

DECEMBER 19, 2022

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, December 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.

NUISANCE ISSUE – 3460 SOUTH 1145 EAST LAND TRUST, 3460 S 1145 E, LAGRANGE, INDIANA

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that the nuisance hearing today is being continued from November 21, 2022 and is for the nuisance issue for 3460 South 1145 East Land Trust, 3460 S 1145 E, LaGrange, Indiana. Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, swore in Mr. Bill Stewart, Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Stewart explained that he visited the property today and it is still a public nuisance issue. Mr. Terry Martin closed the public hearing.

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to modify the order of July 19, 2022 to impose fines of \$100 per week dating back to July 19, 2022, for a total of \$2,300 and to continue accruing at \$100 per week, and to be cleaned up in 60 days. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to have a status update on February 21, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to authorize the President to sign an order outside of a public meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ARK ANIMAL SANCTUARY – MARY JANE ECKER IRREVOCABLE TRUST EXPENSE

Ms. Cindy Miller, Director of the ARK Animal Sanctuary, presented a bill from Animal Care Clinic of Topeka, in the amount of \$4,604.30, a bill from King Veterinary Clinic in the amount of \$2,099.78, and a bill from LaGrange Veterinary Clinic in the amount of \$6,612.86. The invoices would be paid out of the Mary Jane Ecker Irrevocable Trust account. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the expenses to be paid out of the Mary Jane Ecker Irrevocable Trust account. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and to carried unanimously.

PARKS – GRAVEL QUOTES

Mr. George DeWald, Park Superintendent, presented quotes for gravel for Pine Knob trails and Delt Church Park driveway. The lowest quote is from Clifford Aggregates in the amount of \$29.80 for Pine Knob and \$27.80 for Delt Church Park. There is money in the Park's budget for this expense. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the quotes. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and to carried unanimously.

PARKS – FURNACE AT DALLAS LAKE PARK LODGE

Mr. George DeWald, Park Superintendent, presented quotes for a new furnace for Dallas Lake Park lodge. Two quotes were received as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jackson's Heating and Air Conditioning	Wolcottville, Indiana	\$5,200.00
Rawles Services LLC	Albion, Indiana	4,800.00

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the quote from Jackson's Heating and Air Conditioning, in the amount of \$4,800.00. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and to carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PURCHASE REQUEST

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, requested permission to replace battery the battery back up unit and racks for the Courthouse. The lowest quote is from CDW in the amount of \$9,418.81. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and to carried unanimously.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, presented an agreement between Schneider Geospatial, LLC and LaGrange County, Indiana for GIS System Support, for 2023, in the amount of \$38,664.00 Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the contract. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and to carried unanimously.

BIDS FOR LAGRANGE COUNTY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

At 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, opened the following bids for resurfacing various County roads:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Segment 1 Amount</u>	<u>Segment 2 Amount</u>	<u>Segment 3 Amount</u>
API Constructions Corp.	LaOtto, Indiana	\$1,855,247.00	\$1,997,542.00	\$1,746,937.00
Books Construction Co. Inc.	Fort Wayne, Indiana	1,941,245.00	2,131,791.00	1,671,112.00
Niblock Excavating, Inc.	Bristol, Indiana	1,892,393.50	2,162,104.75	1,747,961.75
Phend & Brown, Inc.	Milford, Indiana	1,791,510.00	2,004,895.00	
Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc	South Bend, Indiana			1,968,838.45

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to take the bids under advisement and award on December 29, 2022. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the Annual Certifications of Elected Officials on Compliance with County Nepotism Policy and County Contract Disclosure Policy for 2022 for consideration. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J & K COMMUNICATIONS, INC. – HIGHWAY RADIO CONTRACT

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, presented a service contract with J & K Communications, Inc. for radio equipment. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the contract. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BRIDGE 75 – REPAIR TO THE APPROACH

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented a proposal from Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc, in the amount of \$19,900 to repair the approach on Bridge 75. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BRIDGE DECK CLEANING AND WEED EATING AND MOWING

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented a proposal for 2023, from ANCO Concrete Raising, LLC in the amount of \$14,375. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CRACK SEALING ON BRIDGE DECKS AND APPROACHES

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented a proposal from ANCO Concrete Raising, LLC in the amount of \$18,855 to perform crack sealing on bridge decks and approaches on 43 bridges. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to appoint Brenda Campos to the Alcohol Beverage Board. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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LAGRANGE COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to appoint Nikki Heffelfinger to the LaGrange County Regional Utility Board. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to appoint Rita Lehner to the LaGrange County Library Board. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to appoint Michael Conway and Charles Ashcraft to the LaGrange County Board of Health. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to appoint Freeman Miller and Sherri Johnston to the Plan Commission. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS APPOINTMENT

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to appoint Dan Patterson to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to appoint George Bachman, Robert Bond, Jenny Mains, and Cole Miller to the LaGrange County Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONVENTION, RECREATION & VISITOR INDUSTRY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to appoint Brian Lambright, Jessica Linder, and Cheri Perkins to the Convention, Recreation and Visitor Industry Commission. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to appoint Jennifer Beechy and Debra Notestine to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE CITIZEN DRAINAGE BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to appoint Eric Knepp, Todd Perkins, and Kevin Myers to the LaGrange County Citizen Drainage Board. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the memorandum for the December 14, 2022 staff meetings and the December 12, 2022 memorandum of the Joint Executive Session. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Clerk of the Circuit Court – November 2022 report

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Highland Ridge RV., Inc, 3195 N State Road 5, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565, MSOP Administrative Amendment, Permit No. 087-46041-00679

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Wellspring Components, LLC,

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Permit Number 087-45570-00725

ADJOURNMENT

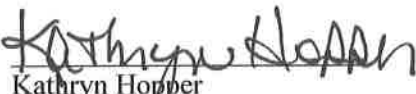
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


Terry A. Martin


Kevin R. Myers


Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor