

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, November 6, 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. Kevin Myers made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROPERTY NUISANCE AT 4780 W 700 N, SHIPSEWANA, INDIANA

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that a nuisance issue at 4780 W 700 N, Shipshewana, Indiana has been abated and is in full compliance. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to sign the order. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SOUTH MILFORD PROPERTY

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that in order to sell the lot in South Milford, two appraisals are required. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to hire two appraisers for the property. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING – REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, requested permission to apply for a Countywide Bridge Inspection and Inventory grant. This is a four-year contract for bridge inspections. The grant is a reimbursable grant and requires a 20 percent match. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the grant application. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – PERMISSION TO PURCHASE NEW VEHICLE AND PLOW

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to purchase a new sign truck. He sought out three quotes; the only one to quote was Shepherd's in Kendallville. The quote is for a 2024 GMC Sierra 2500 HS Pro, in the amount of \$52,000. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

He presented three quotes for an 8'6" plow for the truck. The lowest quote is from Truland Equipment LLC, in the amount of \$7,792.90. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – TRACTOR PURCHASE

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to work with the County Attorney on the purchase of a 2024 John Deere Tractor. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DONATION OF LIMESTONE TO LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PROJECT

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, explained that the seniors at Lakeland High School are doing a project of placing a walkway at the intermediate school. He would like to donate up to 60 tons of limestone for the project. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the donation. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BULLET PROOF VESTS

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, requested permission to purchase twenty-four bullet proof vests at \$1,025 each plus shipping. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase of the vests for up to \$30,000. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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BULLET PROOF SHIELDS

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, requested permission to purchase five bullet proof shields for a total of \$3,499.95. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase of the shields. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

WRESTLING MAT FOR TRAINING

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, requested permission to purchase a roll up wrestling mat for training, in the amount of \$6,505.48. This will be in the new building once completed. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – PERMISSION TO SELL VEHICLE

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, requested permission to sell a 2013 Dodge Ram. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the sale of the vehicle. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S TRAINING AND STORAGE BUILDING – CHANGE ORDER

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, presented a change order for Bontrager Builders, the contractor for the Sheriff's training and storage building. They would like to add PVC pipes for IT Communications and also do an extension of the exterior slab approach. The cost for the change order is \$2,270. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the change order. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PURCHASE SPEED SIGN FOR MONGO

Mr. Peter Cook presented a quote from All Traffic Solutions Inc. for a speed sign in Mongo, in the amount of \$3,139.55. The previous speed sign was destroyed. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase and to pay for it out of LIT Public Safety. 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.

OCTOBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending October 31, 2023, in the amount of \$49,286,544.97 and investments of \$20,995,000. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023 regular session meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the memorandum for the November 1, 2023 staff meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S TRAINING AND STORAGE BUILDING – ADVANCE PAYMENT

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented a request for advance payment from Bontrager Building, in the amount of \$100,000. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to authorize the advance payment of \$100,000. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Treasurer – October 2023 report

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Lake Area Designs LLC,
Receipt of Air

Permit Application, Permit Number 087-47080-00678

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Therna Tru Corporation, 8055 North
State Road 9,

Howe, Indiana 46746, Permit Number 087-46807-00078

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Receipt of Air Permit Application, Forest River Inc –
Topeka

Complex, 402 Lehman Avenue, Topeka, Indiana 46571, Permit Number 087-47145-00052

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.

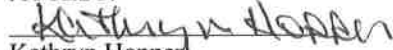
ABSENT

Terry A. Martin

Kevin B. Myers

Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor