

FEBRUARY 19, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 19, 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. Terry A. Martin, and Mr. Kevin R. Myers; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Peter Cook was absent. 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. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - APPOINTMENT

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, informed the Commissioners that the Town of LaGrange recommends the appointment of Mr. Mark Eagleson to the LaGrange County Economic Development Commission for the term of February 1, 2024 through February 1, 2028. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to appoint Mark Eagleson. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROPERTY ON 107 WEST SPRING STREET, LAGRANGE, INDIANA

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, informed the Commissioners that a public hearing needs to be set on the proposed sale of real estate, known as 107 W. Spring Street, LaGrange. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to set the public hearing for March 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT FOR HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLE LICENSING SERVICES

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented an Agreement for Horse-Drawn Vehicle Licensing Services between the Commissioners and the Township board of the Township by its Township Trustee. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the Agreements and to authorize the President to sign the agreements outside of a public meeting. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MIDWEST PRESORT AGREEMENT – FORM 11

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, informed the Commissioners his office has reviewed the agreement with Midwest Presort for the Form 11's that the County Assessor issues. The estimated cost is \$13,080.94. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept the contract. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE – HEAT PUMP, LAGRANGE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Gary Mast, Maintenance Director, presented two quotes for the replacement of the roof top heat pump unit at the County Office Building. The lowest quote is from C.S.I. Heating and Cooling LLC in the amount of \$27,977. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase to be paid out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CLERK – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR SCANNING

Mrs. Kimberly Johnson, Clerk of the Circuit Court, requested permission to request an additional appropriation out of the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund for \$6,933 to have the marriage records scanned. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to proceed with the additional appropriation request from the County Council. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – PERMISSION TO DECLARE ITEMS AS SURPLUS

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to declare a 2010 International Tandem Dump Truck as surplus and sell at an online auction. He would also like to declare a 2000 Root one-way snowplow and a Proline Cuda parts washer as surplus. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – PURCHASE OF TRUCK VIBRATORS FOR NEW TRUCKS

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Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to purchase two truck vibrator packages for the two foreman trucks, in the amount of \$149,237 each. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase and authorize the President to sign the acknowledgement. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – TRANSFER OF TWO SNOWPLOWS BETWEEN STEUBEN COUNTY AND LAGRANGE COUNTY

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, explained that they have two Bonnell plows that they do not use. Steuben County Highway has two Root plows that they would like to trade for our Bonnell plows. He presented a reciprocal resolution to transfer the assets. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the transfer. Mr. Terry Martin 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 a 240-volt additional recept. The cost for the change order is \$945. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the change order. Mr. Terry Martin 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. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 regular session meetings. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memorandum for the February 14, 2024 staff meeting. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BIDS FOR LAGRANGE COUNTY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

At 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, opened bids for the resurfacing of County Roads 1150 and 1175 East from County Road 500 South to US 20, as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Books Construction Co. Inc.	Fort Wayne, Indiana	\$ 977,169.00
E & B Paving, Inc.	Fort Wayne, Indiana	1,073,820.98
Niblock Excavating, Inc.	Bristol, Indiana	1,117,590.00
Phend & Brown, Inc.	Milford, Indiana	1,195,816.35

Mrs. Morgan explained that this is a Community Crossing grant project and bids need to be awarded by March 1, 2024. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept the bid from Brooks Construction Co. Inc., pending review and if found acceptable; if not award it to the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Clerk of the Circuit Court – January 2024 report

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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. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



Terry A. Martin

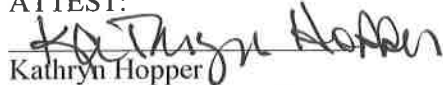


Peter A. Cook



Kevin R. Myers

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor

