

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 12, 2022 at their meeting room, County Office Building, 114 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, Indiana 46761, at 8:30 a.m., with the following present: with the following present: Council Members, Charles F. Ashcraft, Jeffrey L. Brill, Harold D. Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen, Ryan J. Riegsecker, Michael G. Strawser and James R. Young; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Mike Strawser brought the meeting to order and lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PURDUE EXTENSION

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

JONES PETRIE RAFINSKI – REGION C PHASE II WASTEWATER PROJECT

Mr. Ken Jones, President of Jones Petrie Rafinski, was present. Mr. Jones explained that the Region C, phase II, sewer project at the North and South Twin Lakes area is underway. They were awarded funding from the State Revolving Loan Fund for the project. Bids were opened earlier this year, and the cost of the project was \$5.5 million dollars over budget. They were told that the funding from the State Revolving Loan Fund was no longer available. They are working with the State to get funding. The District initially requested \$1,500,000 from the County towards the project and \$660,000 was allocated for the project from the American Recovery Plan Act Fund. The State looks at local funding when awarding funding. He is requesting that the Council consider appropriating an additional \$840,000 for the project. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to advertise an additional appropriation for the October meeting, and take action contingent upon an answer from the State on the funding from them. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2023 BUDGET

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Mike Strawser opened the public hearing on the 2023 budget.

Mr. Harold Gingerich reported that the wage committee met recently and made the following recommendations:

- Option 1: A 5% pay increase across the board, with an additional 5% bonus to be paid to employees' biweekly
- Option 2: 5% pay increase across the board, with a bonus of \$50, \$75, or \$100 per pay period.
- A 10% pay increase with no bonus for Plan Administrator, Building Commissioner, Information Technology Director, Human Resource Director and County Engineer.
- \$80.00 for Board Members
- \$125 for Election Judges and Clerks, \$150 for Inspectors of single polling place, and \$200 for Inspectors of combined polling place

Mr. Charles Ashcraft reported that the Human Resources committee met recently and has the following recommendations for 2023:

- Highway – grant an additional clerical employee
- Building Department – grant an additional clerical employee
- Parks – grant an additional Maintenance Technician
- Soil & Water grant the part time position to be full time
- Information Technology – grant a pay increase and make the Network Administrator a salaried position for \$57,000 for 2023
- Health – change the hours worked per week for Registrar from 36 to 40, effective now and for 2023

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Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to grant a flat 10% pay increase, with no bonus to the Plan Administrator, Building Commissioner, Information Technology Director, Human Resource Director and County Engineer for 2023. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Young made a motion to grant \$80.00 for Board Members – based on attendance at meetings, \$125 for Election Judges and Clerks, \$150 for Inspectors of single polling place, and \$200 for Inspectors of combined polling place for 2023. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Young made a motion to approve an additional clerical employee for the Highway and for the Building Department, an additional Maintenance Technician for the Park Department, the part time employee at Soil & Water to go full time, and to make the Network Administrator a salaried position at \$57,000 for 2023. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Young made a motion to approve an up to 5% pay increase and a 5% bonus for employees, employed as of December 31, 2022. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Charles Ashcraft and Mr. Ryan Riegsecker voting no.

2023 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the 2023 Council meeting schedule. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE APPROVING EXPENSES OUT OF RECORDER'S RECORDS PERPETUATION FUND

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the following Ordinance for the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund:

LAGRANGE COUNTY COUNCIL ORDINANCE 2022-09-12

ORDINANCE APPROVING THE LAGRANGE COUNTY RECORDER'S REQUEST TO PARTIALLY FUND THE RECORDER'S OFFICE EXPENSES OUT OF THE RECORDER'S RECORDS PERPETUATION FUND

WHEREAS, The LaGrange County Recorder has submitted the sworn statement dated September 12, 2022 (see Exhibit A) to the LaGrange County Council as the fiscal body of LaGrange County, as required in IC 36-2-7-10.2; and

WHEREAS, the LaGrange County Recorder requests that the Recorder's Record Perpetuation Fund be used to cover a portion of the expenses of the Recorder's office in calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-2-7-10.2(b)(2) requires that the LaGrange County Council approve sufficient money from the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund but not in excess of the amount requested by the County Recorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, the LaGrange County Council approves the use of the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund to cover a portion of the expenses of the LaGrange County Recorder's Office for the 2023 calendar year.

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

The following Amendment to the Salary Ordinance were presented:

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2022

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BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2022:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<u>1159 HEALTH DEPARTMENT</u>	
1159-000-01-1005 Registrar	Up to \$18.97 /hour Up to 40 hours/wk.

- Currently 35 hours per work week. Changing to 40 hours per work week for Registrar
- Effective 9/13/2022

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Mr. Mike Strawser read the following Resolution to Transfer Funds:

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

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 2022.

