

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, September 19, 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 Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. 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.

PROBATION - INTERN

Mrs. LeAnn Anders, Chief Probation Officer, requested permission to have an intern work in the Probation Department. The intern is a student at Trine University and would work up to 120 hours. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the intern. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ARK ANIMAL SHELTER

Ms. Cindy Miller, Director of ARK Animal Shelter, requested permission to purchase forty-one panels at \$259.99 each for the shelter from Menards. She would also need to pay a delivery person to pick them up, which would be less than \$100. This would be paid out of Mary Jane Ecker Trust Fund. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DRUG COURT COORDINATOR

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that Judge Lisa Bowen-Slaven would like to have Attorney Lisa Hanna with the law firm of Ernsberger & Helmer, perform the duties of Drug Court Coordinator. This would be an independent contractor position and would be paid out of the Community Corrections Grant. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the position and to authorize Mr. Bachman to prepare the document and to authorize the President to sign it outside of public meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

TOWN OF SHIPSEWANA – OLD US 20 MAINTENANCE

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, explained that the Town of Shipshewana would like to take over the maintenance of a portion of old US 20 from the dead end to County Road 75 North. The Town is currently doing a road project that is in the County's right of way. Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that an Interlocal Agreement would need to be prepared. Since he also represents the Town of Shipshewana, if the Commissioners want him to work on this matter, a disclosure, consent, and waiver of conflict of interest would need to be approved. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to allow the Town of Shipshewana to take over the maintenance of the road, and to approve the conflict of interest, authorize the President to sign it, and authorize Mr. Bachman prepare an Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PETITION TO VACATE PORTION OF ALLEY IN BLOCK 17 OF THE TOWN OF ONTARIO

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that the petition to vacate that was scheduled for today has been withdrawn. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to accept the withdrawal of the petition to vacate and if the petitioners refile, a new filing fee will be required. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MILFORD TOWNSHIP

Mr. Keith Reinig from the Stroh Community League explained that they would like to put in a 350' by 4' asphalt walkway across from Dollar General Store. Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, would like to have confirmation from the LaGrange County Utility District that there are no sewers underneath the area. Mr. Reinig explained that the cost estimate is \$7,500 and they would like to use the Stroh Edit funds. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the project as long as there is confirmation that there is no sewer underneath. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

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

2023 COMMISSIONER MEETINGS, STAFF MEETINGS, DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the 2023 Commissioner meeting schedule, Commissioner staff meeting schedule, and Department Head meeting schedule. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022 Regular Session meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memorandum for the September 14, 2022 staff meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bontrager, Jacob – Notice of Public Hearing, 11995 W 250 N, Middlebury, Indiana, September 20, 2022,

LaGrange County Board of Zoning Appeals

Mediacom – Letter regarding changes in local cable television lineup

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of for Public Comment, W.R. Grace & Co. - Conn,

5215 Kennedy Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana 46312, Part 70 Operating Permit Renewal

No. T089-45267-00310

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Receipt of Air Permit Application, Five Star Wood Finishing LLC, 3005 N 1075 W, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, AJ's Furniture LLC.

5355 W CR 400 S, Topeka, Indiana 46571, Permit No. 087-46560-00688

Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Bloomfield Township Graded School, 3020 E US 20, LaGrange,

Indiana, proposed for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

ADJOURNMENT

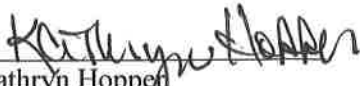
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


Terry A. Martin


Kevin R. Myers


Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor