

SEPTEMBER 2 , 2025

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 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, Mr. Peter A. Cook, and Mr. Kevin R. Myers; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. 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. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented a Law Enforcement Officer Reimbursement Per-hire Notice and a Law Enforcement Officer Reimbursement Agreement, between the Board of Commissioners and the LaGrange County Sheriffs Office. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreements and authorize the President to sign the documents outside of a public meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – REQUEST TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCH GRANT

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, requested permission to apply for the 2026 Community Crossings Match Grant. The grant match is up to \$1,000,000. She is looking to do overlays on County Road 075 N, County Road 200 N, and County Road 250 W. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING RESOURCES INC. – ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented an On-Call proposal for engineering services from Engineering Resources, Inc. for a Community Crossings Matching Grant. work for overlays on County Road 075 N, County Road 200 N, and County Road 250 W. The total amount is \$22,000. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to accept the Work Order and authorize the President to sign it. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – STOP SIGN AT COUNTY ROAD 500 W AND COUNTY ROAD 600 S

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, reported that the Engineering and Traffic Investigation Committee met recently and are recommending that an all-way stop be installed at County Road 500 W and County Road 600 S, in addition to stop signs on County Road 600 S. In addition to stop signs on County Road 600 S, additional warning signage for the change in traffic flow would also need to be installed. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the signage and have the County Attorney prepare an ordinance. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – SURPLUS ITEM

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to declare a Meyer Sanding box as surplus. The item has not been used for over two years and he would like to sell it. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion approve the request. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING STEPS

Mr. Jason Boggs, Building Commissioner, explained that the Safety Committee is recommending that the steps and railing be replaced at the front entrance to the County Office Building. The lowest quote received is from D & S Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$15,935. There is \$5,000 in the Cumulative Capital Development fund to put towards the project. There is funding in the Cumulative Capital Development fund for the remainder of the cost. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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PARKS – REQUEST TO PURCHASE DRINKING FOUNTAIN

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, requested permission to purchase a new ADA compliant drinking fountain for Pine Knob Park. The lowest quote is from Berl's Commercial Supply, in the amount of \$6,706.34. This would be paid for out of the LIT-Economic Development fund. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PETERSON CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. – AGREEMENT FOR CAPITAL ASSETS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented an agreement with Peterson Consulting Services, Inc. for preparation of the capital asset reporting for LaGrange County for 2025. The cost for the services for 2025 is \$4,300, plus out of pocket expenses. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement and to authorize the President to sign it. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – COPIER PURCHASES

Mr. Marc Peterson, Information Technology Director, requested permission to purchase two Canon copiers, one for the County Assessor's office and one for the Public Defender's office. The cost is \$4,667.89 each. The Public Defender has funds in his budget for this. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchases. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

WORK RELEASE ORDINANCE

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, explained that the Work Release Ordinance needs to be updated. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to authorize the Sheriff to work with the County Attorney on the ordinance. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE LAWN

Mr. Gary Mast, Maintenance Director, discussed the use of the Courthouse Lawn. The Farmer's Market runs from June to September, and they currently are using the lawn. He would like to have a rental agreement in place for the use of the lawn. Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, recommends a license agreement which is revokable. The Commissioners will review options for 2026.

PARKVIEW WORKPLACE WELLNESS

Mrs. Jenny Landez, Human Resources Director, presented an agreement with Parkview Employer Solutions to perform the wellness screening for County employees on September 24, 2025. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the Accounts Payable Vouchers. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2025 regular session. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memorandum for the August 27, 2025 staff meeting and the August 27, 2025 Executive Session. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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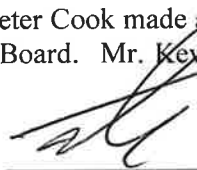
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CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Community Foundation – 2nd Quarter Endowment Fund activity summary
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, South Milford Grain Company,
Inc. New Source Construction and Minor Source Operation Permit, MSOP Number 087-49229-00741

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

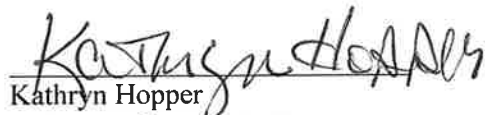


Terry A. Martin

Peter A. Cook

Kevin R. Myers

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor