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – TREASURER</u>		
1000-003-01-1011 Seasonal Part time	397.81	
1000-003-01-1012 Temporary part time		397.81
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SHERIFF</u>		
1000-005-01-1003 Detective LT	31,294.81	
1000-005-02-2020 Gas Oil Lube		31,294.81
1000-005-03-3081 Training	4,400.00	
1000-005-04-4010 Equipment		4,400.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – DRAINAGE BOARD</u>		
1000-026-04-4500 Owner portion – storm water	2,000.00	
1000-026-04-4504 Mitchell – Big Long Lake 2022		2,000.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – 911 COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
1000-038-01-1001 Director	56,641.22	
1000-038-04-4010 Equipment		56,641.22
1000-038-01-1002 Dispatch Supervisor	13,417.78	
1000-038-04-4010 Equipment		13,417.78
<u>1112 LIT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		

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1112-000-04-4900 Capital Improvement Projects	2,316.65	
1112-000-03-3302 Professional Services		2,316.65
<u>1176 MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</u>		
1176-002-01-1205 Truck Drivers	17,571.00	
1176-002-03-3060 Rental of Equipment		17,571.00
1176-003-04-4031 Truck Equipment	39,051.35	
1176-003-04-4039 Other Road Equipment		39,051.35
<u>4105 IMMUNIZATION DONATION</u>		
4105-000-02-2030 Vaccines	10,000.00	
4105-000-04-4001 Health Dept remodel		10,000.00

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Mike Strawser presented the following Ordinance of Additional Appropriations:

ORDINANCE OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget, now THEREFORE:

Sec 1: Be it ordained by the LaGrange County Council, LaGrange, Indiana, that for the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

	REQUESTED AMOUNT
<u>COUNTY GENERAL -</u>	
1000-002-01-1002 Chief Deputy Clerk	1,482.22
1000-002-01-1002 Chief Deputy Auditor	1,703.10
1000-005-01-1002 Chief Deputy Sheriff	2,485.83
1000-005-01-1009 School Resource Officer	2,211.05
1000-005-01-1302 Jail Commander	2,104.25
1000-005-01-1303 Asst. Jail Commander	2,010.23
1000-005-01-1310 Work Release Coordinator	1,969.36
1000-005-01-1320 Inmate Operations	1,850.27
1000-049-01-1101 Prosecutor Title IV-D Administrator	1,539.64
1000-008-01-1003 Deputy Prosecutor	2,094.97
1000-049-01-1003 Deputy Prosecutor	1,396.48
1000-024-01-1001 Planning Administrator	2,443.71
1000-025-01-1001 Building Commissioner	1,950.06
1000-027-01-1001 Veteran's Service Officer	910.09
1000-028-01-1001 Weights and Measurers Inspector	548.56
1000-034-01-1001 IT Director	2,831.82
1000-048-01-1004 Soil & Water District Manager	1,944.79
1000-038-01-1001 E911 Director	2,104.25
1000-038-01-1002 E911 Dispatch Supervisor	2,010.23
1000-041-01-1001 EMA Director	1,840.74

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COUNTY GENERAL -	
1000-039-03-3202 Circuit Court PD Expense	35,000.00
1159 HEALTH	
1159-000-01-1001 Administrator	2,449.73
1159-000-01-1020 Nurse	2,153.39
1176 HIGHWAY	
1176-001-01-1001 Superintendent	2,591.88
1176-001-01-1002 Engineer	2,700.19
1179 PARK NON-REVERTING	
1179-000-02-2031 Special Event Supplies	4,225.00
1179-000-03-3053 Special Events	1,725.00
1179-000-02-2075 Disc Golf Course Supplies	300.00
1179-000-04-4010 Equipment	699.99
1219 PARK & RECREATION	
1219-000-01-1001 Director	2,340.17
1219-000-01-1004 Interpreter/Naturalist	1,905.68
1219-000-01-1014 Superintendent	2,058.36
2152 SUPPLEMENTAL JUVENILE PROBATION SERV	
2152-000-03-3016 Community Service Director	5,804.68
8132 OPIOID GRANT 2021-2022	
8132-000-01-1002 FT Admin Asst.	60,000.00
8950 AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN ACT	
8950-000-03-3103 Housing Strategy Project	60,000.00

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL CLAIMS

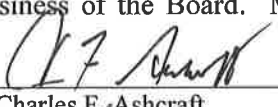
Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the July 2022 legal claims in the amount of \$15,585.75 from Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

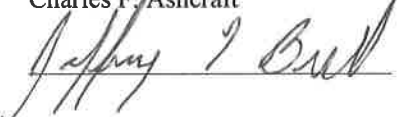
MINUTES

Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the August 8, 2022 regular session minutes. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Charles F. Ashcraft



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Jeffrey L. Brill


Harold D. Gingerich


Steven E. McKowen

Absent

Ryan J. Riegsecker


Michael G. Strawser


James R. Young

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor