 to 22500 Other Supplies
Appropriation needed for Autism Elopement and Infant Car
Seat Supplies

EMA – Director Lance Bella

EMA Hazardous Substances Fund
1221-000-0360 Additional Reason \$3,500 to 31300 Training and Education
Donation from NIPSCO for future training and education.

E911 – Director Debby Gunn

Foundation Budget Fund
4922-000-0303 Additional Reason \$8,429.85 to 36100 Maintenance Agreements
Appropriation needed for 1-year extended warranty for
10 Xybix Dispatch Consoles/Workstations.

Additional Reason \$10,871 to 36100 Maintenance Agreements
Appropriation needed for software addition of Nlets (National
Law Enforcement Telecommunications System) Data Mining
for IL (Illinois) and MI (Michigan) to be added to the existing
ConnectCIC browser-based middleware software.

Planning Commission/Highway/Commissioners – Director Mike Jabo

LIT (Local Income Tax) – Capital Projects Fund
1112-000-0079 Additional Reason \$458,000 to 31200 Consultants
\$2,511,197.16 to 43200 Roads and Taxiways
Additional appropriation needed for Capital Project to be done
in 2026.

Foundation Holding Account Fund
4921-000-0079 Additional Reason \$838,940.43 to 31200 Consultants
\$600,000 to 41100 Land Purchase
\$398,447.41 to 43200 Roads and Taxiways
Additional appropriation needed for Capital Project to be done
in 2026.

Highway – Superintendent Jim Polarek

Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) Fund
1176-000-0530 Additional Reason \$222,770.06 to 11110 Hourly – Full Time
\$10,328.72 to 12100 FICA
\$384,347.25 to 12200 Medical/Life Insurance
\$34,264.32 to 12300 PERF
2026 Budget line-item adjustments during Budget calculations

Additional Reason \$50,000 to 23600 Aggregates
Appropriation needed to purchase sand for mixing with salt.

Extension Office/Commissioners – Extension Service Director Kelsey Guadarrama

LIT (Local Income Tax) Fund
1112-00018-0068 Additional Reason \$3,700 to 39670 4-H Fair Premiums
Amount was approved in 2026 Budget. Final Invoice came
in higher than expected.

Clerk – Jessica Bailey

Board of Elections and Registration General Fund 1000-000-0062	Additional Reason	\$1,444,580 to 45100 Data Processing Equipment Appropriation needed to upgrade election equipment to allow for uniform equipment across the fleet. Purchase new central county machine.
Insurance Damage Fund 1120-000-0001	Additional Reason	\$600,000 to 45100 Data Processing Equipment Appropriation needed for New Election Equipment to match other half that was damaged in leak.

IV-D Court General Fund – Court Commissioner Karin Brown

IV-D Court General Fund 1000-000-9600	Additional Reason	\$34,760 to 12200 Medical/Life Insurance 2026 Budget line-item adjustments during Budget calculations
IV-D Incentive Fund 8895-000-9600	Additional Reason	\$1,500 to 21100 Office Supplies 2026 Budget line-item adjustments during Budget calculations

Parks and Recreation – Superintendent Jake McEvoy

Parks Operating Fund 1179-000-0803	Additional Reason	\$3,090 to 11100 Salaries \$236.39 to 12100 FICA \$512.27 to 12200 Medical/Life Insurance \$346.08 to 12300 PERF Appropriation needed to fund the requested pay adjustment for the MRT Position to bring in line with the rest of the department.
	Form 144 Reason	\$27,909 to \$30,999 Maintenance Repair Technician \$3,090 pay adjustment for the MRT Position to bring in line with the rest of the department.

Treasurer – Jim Albarran

Treasurer General Fund 1000-000-0003	Additional Reason	\$210 to 39300 Dues and Subscriptions Appropriation needed due to the increase cost for the Treasurers Association Fee.
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Auditor – Karen Martin

Auditor General Fund 1000-000-0003	Additional Reason	\$2,000 to 11100 Salaries 2026 Budget adjustments for Elected Officials
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Second Reading

Attorney's Report

Any other matter that may come properly before the Council

Meeting Adjourned