

JUNE 5, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 5, 2023, 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. Peter Cook made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to make the Geographical Information System (GIS) its own department, with Ms. Deb Naylor the Department Head, effective immediately. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROPERTY LOCATED AT 118 N. MAIN STREET, WOLCOTTVILLE, INDIANA

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that the property located at 118 N. Main Street, Wolcottville, Indiana, burnt recently and needs to be condemned. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to move forward with condemnation and initiating litigation. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROPERTY AT 7720 S STATE ROAD 3, WOLCOTTVILLE, INDIANA

Mr. Jason Boggs, Building Commissioner, presented quotes for the demolitions of the property located at 7720 S State Road 3, Wolcottville, Indiana. The lowest quote is from MB Excavating in the amount of \$14,500. This will include the complete demolition of the house and garage, including all foundations and basement, sidewalks, and all trash, small bush and debris. The sewer will need to be capped and inspected. The basement area will need to be backfilled and leveled. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to award the quote to MB Excavating for \$14,500. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ARK ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Mrs. Janet Gerardot, Vice President of the ARK Sanctuary Board, introduced Rebecca Boyles, the new manager for the facility.

REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE

Mrs. Jenny Landez, Human Resources Director, presented a request for 1 week of unpaid leave for an employee in the Sheriff's Office from June 5, 2023 to June 9, 2023. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RECORDER – FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES AGREEMENT

Mrs. Sheila Getz, County Recorder, presented an agreement with Fidler Technologies, for the installation of updates to the current Laredo installation tools, at no cost to LaGrange County. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the president to sign it. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARKS – PAVILION AT ROGERS PARK

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, would like to have the pavilion at Rogers Park declared as surplus, so that they may proceed to tear it down. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MAY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

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Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending May 31, 2023, in the amount of \$48,972,406.63 and investments of \$21,495,000. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County 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.

MINUTES

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 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 May 31, 2023, staff meeting and the May 31, 2023 executive session. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PETITION TO VACATE PUBLIC WAY SOUTH AND EAST OF LOT 40 IN WESTLER LAKE RESORT

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, reconvened the public hearing for on the petition to vacate for Gregory E. and Jennifer L. Mohr, 6995 S 095 E, Wolcottville, Indiana. The petitioners are seeking to vacate an unimproved roadway located south and east of Lot 40 of Westler Lake Resort. Mr. Bachman explained that he has communicated with the attorneys from both sides of the property. They indicated that they would be withdrawing their petition to vacate. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to recess and reconvene the hearing June 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Terry Martin voting no.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Clerk of the Circuit Court – April 2023 report

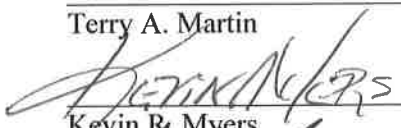
LaGrange County Treasurer – May 2023 report

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Lippert Components Inc Plant 46, 3625 N State Route 9, Howe, Indiana 46546. Permit Number 087-46542-00084

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 B. Myers


Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor