

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, in their meeting room, County Office Building, 114 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, Indiana, 46761, at 8:30 a.m., with the following present: Commissioners, Mr. Terry A. Martin, Mr. Kevin R. Myers, and Mr. Peter A. Cook; and LaGrange County Chief Deputy Auditor, Kay Myers. Mr. Terry Martin, President, called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NUISANCE HEARINGS

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, reported that there are two nuisance hearings on the agenda today, one for Reuben and Susan Bontrager, 3735 N 200 E, LaGrange, Indiana, and one for 3460 South 1145 East Land Trust, 3460 S 1145 E, LaGrange, Indiana. Mr. Bill Stewart, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that progress is being made on the properties. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to continue the hearings on October 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NUISANCE ISSUE – GENE NEELY, 3445 S 1145 E, LAGRANGE, INDIANA

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented an order on the property located at 3445 S 1145 E, LaGrange, Indiana, owned by Bawldguy Note Investment Group 1, LLC and occupied by Mr. Gene Neely. The cumulative fines total \$6,800. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the order and authorize signature by the Commissioners. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LAGRANGE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: LAGRANGE COUNTY TOGETHER

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented the following Resolution for consideration:

COUNTY OF LAGRANGE
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09-06

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LAGRANGE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: LAGRANGE
COUNTY TOGETHER

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-7-4-501 empowers the Lagrange County Plan Commission to prepare a Comprehensive Plan for the promotion of public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-7-4-502 requires the inclusion of certain elements that relate to the future growth and development of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lagrange County Plan Commission conducted a Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan on August 22, 2022 in accordance with Indiana Code § 36-7-4-507; and

WHEREAS, the LaGrange County Plan Commission did certify the Lagrange County Comprehensive Plan and now forwards the Plan to the Lagrange County Board of Commissioner with a favorable recommendation in accordance with Indiana Code § 36-7-4-509.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAGRANGE, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I – PLAN ADOPTION

The Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange, Indiana, hereby adopts the Comprehensive Plan attached hereto as Exhibit “A.” The Auditor of LaGrange County, as the clerk of the Commissioners of LaGrange County, shall place one (1) copy of the Comprehensive Plan on file in the office of the LaGrange County Recorder as required by § 36-7-4-509(b).

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SECTION II – REPEAL OF PRIOR LAW

Ordinance No. 2005-06-20D is hereby repealed in its entirety. The express or implied repeal or amendment by this Resolution of any other ordinance, resolution or part thereof does not affect any rights or liabilities accrued, penalties incurred, or proceedings begun prior to the effective date of this Resolution. Those rights, liabilities, and proceedings are continued, and penalties shall be imposed and enforced under the repealed or amended ordinance as if this Resolution had not been adopted.

SECTION III – CONFLICTS; SAVINGS

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

SECTION IV – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Allen Connelly, Veteran’s Service Officer, presented a report of activities of his office.

COUNCIL FOR DRUG FREE LAGRANGE COUNTY

Ms. Robinn Mitchell presented the Council for a Drug-Free LaGrange County grants being proposed for 2023. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the 2023 grant requests. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Mr. Steve Engleking, County Extension Director, introduced Viviana Guzman, Health and Human Services Educator.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

Mr. Bill Morr, Emergency Management Agency Director, requested permission to apply for the Emergency Management Performance grant. This grant reimburses the County for 50% of the Directors salary.

He requested permission to apply for the Emergency Management Performance grant. This grant assists state and local governments in preparing for all hazards and would pay for creation of plans and EOC improvements, and equipment upgrades, up to \$20,000.

He requested permission to apply for the LaGrange County REMC Operation Roundup grant. This grant provided funds to service LaGrange County. If approved the Safety Committee would like to purchase additional AED’s and other equipment for the County buildings, up to \$5,000

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the grant requests and have the President sign them. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mrs. Jenny Landez, Human Resources Director, presented two leave of absence requests. The first request is for an employee in the Purdue Extension office for three unpaid days in September, and the second request is for an employee in the Sheriff's Office for two unpaid days in September. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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SHERIFF PURCHASE REQUEST – HVAC SYSTEM, E911 COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Tracy Harker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, requested approval to purchase a new HVAC system above the Communications Department. The quote from WSM Mechanical Inc. is in the amount of \$31,136 for the unit and the quote from Havel is for \$38,923 for the controls and programming. The funding will come out of the County General – E911 budget. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – VEHICLES TO SELL

Mr. Tracy Harker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, reported that he has received bids on the 2006 Chevrolet Impala and the 2018 Dodge Charger, in the amounts of \$1,001 and \$9,500, respectively. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the sale of the vehicles. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – PURCHASE ORDER FOR NEW VEHICLES

Mr. Tracy Harker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, requested permission to issue purchase orders for the new vehicles for 2023. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mrs. Kay Myers, Chief Deputy Auditor, presented Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement from Travis Hostetler. He is a part time employee of the LaGrange County Highway Department, and will be cleaning two drainage ditches for Highway Department. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to accept. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT – BRIDGE 49, COUNTY ROAD 700 SOUTH OVER WESTLER/WITMER CHANNEL

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented a contract between the Board of County Commissioners and American Structurepoint, Inc, for consulting services for the replacement of Bridge 49, County Road 700 south over Westler/Witmer Channel. The contract is in the amount of \$472,090. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the contract. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DRYWELL AT THE COUNTY ROAD 700 S AND 095 EAST

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented a quote from MB Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$4,500, to install drywell at the corner of County Road 700 S and 095 E. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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PARK – REQUEST TO PURCHASE

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, presented quotes for the Mike Metz Fen Facilities as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Items</u>	<u>Quote</u>
PlayPros	Shelter	\$16,130.00
Big C	Restroom Lumber	4,907.72
Blue Ridge Polymers	Lumber for signs, tables, benches	3,629.40
Romtec	Vault Toilet	7,834.79

These items would be purchased out of the Rainy Day fund.

She presented quotes for the Delt Church Park Pavilion as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Items</u>	<u>Quote</u>
Global Industries	5 Drinking Fountains	\$14,677.49
Creekside Poly Lawn Furniture, LLC	20 Picnic Tables	13,554.60

Three of the ADA drinking fountains would be paid for out of the Cumulative Capital Development fund, ADA Equipment, in the amount of \$8,806.50. One fountain will be paid out of ARPA funds, and one out of the Park Nonreverting Operating Fund.

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchases. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Mrs. Kay Myers, Chief Deputy Auditor, presented the Accounts Payable Vouchers. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the proposed holiday schedule for 2023. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

New Year	Monday, January 2
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 16
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 20
Good Friday	Friday, April 7
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29
Independence Day	Monday, July 3
	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 4
Columbus Day	Monday, October 9
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 23
	Friday, November 24
Christmas	Monday, December 25
	Tuesday, December 26

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AUGUST 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Kay Myers, Chief Deputy Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending August 31, 2022, in the amount of \$47,035,587.48 and investments of \$21,155,000.00. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 Regular Session meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the memorandum for the August 31, 2022 staff meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, presented a list of equipment that he would like to dispose of, including projectors, servers, iPad, and miscellaneous items. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to dispose of the items. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Treasurer – August 2022 report

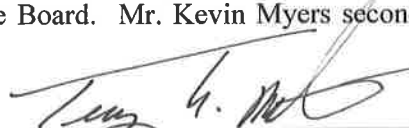
Notice of Public Hearing – LaGrange County Drainage Board, October 5, 2022

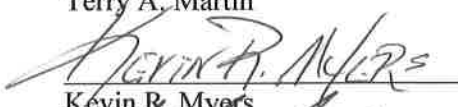
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, S.A.W. LLC Finishing,
10520 W 200 S, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565, MSOP-Renewal, Permit No. 087-45461-00085

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Wieland Designs, Inc., 536 Michigan
Street, Building 78, Topeka, Indiana 46571, Registration, Permit No. 087-45689-00728

ADJOURNMENT

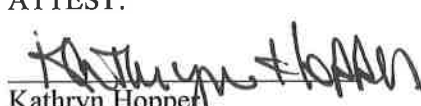
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


Terry A. Martin


Kevin R. Myers


Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor