

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, November 9, 2015 at their meeting room, County Office Building, 114 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, Indiana 46761, at 8:30 a.m., with the following present: Council Members, Charles F. Ashcraft, George Bachman, Harold Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen, Michael G. Strawser and Benjamin Taylor and LaGrange County Auditor, Kay M. Myers. Mr. Peter Cook was absent. Mr. Michael G. Strawser brought the meeting to order and lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**LAGRANGE CO. PARK DEPT**

Park Director Mike Metz came before the Council to request approval to pursue land acquisition adjacent to the Pine Knob Park. Mr. Steve McKowen motioned to approve proceeding with the purchase. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**INVESTMENT RESOLUTION**

Treasurer Vonda Akey request the Council consider approving a resolution that would allow the Treasurer's office to invest funds as needed. There was much discussion between the Council and Treasurer Akey. Mr. George Bachman motioned to table resolution until concerns are addressed. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**BLANKET BOND**

Auditor Kay Myers informed the Council the law has recently change that now requires all county employees that handle money needs to be covered with a bond. This change will allow elected officials

**LAGRANGE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-11-09**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF BLANKET BONDS OR CRIME INSURANCE COVERAGE AND NAMING MINIMUM COVERAGE AMOUNTS**

WHEREAS, to protect the County of LaGrange, Indiana ("County") and to safeguard the integrity of public monies, Indiana law requires certain public officials to file an individual surety bond;

WHEREAS, Indiana law allows a political subdivision, by its fiscal body, to authorize, by ordinance, purchase of public official bonds or crime insurance coverage on a blanket basis that is endorsed to cover faithful performance including aggregate coverage sufficient to cover all employees, commission members and other persons required to be bonded pursuant to I.C. 5-4-1-18(b), including the officers, employees and contractors described under I.C. 5-4-1-18(a);

WHEREAS, the County, through its County Council, desires to authorize the County Auditor to make such a purchase of a blanket bond or crime insurance policy endorsed to include faithful performance of all County employees, commission members and other persons acting on behalf of the County and to set forth minimum coverage amounts for certain officers and employees of the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the LaGrange County Council of the County of LaGrange, Indiana, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The County, acting by and through its County Auditor, is authorized to purchase, as needed, a blanket bond or crime insurance policy endorsed to include faithful performance to cover the faithful performance of all County employees, commission members and other persons acting on behalf of the County, including the officers, employees and contractors described under I.C. 5-4-1-18(a).

**SECTION 2:** The minimum bond amount for public officials set forth under I.C. 5-4-1-18(d)(1), (2), including that for county treasurers, circuit court clerks, county sheriffs and Barrett Law fund custodians, as well as those employees directed to file an individual bond by the fiscal body, is fixed as follows:

- (1) The amount must equal thirty thousand (\$30,000) for each one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of receipts of the officers office during the complete fiscal year before the purchase of the bond, subject to subdivision (2).
- (2) The amount may not be less than thirty thousand dollars nor more than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) unless the County Council approves a greater amount for the officer or employee.

**SECTION 3:** The minimum bond amount for public officials set forth under I.C. 5-4-1-18(d) for county auditors is fixed at not less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

**SECTION 4:** The minimum bond amount for public officials set forth under I.C. 5-4-1-18(e)(1), including that for county recorders, county surveyors, county coroners and county assessors is fixed at not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

**SECTION 5:** The minimum bond amount set forth under IC 5-4-1-18(a)(7), (e)(2), for employees or contractors of the County whose official duties include receiving, processing, depositing, disbursing, or otherwise having access to funds that belong to the County is not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

**SECTION 6:** The state board of accounts may fix the amount of the bond for a county treasurer, county sheriff, circuit court clerk or Barrett Law fund custodian at an amount that exceeds thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for each one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of receipts of the officer’s office during the last complete fiscal year before the purchase of the bond.

**SECTION 7:** No part if this Ordinance shall be interpreted to conflict with federal, state, or local laws and all reasonable efforts shall be made to harmonize the same. Should any section or part thereof of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any portion thereof other than that portion so declared to be invalid, and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon promulgation according to law.

Mr. Charles Ashcraft motioned to approve the ordinance. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion; motion passed. Mr. Harold Gingerich motioned to waive second reading. Mr. Ben Taylor seconded the motion; motion passed.

**2016 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Mr. George Bachman motioned to approve the schedule. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS**

Mr. Mike Strawser read the following resolution to transfer funds:

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the following increases and decreases be made in order to meet the expenses of the units of government for the year 2015.

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – CLERK OF COURTS</u>		
1000-001-02-2010 Office Supplies	189.99	
1000-001-04-4010 Equipment		189.99
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – RECORDER</u>		
1000-004-02-2010 Office Supplies	49.00	
1000-004-03-3013 Postage		49.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SHERIFF</u>		
1000-005-03-3008 Medical & Dental	6,000.00	
1000-005-03-3018 Building Equipment		6,000.00
1000-005-02-2028 Film & Flares	100.00	
1000-005-02-2040 Deputy Uniforms		100.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – ASSESSOR</u>		
1000-009-02-2010 Office Supplies	792.90	
1000-009-04-4010 Office Equipment		792.9
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – COMMISSIONERS</u>		
1000-030-03-3130 Livestock Replacement	45.82	
1000-030-03-3083 Patients & Inmates Institute		45.82
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – MAINTENANCE</u>		
1000-031-03-3102 Elevator	644.72	
1000-031-02-2052 Maintenance Supplies		644.72
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</u>		
1000-034-03-3081 Seminars & Training	178.00	
1000-034-03-3012 Travel /Mileage		178.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – GIS</u>		
1000-035-03-3081 Seminars & Training	300.00	
1000-035-02-2010 Office Supplies		300.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – CIRCUIT COURT</u>		
1000-036-03-3183 Urinalysis	2,500.00	
1000-036-02-2038 Law Library		2,500.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PROSECUTING ATTORNEY</u>		
1000-049-03-3107 Transcript Costs	188.78	
1000-049-03-3012 Travel/ Mileage	105.43	

1000-049-02-2010 Office Supplies	5.79	
1000-049-03-3081 Seminars / Training		300.00
<u>CAGIT COUNTY CERTIFIED SHARES</u>		
1110-000-02-2023 Employment Drug Screen	266.25	
1110-000-03-3005 Coroner Pathology		266.25
1110-000-03-3040 Juvenile Detention	906.58	
1110-000-03-3030 Insurance Building		906.58
<u>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE</u>		
1135-000-03-3102 Culvert Inspection	3,500.00	
1135-000-03-3109 Misc. Hourly Equipment		3,500.00
<u>JURY PAY</u>		
1164 -000-02-2103 Circuit Court Supplies	134.10	
1164 -000-02-2010 Office Supplies		134.10
<u>MISDEMEANANT</u>		
1175-000-02-2041 Household	2,900.00	
1175-000-04-4010 Equipment		2,900.00
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</u>		
1176-001-03-3012 Travel Expense	49.31	
1176-002-02-2030 Road Signs		49.31
1176-002-01-1205 Truck Drivers	15,000.00	
1176-002-01-1206 Equipment Operators		15,000.00
<u>RECORDERS RECORDS PERPETUATION</u>		
1189-000-02-2010 Office Supplies	12.53	
1189-000-03-3200 Microfilming		12.53
<u>RIVERBOAT</u>		
1191-000-03-3001 Legal Fees	2,068.00	
1191-000-04-4024 Defibrillators		2,068.00
<u>AUDITORS INELIGIBLE DEDUCTIONS</u>		
1216-000-03-3081 Seminars & Training	357.22	
1216-000-03-3079 Membership & Dues	650.00	
1216-000-03-3013 Postage		1,007.22
<u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-03-3071 Professional Publications	22.08	
1219-000-03-3041 Portable Toilets		22.08
1219-000-02-2026 Hardware & Tools	259.00	
1219-000-02-2034 Herbicide & Seed		259.00
1219-000-02-2041 Recreation Supplies	10.00	
1219-000-02-2042 Paper Goods		10.00
<u>SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION – CIRCUIT COURT</u>		
2102-000-03-3010 Telephone	600.00	
2102-000-03-3020 Printing	200.00	
2102-000-04-4010 Equipment	212.00	
2102-000-03-3014 Urinalysis		1,012.00
2102-000-03-3081 Seminars & Training	100.00	
2102-000-03-3020 Printing		100.00
<u>IMMUNIZATION DONATIONS</u>		
4105-000-02-2011 Promotion Supplies	420.00	
4105-000-03-3010 Telephone		120.00
4105-000-03-3012 Travel / Mileage		300.00
<u>DEFERRAL</u>		
4916-000-03-3008 Accounting	189.93	
4916-000-04-4033 Building Security	169.99	
4916-000-02-2041 Badges, Wallet, Vest		359.92
4916-000-04-4033 Building Security	800.00	
4916-000-03-3008 Accounting	300.00	
4916-000-01-1510 Extra Hours / Overtime		1,100.00
4916-000-03-3012 Travel / Mileage	635.00	
4916-000-03-3081 Seminars / Training		635.00

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Mr. Steve McKowen motioned to approve the transfer of funds. Mr. Ben Taylor seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Mr. George Bachman motioned to approve the October 12, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**LEGAL CLAIMS**

Mr. Mike Strawser presented the legal claims in the amount of \$11,437.00 for October from Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin. Mr. George Bachman made a motion to approve. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Charles Ashcraft made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Charles F. Ashcraft

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George Bachman

**ABSENT**  
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Peter A. Cook

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Harold D. Gingerich

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Steven E. McKowen

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Michael G. Strawser

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Benjamin R. Taylor

ATTEST:

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Kay M. Myers  
LaGrange County Auditor