

**MARCH 10, 2025**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 10, 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, Ryan J. Riegsecker, and James R. Young; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Michael G. Strawser was absent. President, Mr. Jim Young brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**COUNTY ENGINEER – 2026 ROAD PROJECTS**

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, explained that she will be applying for a Community Crossing Grant for a road resurfacing project on County Road 700 S from the Town of Topeka to county Road 1100 E. The engineering estimate for the project is \$5,417,983.44. The grant would fund \$1,500,000 if awarded. The grant match would be \$3,917,983.44.

Mrs. Morgan would like to improve the intersection of County Road 700 South and State Road 3. The estimated cost of the project is \$231,250.

An additional appropriation will be advertised for the April 2025 County Council meeting.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTION GRANT APPLICATION**

Mr. Brett Hays, Executive Director of the Northeast Indiana Community Corrections, presented a request to apply for a grant for the Community Correction program for 2026. Mr. Hays informed the Council that the grant application is for funding a full-time probation officer and a Drug Court coordinator for LaGrange County. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the grant application as presented. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LAGRANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, informed the Council that the LaGrange County Community Foundation has \$42,919 available to grant in 2025 from the endowment fund. The money can be moved to the endowment portion of the fund, can be left in the fund or a check may be issued for deposit in the Hospital Trust fund. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to have a check issued. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Jim Young presented the following Ordinance of Additional Appropriations:

**ORDINANCE OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget, now THEREFORE:

Sec 1: Be it ordained by the LaGrange County Council, LaGrange, Indiana, that for the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

	<b><u>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u></b>
<b><u>PARKS NON-REVERTING</u></b>	
1179-000-02-2033 Trail of Lights	15,500.00
1179-000-03-3097 Maple Syrup Festival	5,000.00

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1179-000-04-4029 Tetrick property 2024 Purchase	33,000.00
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PARK GIFT FUND

4908-000-04-4006 Tetrick Land Purchase	20,000.00
4908-000-03-3001 Memorial Bench plaques	100.00
4908-000-04-4001 Memorial Benches	900.00

Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker 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 – PUBLIC DEFENDER</u>		
1000-039-03-3202 Circuit Court PD Expenses	10,000.00	
1000-039-04-4001 Office Furniture & Equip		10,000.00
<u>1176 MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</u>		
1176-001-04-4030 Office Equipment	1,000.00	
1176-001-01-1005 Clerk Bookkeeper		1,000.00
<u>1179 PARKS NON-REVERTING</u>		
1179-000-04-4011 Picnic tables / grills	415.00	
1179-000-02-2030 Program & Meeting Supplies	533.79	
1179-000-04-4029 Tetrick Property Purchase		948.79
1179-000-02-2012 Maple Syrup Supplies	188.98	
1179-000-04-4077 Computer equipment		188.98
<u>1222 STATEWIDE 911</u>		
1222-000-01-1010 Dispatchers	2,077.60	
1222-000-01-1005 IDAC Coordinator		2077.60
<u>4701 SELF INSURANCE</u>		
4701-000-05-5001 Monthly Distribution Claims Funding Request	122,424.14	
<u>4702 SELF INSURANCE CLEARING</u>		
4702-000-03-3001 Health Insurance Claims		122,424.14
<u>4701 SELF INSURANCE</u>		
4701-000-05-5001 Monthly Distribution Claims Funding Request	374,288.53	

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4702 SELF INSURANCE CLEARING

4702-000-03-3001 Health Insurance Claims

374,288.53

4916 DEFERRAL PROGRAM

4916-000-01-1106 ICE Student

2,922.61

4916-000-01-1003 Deputy Prosecutor Supplemental

2,459.07

4916-000-01-1521 PERF

275.42

4916-000-01-1520 FICA

152.46

4916-000-01-1525 Medicare

35.66

Mrs. Karen Eagleson made a motion to approve the Resolution to Transfer Funds. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL CLAIMS

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$32,880.40 for January 2025 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the December 9, 2024 regular session minutes. Mrs. Karen Eagleson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUMS

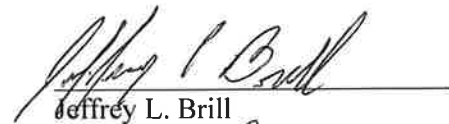
Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to approve the memorandums of the February 10, 2025 joint executive session and the February 14, 2025 joint executive session. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

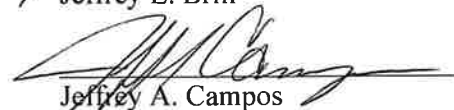
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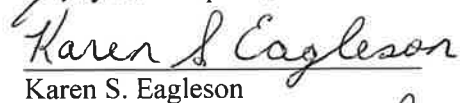
Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to authorize Mr. Peter Cook and Mr. Jim Young to negotiate the litigation with the McCoys. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

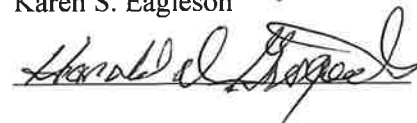
ADJOURNMENT

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

  
Jeffrey L. Brill

  
Jeffrey A. Campos

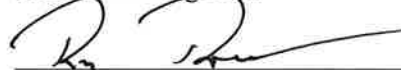
  
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Harold D. Gingerich



Ryan J. Riegsecker



Michael G. Strawser



James R. Young

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor