DECEMBER 1, 2025

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, December 1, 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 and Mr. Kevin R. Myers; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Peter Cook was absent. 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. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNTY LEGAL SERVICES – BEERS MALLERS BACKS & SALIN, LLP

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented a contract for legal services for 2026 with Beers Mallers Backs & Salin, LLP for consideration. The contract is in the amount of \$28,000, which includes the staff meetings. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the contract and authorize the President to sign. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY - PURCHASE REQUESTS

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Superintendent, requested permission to have the gutters replaced on the Gordon building. The lowest quote is from JJ's Roofing and Remodeling in the amount of \$3,410. He would also like to have the commercial door removed and replaced on the main garage. The lowest quote is from D & S Builders in the amount of \$3,120. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the requests. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARK – SURPLUS ITEM

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, requested permission to declare an LG Television as surplus. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HUMAN RESOURCES - APPRECIATION GIFTS

Mrs. Jenny Landez, Human Resources Director, requested permission to purchase staff appreciation gifts in the amount of \$5,100. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS - GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST

Mrs. Jerri Ernsberger, Geographic information Systems Director, requested permission to apply for a grant from the Indiana Geographic Information Office. The grant is for updating and streamlining data to meet the National Emergency Number (NENA) Standard for NG911 GIS Date Model. The requested amount of the grant is for up to \$30,000. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve applying for the grant and authorize the president to sign. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INSPIRATION MINISTRIES - PROPOSED RECOVERY RESIDENCE IN LAGRANGE COUNTY

Mr. Andrew Foster, CEO of Inspiration Ministries, presented a letter of intent for the donation of approximately eight acres of land for the proposed recovery residence in LaGrange County. Mr. Foster explained that they would like to use MartinRiley for the engineering of the project. They have used them for their other projects and would like to use them for this project. Mr. Foster will be meeting with the Health Department regarding the use of opioid settlement funds for the project. Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, would like to review the letter further and made several recommendations.

LAGRANGE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to appoint James Carr to the LaGrange County Public Defender Board. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

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

MINUTES

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2025 regular session. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memorandum for the November 26, 2025 staff meeting and the November 26, 2025 Executive Session. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2026 HIGHWAY MATERIALS - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, opened the following request for proposals for materials for 2026 for Item 7A, Sand, Steel Slag & Gravel:

REQUISITION
Requisition #7A Sand & Gravel

<u>COMPANY</u>
Butler Mill Service Co.
Columbia City Mill Service Co.

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Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to take the proposals under advisement. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, MSOP with New Source Review, Techniques Finishing, LLC, 536 Michigan Street, Topeka, Indiana 46571,

Permit Number 087-49458-00709

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Revocation, FESOP Revocation, Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC, 7805 State Road 9, 160 West 750 North, 290 West 750 North, & 245 West 750 North, Howe, Indiana 46746, Permit Number 087-49710-00684

ADJOURNMENT

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

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ATTEST:

LaGrange County Auditor