

**NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, November 20, 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.

**COUNCIL ON AGING – TRANSPORTATION GRANT**

Mrs. Cheri Perkins, Council on Aging Executive Director, presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter voucher for the transportation grant. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the voucher and have the President sign it. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**THRIVE BY 5**

Ms. Jenna Anderson, Early Childhood Education Coalition Coordinator, was present. She is requesting funding for Thrive by 5. She is requesting \$25,000 a year for three years. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request and pay for it out of the Edit fund. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RECORDER LAREDO CONTRACT**

Mrs. Sheila Getz, County Recorder, presented an agreement with Assurance Title Company for enhanced access to LaGrange County Recorder's real estate records. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the contract and authorize the president to sign it, and to authorize signature on future contracts outside of a public meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**SURVEYOR – REQUEST TO PURCHASE CONSTELLATION RECEIVER FOR GPS**

Mr. Zachary Holsinger, County Surveyor, presented a quote from Topcon Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$15,550 for a constellation receiver with antenna and cable for the LaGrange County Office Building. This would be paid for out of the Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation fund. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT – VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Mr. Jason Boggs, Building Commissioner, presented two quotes for the purchase of a new pickup truck. The lowest quote is from Eby Ford Lincoln, Goshen, Indiana, for a 2023 Ford Explorer Truck, in the amount of \$44,639.02. This was approved by the County Council for 2024. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

Mrs. Robbie Miller, Plan Administrator, presented the following Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE**

Mrs. Jenny Landez, Human Resources Director, presented a request for four days of unpaid leave for an employee. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PURCHASE REQUEST**

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, presented a quote from IT Savvy LLC, for an APC Smart-UPS Network Card, in the amount of \$3,498. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PERMISSION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE**

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, requested permission to attend a Cybersecurity Summit in Noblesville, Indiana, December 4-5, 2023. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY - SURPLUS ITEMS**

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to declare an upright road cut saw and a 2006 Chevrolet Single Dump truck with western plow as surplus. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to declare the items surplus. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY – CONTRACT FOR RADIOS**

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, presented a contract from J & K Communications, Inc. for mobile radios for 2024. The cost is \$6,697.01 annually. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the contract and to authorize the president to sign it. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Fugate would like to possibly upgrade the radios later in 2024. This would require an additional appropriation in 2024. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to give a positive recommendation to seeking funding from Council. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT**

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, explained that LaGrange County was awarded a Community Crossing matching grant this year for a project on County Roads 1150 E and 1175 E between US 20 and 500 South. Construction will begin in 2024. She is requesting permission to have the president sign the agreement with INDOT outside of a public meeting. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PETITION TO VACATE – PLATTED DRIVE BETWEEN LOTS 26 AND 27, FIRST ADDITION TO SHADY NOOK, MILFORD TOWNSHIP**

On October 2, 2023 the public hearing was held for the petition to vacate a platted 10-foot drive situated between lots 26 and 27 within the plat of the First addition to Shady Nook, in Milford Township. The petitioners are Brent and Linda Singer and Daniel and Anne Woenker. Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that the petitioners have agreed to an easement. The County staff was generally opposed to the vacation. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to deny the petition to vacate. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DIRECTOR**

Mr. Kevin Myers announced that the committee met and is recommending the appointment of Darci Gaff for the position of the Comprehensive Plan Director. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the appointment of Darci Gaff and authorized the contract be signed by the president outside of a public meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Terry Martin abstaining.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS**

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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**

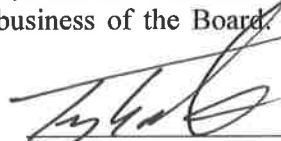
Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the memorandum for the November 15, 2023 staff meeting and for the November 13, 2023 joint executive session. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

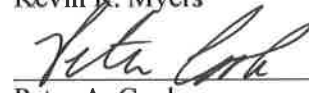
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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:

  
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Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor