

FEBRUARY 5, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 5, 2024, 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. Peter A. Cook and Mr. Kevin R. Myers; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Terry A. Martin was absent. Mr. Peter Cook, Vice 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 ON 107 WEST SPRING STREET, LAGRANGE, INDIANA

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, informed the Commissioners that the property at 107 W. Spring Street has been appraised. He will be working on the sale of the property.

PROPERTY AT 7720 S STATE ROAD 3, LAGRANGE, INDIANA

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, inquired if there was interest in selling a lot in South Milford, located at 7720 S State Road 3, LaGrange, Indiana. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to proceed with appointing appraisers for the property and proceed with selling the property. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ORDER DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES FOR THE VARIOUS PRECINCTS IN LAGRANGE COUNTY, INDIANA

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented the following Order for consideration:

COUNTY OF LAGRANGE
ORDER NO. 2024-02-05

AN ORDER DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES FOR THE VARIOUS PRECINCTS IN LAGRANGE
COUNTY, INDIANA.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code ("IC") 3-11-8-3(b), the county executive must secure for each precinct of the county an accessible facility in which to hold the election;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 3-11-8-3.1(a), a county executive must designate the polls for each voting precinct not less than twenty-nine (29) days before an election day;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 3-11-8-3.1(b), the designation of a polling place under that code section remains in effect until the location of the polling place is altered by an order of the county executive or county election board under that code chapter;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 36-2-2-2, the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange ("Commissioners") is the executive of LaGrange County, Indiana ("County");

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2001, pursuant to IC 3-11-1.5 and County order entitled "Order Establishing Precincts" ("Order"), the Commissioners created various voting precincts in the County and established boundaries therefor;

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2018, the Commissioners most recently adopted a motion ("2018 Order") to order the polling locations for the various precincts;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners desire to consolidate the polling place for the Newbury and VanBuren precincts;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners desire to replace the 2018 Order with this order;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have secured for each precinct of the County the respective polling places designated in this order; *and*

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WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 3-11-8-3.2, a county election board must give notice of the place of voting in each precinct by publication in the manner prescribed by IC 5-3-1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAGRANGE, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I -- NAME

The name of this order is the "LaGrange County Polling Places Designation Order."

SECTION II -- RECITALS

The foregoing recitals, including all defined terms, are hereby incorporated into, and made a part of, this order and found to be true, accurate, and correct.

SECTION III -- POLLING PLACES

A. Designation. The polling places for the various precincts in the County are as follows:

B.

#	Precinct	Voting Location
1.	Bloomfield I	LaGrange County 4-H Fairgrounds 1030 E 75 N / LaGrange, IN 46761
2.	Bloomfield II	
3.	Bloomfield III	
4.	Bloomfield IV	
5.	Clay	
6.	Clearspring	Topeka Library 133 S. Main St. / Topeka, IN 46571
7.	Eden	
8.	Greenfield	Brighton Chapel Church 5415 N SR 3 / Howe, IN 46746
9.	Springfield	
10.	Johnson North	Messiah Lutheran Church 2955 E 700 S / Wolcottville, IN 46795
11.	Johnson South	
12.	Lima	Howe United Methodist Church 511 S 3rd St. / Howe, IN 46746
13.	Milford East	South Milford Church of Christ 8030 E 600 S / South Milford, IN 46786
14.	Milford West	
15.	Newbury	Shipshewana Wolfe Community Building 345 N. Morton St. / Shipshewana, IN 46565
16.	Van Buren	

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- C. Absentee Voters. Citizens who intend to vote by absentee ballot are directed to timely do so at the LaGrange County Courthouse at 105 N. Detroit St. LaGrange, IN 46761.
- D. Findings. The polling places in this order are hereby found to be “accessible facilities” within the meaning for that term provided under IC 3-11-8-1.2.
- E. Publication. The County Election Board is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to give notice of the polling places in each precinct, as established by this order, by publication in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION IV – MISCELLANEOUS

- A. References.
 - 1. Except where a specific version or edition is given, reference to another section of this order or to another law, document, fund, department, board, program, public servant, or public office, shall extend and apply to the same, as may be subsequently amended, revised, recodified, renamed, reappointed, or renumbered from time to time.
 - 2. Reference in this order to a law, document, fund, department, board, program, public servant, or public office, either generally or by title, without reference to another jurisdiction, shall be construed as though it were preceded or followed, as appropriate, by the words “(of) LaGrange County (Indiana).”
 - 3. Should a provision of this order require an act to be done which, by law, an agent or deputy may do instead of the principal, the requirement is satisfied by the performance of the act by an authorized agent or deputy.
- B. Conflicts. No part of this order shall be interpreted to conflict with any local, state, or federal laws, and all reasonable efforts should be made to harmonize the same.
- C. Severability. Should any section or part thereof of this order be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the decision shall not affect the validity of this order as a whole, nor any other portion thereof, and for this purpose the provisions of this order are hereby declared to be severable.
- D. Promulgation. The Auditor is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to take all action necessary or proper to authenticate, record, publish, promulgate, and/or otherwise make this order effective.
- E. Codification. This order should be codified in the manner customary for ordinances of the Commissioners.
- F. Effective Date. This order shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the Order. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ON AGING – PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR VANS

Mrs. Cheri Perkins, Council on Aging Executive Director, presented a purchase agreement from the Indiana Department of Transportation for the purchase of two new vans. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Vice President sign it. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Ms. Mary Woodworth, President of the LaGrange County Arts, was present. The LaGrange County Arts is planning to hold an art show on June 29, 2024 and would like to use the Courthouse lawn and the parking lot at the Justice Center. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will be responsible for the clean-up of the area. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the use of the grounds. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – PURCHASE OF SERVICE TRUCK

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Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to purchase a service truck for the mechanics. The lowest quote is from Kelley Automotive Group, for a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 in the amount of \$61,406. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – PURCHASE OF TRUCK FOR NORTH FOREMAN

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to purchase a new truck for the north foreman. The lowest quote is from Shepherds Family Auto Group, for a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD in the amount of \$56,009. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – PURCHASE OF TRUCK FOR SOUTH FOREMAN

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to purchase a new truck for the south foreman. The lowest quote is from City Chevrolet, for a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD in the amount of \$55,835.25. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – PURCHASE OF SNOWPLOWS

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to purchase two Boss 8'2" steel V-plows for the foreman's trucks, from Trueland John Deere, in the amount of \$18,815. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – PERMISSION TO DECLARE DUMP TRUCK AS SURPLUS

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to declare a 2002 International Dump Truck as surplus and sell at an online auction. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – REQUEST FOR GRANT MATCH

Mr. Peter Cook reported that the Soil and Water Conservation District is requesting a grant match in the amount of \$1,500 for a LARA grant to clear logjams out of the Pigeon River. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the software update. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CLERK – ELECTION EQUIPMENT

Mrs. Susan Howe, Chief Deputy Clerk, presented a quote from CDW Government for the purchase of 10 ipads to be used with elections and two booths for early voting. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CYBER SECURITY

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, presented a quote from IT Partners for SentinelOne Control, for cyber security, in the amount of \$13,840. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – SERVER MITIGATION

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, presented a quote from Motorola Solutions for server migration, in the amount of \$13,329.24. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PURCHASE OF REFRIGERATOR

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Dr. Alfredo Garcia, Health Administrator, requested permission to purchase a new Helmer pharmacy refrigerator to replace the 8 year old refrigerator. The cost is \$11,721.11 and would be paid with grant money. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook 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.

JANUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending January 31, 2024, in the amount of \$48,140,837.52 and investments of \$21,545,000. 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 January 16, 2024 regular session meetings. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memorandum for the January 31, 2024 staff meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Treasurer – January 2024 report

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Artistic Dreams, LLC,
Permit Number 087-47276-00735

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Receipt of Air Permit Application, Heartland RV Service
Center, CR 750 N & SR 9, Howe, IN, Permit Number 087-47384-00684

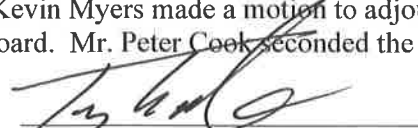
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Decision to issue a final permit, Buckeye Pipe
Line Company, LP., 5521 Lincoln Hwy Ste 305, Crown Point, IN, Permit Number INH056979

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Final Decision on Air Permit Application, Walnut Grove
Finishing, Permit Number 087-47227-00702


Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Spectrum Finishing, LTD,
Permit Number 087-47313-00060

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

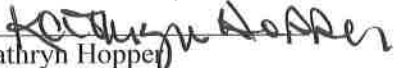
ABSENT
Peter A. Cook


Kevin R. Myers

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor