

**NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 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 Riegsecker, and James R. Young; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Mike Strawser was absent. Mr. Jim Young brought the meeting to order and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN - JOINT ORDINANCE**

Mr. Jim Young presented the following joint Ordinance for consideration:

**COUNTY OF LAGRANGE  
JOINT ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11-17**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RESTATING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE COUNTY AND SPECIFYING THE USES OF REVENUES TO BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY FROM THE IMPOSITION OF LOCAL INCOME TAXES.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code ("IC") 6-3.6 ("Act"), the County Council ("Council") of LaGrange County, Indiana ("County") has established a local income tax;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 6-3.6-6-9.5, the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange ("Commissioners"), on behalf of the County, must adopt a capital improvement plan ("Plan") in order to be eligible to receive distributions under the Act;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners and Council previously adopted Joint Resolution 2022-07-11-A in which they adopted a Plan for the County;

WHEREAS, based upon information provided by the Department of Local Government Finance for 2024-year projected local income tax distributions under the Act, the County expects to receive estimated annual amount of \$2,755,137.00;

WHEREAS, the County expects to receive similar distribution amounts under the Act throughout the duration of the Plan; *and*

WHEREAS, the Commissioners and Council desire to amend and extend the Plan to better identify each project that would be funded using money received under the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAGRANGE AND BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF LAGRANGE COUNTY, INDIANA, JOINTLY, THAT:

**SECTION I – NAME**

The name of this ordinance is the "Capital Improvement Plan Ordinance."

**SECTION II – RECITALS**

The foregoing recitals, including all defined terms, are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this ordinance and found to be true, accurate, and correct.

**SECTION III – DEFINITIONS**

A. Meaning. Whenever the following terms are used in this ordinance, they shall have the meanings herein ascribed to them unless the context clearly indicates or requires otherwise.

1. "Act" refers to Indiana Code Chapter 6-3.6 and related local income tax laws.

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2. "Distribution" means monies apportioned to the County under the Act for economic development purposes.
  3. "Economic Development Project" has the meaning provided in the Act.
  4. "Plan" means the then-current capital improvement plan adopted by this ordinance.
  5. "Project" means an Economic Development Project that would be funded by a Distribution under the Act.
- B. Arbitrator. The Commissioners have final authority in deciding the meaning of these terms.

**SECTION IV – PLAN ATTRIBUTES**

- A. Duty. The Commissioners and Council shall jointly adopt and maintain a Plan that conforms to this ordinance.
- B. Requirements. As may be required by the Act, for each qualifying Project, the Plan shall:
1. identify and describe the Project;
  2. provide an estimated total cost of the Project;
  3. identify all sources of funds expected to be used for the Project;
  4. provide the planning, development, and construction schedule for the Project; *and*
  5. estimate the duration of the Project.
- C. Duration. The Plan shall encompass a period of not less than two (2) years. The Plan shall be considered current to the extent it conforms to this ordinance.
- D. Cost Threshold. The combined cost of each Project under the Plan shall equal at least 75% of the fractional amount of Distributions that are expected to be received by the County.
- E. Included Projects. Only qualifying Projects may be added to the Plan, but the Plan's list of qualifying Projects is not necessarily to be considered exhaustive of the County's capital improvement projects.

**SECTION V – PLAN ADOPTION**

- A. Findings. The following findings are made with respect to the Plan:
1. The Plan conforms to all requirements of this ordinance.
  2. Each Project incorporated into the Plan is hereby found to qualify as an Economic Development Project and, as such, eligible for funding under the Act.
- B. Approval. The Capital Improvement Plan, as shown in Exhibit A, is hereby approved and adopted.
- C. Promulgation. The Auditor is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to take all action necessary or proper to promulgate the Plan, to coordinate the development of the Plan with other organizations and agencies, and to otherwise put the Plan into effect.
- D. Review. The EDIT Committee is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to review the Plan from time to time and to make recommendations for amendment to the Council through the Auditor.

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**SECTION VI – REPEAL OF PRIOR LAW**

- A. Repeal. Joint Resolution 2022-07-11 A, is hereby repealed in its entirety. All other provisions of County codes, ordinances, and resolutions previously adopted are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent with or in conflict with this ordinance but only to that extent.
- B. Continuance. To the extent that the provisions contained in this ordinance substantially restate the provisions of a prior ordinance or resolution, the provisions shall not be deemed a new enactment of the original provisions, but rather shall be deemed to be the continuation of the original provisions.
- C. Revival Prohibited. The express or implied repeal or amendment by this ordinance of any other ordinance or resolution or part thereof shall not be construed to revive any former ordinance, resolution, section, clause, or provision.

**SECTION VII – MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. References.
  - 1. Except where a specific version or edition is given, reference to another section of this ordinance or to another law, document, fund, department, board, program, public servant, or public office, shall extend and apply to the same, as may be subsequently amended, revised, recodified, renamed, reappointed, or renumbered from time to time.
  - 2. Reference in this ordinance to a law, document, fund, department, board, program, public servant, or public office, either generally or by title, without reference to another jurisdiction, shall be construed as though it were preceded or followed, as appropriate, by the words “(of) LaGrange County (Indiana).”
  - 3. Should a provision of this ordinance require an act to be done which, by law, an agent or deputy may do instead of the principal, the requirement is satisfied by the performance of the act by an authorized agent or deputy.
- B. Claims Barred. This ordinance is intended only to improve the internal management of the County. Notwithstanding anything in this ordinance to the contrary, nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to: (i) create any new legal duty, right, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable against the County; nor, (ii) waive or diminish any existing right, protection, immunity, defense, or limitation on liability that may apply to the County or any of its elected or appointed officials, employees, agents, or representatives under any law or regulation.
- C. Conflicts. No part of this ordinance shall be construed to conflict with any applicable local, state, or federal law, and all reasonable efforts should be made to harmonize the same.
- D. Severability. Should any section or part thereof of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, nor any other portion thereof, and for this purpose the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.
- E. Exhibits. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated herein by reference.
- F. Incorporated Materials. Two (2) copies of all materials incorporated by reference herein shall be on file in the Office of the County Auditor for public inspection.
- G. Promulgation. The Auditor is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to take all action necessary or proper to authenticate, record, publish, promulgate, and/or otherwise make this ordinance effective.

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- H. Codification. To the extent a substantive change in meaning does not result, the codifier of ordinances may omit the Name, Recitals, Repeals, Miscellaneous, and Adoption sections of this ordinance from the official code, may renumber, reorder, or reorganize any section of this ordinance, and may alter references to and within this ordinance as appropriate. The specific contents of the Plan should be omitted from the codification as well.
- I. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to approve the Joint Ordinance, subject to the Commissioners' acceptance of same. 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.

**SURVEYOR - CUMULATIVE DRAIN FUND**

LaGrange County Surveyor, Zachary Holsinger, presented an alternative method to fund drain maintenance and projects for the County.

**HIGHWAY GARAGE - FUNDING**

Jeff Peters, Chief Executive Officer of Peters Franklin, presented feasible funding options for the Highway Department's proposed facility.

**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>		
1000-021-02-2010 Office Supplies	1,619.94	
1000-021-04-4010 Equipment		1,619.94
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PURDUE EXTENSION</u>		
1000-10520-0011 Secretary	8,808.25	
1000-12002-0011 Part Time		6,808.25
1000-30316-0011 Postage		2,000.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – COMMISSIONERS</u>		
1000-15100-0068 PERF	10,625.25	
1000-10129-0068 Compost Attendant		4,000.00
1000-30037-0068 Telephone		6,000.00
1000-30134-0068 Official Bonds		625.25
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PUBLIC DEFENDER</u>		
1000-34000-0271 Case Management	tabled	
1000-30205-0271 Cir. Ct PD – McNaughton	tabled	
1000-40105-0271 Office Furniture & Equip		tabled
<u>1176 MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</u>		
1176-40905-0532 Other Equipment	8,000.00	
1176-40116-0532 Truck Equipment		8,000.00
<u>1179 PARK NON-REVERTING</u>		
1179-40909-0000 Tetrick Property Purchase	20,000.00	
1179-20311-0000 Trail of Lights		20,000.00

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1202 SECTION CORNER PERPETUATION

1202-20105-0000 Hand Tools	630.00	
1202-10524-0000 Surveyor's Technician		630.00

4105 IMMUNIZATION DONATION

4105-20017-0000 Immunization Supplies	800.00	
4105-30316-0000 Postage		800.00

4908 PARK GIFT FUND

4908-40310-0000 Tetrick Land Purchase	449.00	
4908-40902-0000 Memorial Bench		444.00
4908-30128-0000 Memorial Plaque		5.00

4951 LAMBRIGHT PROPERTY

4951-20313-0000 Veterans' Hunt Supplies	10,940.00	
4951-40313-0000 Veterans' Hunt Equipment		10,940.00

Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to table the Public Defender's Transfer Request. Mr. Hold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the remaining transfers on the Resolution to Transfer Funds. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL CLAIMS

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the September 2025 legal claims in the amount of \$29,454 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Jim Young made a motion to approve the legal claims. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VETERANS

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to Express Appreciation for Active & Past Service Members, in honor of Veteran's Day as well as honor the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US Marine Corp. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ABSENT  
Jeffrey L. Brill

ABSENT  
Jeffrey A. Campos

Karen S. Eagleson  
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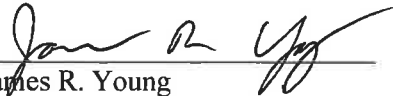
/S/ HAROLD GINGERICH  
Harold D. Gingerich

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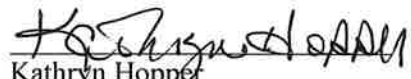
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Ryan J. Riegsecker

  
Michael G. Strawser

  
James R. Young

ATTEST:

  
Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor