

JANUARY 13, 2025

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 13, 2025, at their meeting room, County Office Building, 114 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, Indiana 46761, at 8:30 a.m., with the following present: Council Members, Jeffrey L. Brill, Jeffrey A. Campos, Karen S. Eagleson, Harold D. Gingerich, Michael G. Strawser, and James R. Young; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Ryan J. Riegsecker was absent. President, Mr. Mike Strawser brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REORGANIZATION

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to retain the current President, Mr. Mike Strawser and the current Vice President, Mr. Jim Young. Motion dies for lack of a second. Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to have Jim Young as President and Mr. Jeff Campos as Vice President. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The following list of Council appointments was presented:

LaGrange County Community Foundation Finance Committee	Harold Gingerich
Council on Aging Board	Jeff Campos
Economic Development Corporation	Ryan Riegsecker
Edit Committee	Jeff Campos
	Jim Young
Emergency Management Agency Advisory Board	Jim Young
Extension Board	Mike Strawser
Health Board	Karen Eagleson
Insurance: Liability Insurance & Vehicle	Mike Strawser
Judicial Committee –(includes Sheriff & both Judges)	Mike Strawser
	Jim Young
Major Moves Committee	Jeff Brill
	Karen Eagleson
Northeast Indiana Solid Waste District	Harold Gingerich
Park Board	Karen Eagleson
Plan Commission	Jeff Campos
Region 3 A	Jeff Brill
Sheriff Merit Board	Jim Young
Soil & Water Conservation	Karen Eagleson
Tax Abatement Review Committee	Karen Eagleson
	Jim Young
Health Insurance	Harold Gingerich
	Ryan Riegsecker
	Mike Strawser
Personnel Handbook Committee	Harold Gingerich
	Ryan Riegsecker

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion for the assignments to be approved. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGET ASSIGNMENTS

The following list of Council budget assignments was presented:

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<u>Department</u>	<u>Department Head</u>	<u>Brill</u>	<u>Campos</u>	<u>Eagleson</u>	<u>Gingerich</u>	<u>Riegsecker</u>	<u>Strawser</u>	<u>Young</u>
Highway, Cumulative Bridge, Landfill	Aaron Fugate	X						
Recorder	Sheila Getz	X						
Surveyor	Zach Holsinger	X						
Auditor	Kathryn Hopper		X					
Health	Alfredo Garcia		X					
Plan Commission	Robbie Miller		X					
Treasurer	Connie Brower		X					
Veteran's Service Officer	Allen Connelly		X					
Women, Infants & Children	Sue Bickley		X					
Clerk	Kim Johnson			X				
Parks & Recreation	Mary Franke			X				
Soil & Water Conservation	Martin Franke			X				
Coroner	Kenneth Myers				X			
Emergency Management	Bill Morr				X			
Prosecuting Attorney	Travis Glick				X			
Assessor	Pat Monroe					X		
Circuit Court	Judge Walz					X		
Information Technology / GIS	Dave Warren					X		
Superior Court	Judge Bowen-Slaven					X		
Building	Jason Boggs						X	
Extension	Brittany Gilger						X	
Maintenance	Gary Mast						X	
Sheriff / E911	Tracy Harker							X
Weights & Measures	Kim Kerr							X

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the assignments. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LOCAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to appoint Donita Brill to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried with Jeff Brill abstaining.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to appoint Jody Blake to the LaGrange County Library Board. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to appoint David Herschberger to the LaGrange County Library Board. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to appoint David Larimer, Mark Leu, and Jim Young to the LaGrange County Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENT

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to appoint Mr. Joe Billman to the LaGrange County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

JAIL COMMISSARY REPORT

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, presented the Jail Commissary report for 2024. Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer and Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, presented a report for 2024 of the road work completed in LaGrange County.

LEGAL CLAIMS

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$22,093.50 for November 2024 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Mr. Jim Young read the following Resolution to Transfer Funds:

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – CLERK</u>		
1000-001-02-2010 Office Supplies	558.63	
1000-001-04-4010 Equipment		558.63
<u>COUNTY GENERAL- BUILDING DEPT</u>		
1000-025-01-1009 Secretary	1,000.00	
1000-025-01-1510 Extra Hours/ OT		1,000.00
<u>LIT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1112-000-03-6058 2024 carry over EDIT funds	44,000.00	
1112-000-04-4900 Capital Improvement Projects		44,000.00
<u>HEALTH FIRST INDIANA</u>		
1161-000-03-3015 Contract billing	3,260.66	
1161-000-01-1011 Administrator & EHS Specialist		3,260.66
<u>PARK NON-REVERTING</u>		
1179-000-04-4011 Picnic Tables	2,000.00	
1179-000-04-4030 Tables & Chairs		2,000.00
<u>PARK & RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-02-2044 Interpretive Materials	.20	
1219-000-04-4063 Equipment		.20
<u>4701 SELF INSURANCE</u>		
4701-000-05-5001 Monthly Distribution Claims Funding Request	110,669.79	
<u>4702 SELF INSURANCE CLEARING</u>		
4702-000-03-3001 Health Insurance Claims		110,669.79

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Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the Resolution to Transfer Funds. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

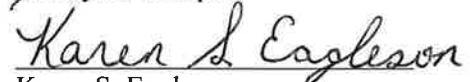
Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the December 9, 2024 regular session minutes. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

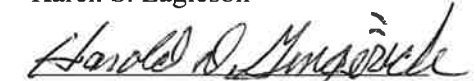
ADJOURNMENT


There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mrs. Karen Eagleson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


Jeffrey L. Brill


Jeffrey A. Campos


Karen S. Eagleson

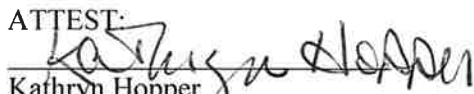

Harold D. Gingerich


Ryan J. Riegsecker


Michael G. Strawser


James R. Young

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor