

**ARRIL 14, 2025**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, April 14, 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, Michael G. Strawser, and James R. Young; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. President, Mr. Jim Young brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**NEW ABATEMENT REQUEST**

Mrs. Sherri Johnston, LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation President, requested a ten-year real property abatement on behalf of Miller Stewardship Leasing, LLC for a proposed expansion project, that would create three new highly skilled jobs. Mr. Jonas Miller, Member of Miller Stewardship Leasing, LLC, stated that the proposed expansion would result in relocation of the existing business currently located at Townline Industrial Park. Mr. Harold Gingerich abstained from offering input due to conflict of interest. Mr. Jim Young counter-offered a five-year abatement term; County Attorney, Kurt Bachman was directed to prepare drafts for review and approval at the May meeting.

**TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE APPROVAL**

Mr. Jim Young presented Compliance with Statement of Benefits on Real Estate Improvements for Sling Investment Group, LLC and recommended approval for them. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Ms. Emilee Buller, LaGrange County Economic Development's Vice President of Community Development and Engagement, addressed an upcoming event for the State of LaGrange County and invited all Council members to attend.

**AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2025**

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2025:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<u>1161 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES</u>	
1161.10409.00000.0000 Lead Assessment Admin	Up to 11 hours/ week Up to \$18.33/ hour
1161.10511.00000.0000 Immunization Comm Outreach Advocate	Up to 20 hours/ Month Up to \$23.10/ hour
1161.10607.00000.0000 Maternal/ Child Health Specialist	Up to 8 hours/ week Up to \$31.24/ hour

EFFECTIVE: 03/25/2025

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Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to approve amendment. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2025**

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2025:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<u>1000 0011 PURDUE EXTENSION</u>	
1000.12002.00000.0011 Part Time	Up to \$20.19/ hour Up to 25 hours/ week

- This position is replacing the Full Time Secretary position

EFFECTIVE: 04/14/2025

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve amendment. Mrs. Karen Eagleson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE HEALTH INSURANCE CLEARING FUND TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND**

Mr. Jim Young presented the following Resolution for consideration:

COUNTY OF LAGRANGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04-14 A

A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE HEALTH INSURANCE CLEARING FUND TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND.

WHEREAS, the County established a health insurance clearing fund to facilitate the payment of invoices received for the self-funded health insurance plan.

WHEREAS, the clearing fund that was established is no longer necessary to the process of payment on invoices received for the self-funded health insurance plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF LAGRANGE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Therefore, effective April 14, 2025, the LaGrange County Council approves the transfer of \$45,126.83 from the Health Insurance Clearing Fund to the Health Insurance Fund.

Adopted and Resolved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND**

Mr. Jim Young presented the following Resolution for consideration:

**COUNTY OF LAGRANGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04-14 B**

**A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND.**

WHEREAS, the County has appropriated funds in County General for the payment of health insurance claims and costs associated with the self-funded health insurance plan;

WHEREAS, the regular process of moving appropriated funds from County General to the Health Insurance fund each month during the payroll process is insufficient to cover all of the costs of the self-funded health insurance plan at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF LAGRANGE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Therefore, effective April 14, 2025, the LaGrange County Council approves the transfer of **\$200,000** from the County General Fund to the Health Insurance Fund.

Adopted and Resolved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Jeff Campos 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 – BUILDING DEPT</u>		
1000-025-02-2010 Office Supplies	236.43	
1000-025-04-4010 Equipment		236.43
<u>LIT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1112-000-04-4900 Capital Improvement Projects	147,500.00	
1112-000-03-3021 Legal Settlement Agreement		147,500.00
<u>RECORDER’S RECORD PERPETUATION</u>		
1189-000-02-2010 Office Supplies	299.00	
1189-000-04-4010 Legal Settlement Agreement		299.00
<u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1138-000-04-4003 Capital Outlays	110,000.00	
1138-000-04-4004 IT Capital Outlays		110,000.00

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

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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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.

	REQUESTED
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - COMMISSIONERS</u>	
1000-030-01-1522 Health Insurance	7,117.35
<u>LIT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>	
1112-000-04-4035 2026 CCMG Road Project	2,500,000
<u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>	
1138-000-04-4058 2026 CCMG Road Project	2,000,000
<u>MAJOR MOVES CONSTRUCTION</u>	
1172-000-04-4051 2026 CCMG Road Project	4,149,233.44
<u>RAINY DAY</u>	
1186-000-000-04-4032 2026 CCMG Road Project	4,149,233.44

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the \$ 7,117.35 additional appropriate for health insurance out of County General-Commissioners. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to appropriate one-third of the total \$4,149,233.44 requested for road projects from Cumulative Capital Development, and LIT Economic Development, and Rainy Day; totaling \$1,383,077.81 from Cumulative Capital Development, \$1,383,077.81 from LIT Economic Development, and \$1,383,077.82 from Rainy Day and nothing from Major Moves. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and is carried unanimously. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to waive second reading. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Jim Young presented the following Ordinance of Reduction in Appropriations:

**ORDINANCE OF REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to reduce the appropriation in the annual budget, now THEREFORE:

Sec 1: Be it ordained by the LaGrange County Council, LaGrange, Indiana, that for the following appropriation is hereby reduced of the fund herein named for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

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	REQUESTED
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PUBLIC DEFENDER</u>	
1000-039-01-1005 Paralegal	7,117.35
<u>DRUG COURT</u>	
2502-000-03-3030 Urinalysis	3,000.00
<u>DRAINAGE BOARD OPERATING</u>	24,411.00
4970-000-03-3002 Legal fees	

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LEGAL CLAIMS**

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$26,691 for February 2025 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the March 10, 2025 regular session minutes. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MEMORANDUMS**

Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to approve the memorandums of the March 10, 2025 joint executive session. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Northeastern Center – Notice of Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

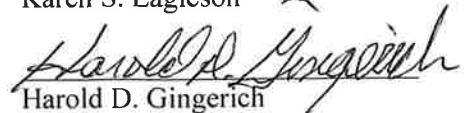
**ADJOURNMENT**

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. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

  
Jeffrey L. Brill

  
Jeffrey A. Campos

  
Karen S. Eagleson

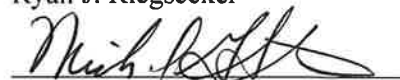
  
Harold D. Gingerich

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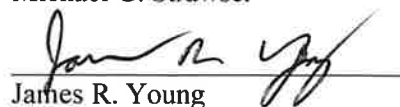
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Ryan J. Riegsecker



Michael G. Strawser



James R. Young

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper

LaGrange County Auditor