

**APRIL 10, 2023**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, April 10, 2023, 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, Jeffrey L. Brill, Jeffrey A. Campos, Harold D. Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen, Ryan J. Riegsecker, Michael G. Strawser, and James R. Young; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. President, Mr. Mike Strawser brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTION GRANT APPLICATION**

Mr. Brett Hays, Executive Director of the Northeast Indiana Community Corrections, presented a request to apply for a grant for the Community Correction program for 2024. Mr. Hays informed the Council that the grant application is for funding a full-time probation officer and a Drug Court coordinator for LaGrange County. Mr. Hays informed the Council that if approved LaGrange would receive \$149,308.24. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the grant application as presented. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PURDUE EXTENSION**

Ms. Brittney Gilger, County Extension Director, introduced Jeff Burbrink, Agriculture Educator. She also presented the Purdue Extension Impact Report for 2022.

**LOCAL INCOME TAX ALLOCATION TO TOWNSHIPS**

Mr. Bill Connelly, Clay Township Trustee, thanked the County Council for the County Local Income Tax allocation for public safety to the Townships in LaGrange County. \$100,000 has been allocated for each township. He suggested that this be increased to \$200,000 for 2024.

**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 2023.

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - SHERIFF</u>		
1000-038-01-1002 Dispatch Supervisor	10,400.00	
1000-038-01-1004 Interim Supervisor		10,400.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SURVEYOR</u>		
1000-006-01-1005 Secretary	500.00	
1000-006-01-1315 Drainage Board Secretary	29,348.90	
1000-006-01-1004 Office Coordinator		29,848.90
<u>COUNTY GENERAL– INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</u>		
1000-034-03-3286 Software maintenance	375.18	
1000-034-01-1510 Extra hours / overtime		375.18
<u>LIT- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1112-000-04-4900 Capital Improvement Projects	25,351.05	
1112-000-04-4023 Annex Remodel – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor		25,351.05

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CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

1138-000-04-4003 Capital Outlays	3,163.75	
1138-000-04-4219 Capital Purchases – Maintenance		3,163.75

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY

1176-002-01-1202 Assistant Supervisor	60,257.60	
1176-002-01-1203 Foreman	53,664.00	
1176-002-01-1211 North Foreman		56,960.80
1176-002-01-1212 South Foreman		56,960.80

4925 DRUG COURT & DONATION

4925-000-03-3014 Drug testing	500.00	
4925-000-04-4010 Office Furniture		500.00

Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and upon roll call vote 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.

	<u>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SURVEYOR</u>	
1000-006-01-1004 Office Coordinator	2,500.00
<u>RAINY DAY</u>	
1186-000-03-3004 Emergency Disaster	10,000.00
1186-000-03-3085 Comprehensive Plan Coordinator	45,000.00
<u>RIVERBOAT</u>	
1191-000-03-3085 Comprehensive Plan Coordinator	45,000.00
<u>SURVEYOR'S CORNER PERPETUATION</u>	
1202-000-04-4010 GIS Equipment	15,000.00
<u>PARK AND RECREATION</u>	
1219-000-02-2039 Personal Protective Equipment	2,341.00
<u>AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN ACT</u>	

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8950-000-04-4029 Jail Storage Building

484,000.00

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the Ordinance except for the request for \$45,000 from Rainy Day. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

They would like to have the limit of \$50,000 for any one item or matter in the Riverboat fund increased to \$75,000, to be considered and voted on at the May meeting.

**LEGAL CLAIMS**

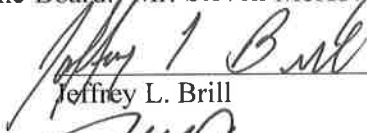
Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$24,495.88 for February 2023 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

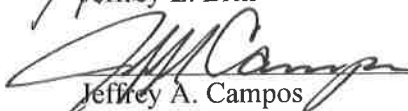
**MINUTES**

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the March 13, 2023, regular session minutes and the March 17, 2023 special joint meeting minutes. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and upon roll call vote it carried unanimously.

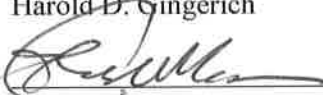
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

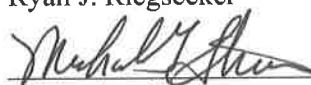
  
Jeffrey L. Brill

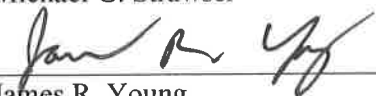
  
Jeffrey A. Campos

absent  
Harold D. Gingerich


  
Steven E. McKowen

absent  
Ryan J. Riegsecker

  
Michael G. Strawser

  
James R. Young

ATTEST:

  
Kathkyn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor