

**AUGUST 11, 2025**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, August 11, 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.

**SPONSORSHIP REQUEST**

Cheri Perkins of LaGrange County Mental Health is requesting a \$1,000.00 sponsorship from LaGrange County for an upcoming Suicide/Overdose Awareness Event that will be held at Prairie Heights on September 24, 2025. Sponsorship funds to be paid out of Opioid Unrestricted Funds. Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to approve the request. Mrs. Karen Eagleson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF PURCHASE REQUEST**

Mr. Tracy Harker, LaGrange County Sheriff, requested to use \$8,568.55 out of Commissary Funds for payment of the air handling service repair. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF PENSTION PLAN**

Mr. Tracy Harker, LaGrange County Sheriff, requested approval for the selected retirement scenario for in-service retirement. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMITS**

The County Council reviewed the 2026 estimated property tax levy limits and the estimated reductions due to circuit breakers for each taxing district in LaGrange County. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion that all taxing units stay within their maximum levy limits for the budget year 2026 as set by the Department of Local Government Finance. Mrs. Karen Eagleson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LEGAL CLAIMS**

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the June 2025 legal claims in the amount of \$23,932.75 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**2026 PROPOSED BUDGETS**

The following proposed 2026 budgets were presented to the Council:

Superior Court, Probation, Jury Pay, Superior Court User Fees – Judge Lisa Bowen-Slaven & Leann Anders  
ARC Opportunities – Debra Seman  
Parks and Recreation, Parks Nonreverting – Mary Franke  
Commissioners, Cumulative Capital Development, Major Moves, Riverboat, Rainy Day Fund, Lambright  
Property, Rogers Trust, Duff Trust, 2026 Salary Recommendations – Kevin Myers  
Sheriff, Various Funds – Tracy Harker  
Emergency Management, Emergency Planning – Bill Morr  
Circuit Court, Adult & Juvenile Probation, Home Detention, Jury Pay, Circuit Court User Fees – Judge Bill Walz  
Clerk, Election, Voter Registration, Clerk's Records Perpetuation, Clerk's IV-D – Kimberley Johnson  
Surveyor, Drainage Board, Section Corner Perpetuation – Zachary Holsinger  
Plan Commission – Robbie Miller  
Weights & Measures – Kim Kerr  
Soil & Water Conservation District – Martin Franke  
Extension – Jeff Burbrink

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REQUESTED

1000 COUNTY GENERAL PROBATION

1000.11700.00000.0235 Probation Officer  
split with grant - TP

Up to \$1,012.14/ year

Effective 08/11/2025

Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to approve the amendments. Mrs. Karen Eagleson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**COMPOST FACILITY PETTY CASH**

Mr. Jim Young explained need to establish a petty cash fund of \$150.00 to be used for the compost facility. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**2026 COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the 2026 Council meeting schedule. Mr. Jeff Campos 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.

REQUESTED

COUNTY GENERAL - SURVEYOR

1000-10807-0006 Plan Commission meeting

\$400.00

1238 OPIOID UNRESTRICTED

1238-33302-0000 Sponsorship

1,000.00

Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich 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:

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS**

DECREASE

INCREASE

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1219 PARKS & RECREATION

1219-10018-0000 Seasonal Staff

288.00

1219-10105-0000 Assistant Park Ranger

288.00

1222 STATEWIDE 911

1222-15001-0000 Extra Hours

12,441.60

1222-15900-0000 Holiday Pay

12,441.60

1000 COUNTY GENERAL – SHERIFF

8995.00

1000-30003-0005 Canteen

8995.00

1000-40005-0005 Equip

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

**FINANCIAL PRESENTATION**

Jeff Peters, Financial Advisor of Peters Franklin, summarized recent legislation changes and the potential impact on local government.

**MINUTES**

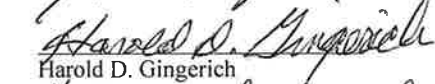
Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the July 14, 2025 regular session minutes. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Harold Gingerich 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 with Mr. Jeff Campos voting no.

  
Jeffrey L. Brill

  
Jeffrey A. Campos

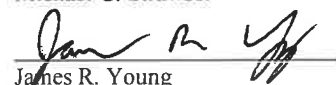
  
Harold D. Gingerich

  
Karen S. Eagleson

/s/ Ryan Riegsecker

Ryan J. Riegsecker

  
Michael G. Strawser

  
James R. Young

ATTEST:

  
Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor