

JANUARY 12, 2026

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 12, 2026, 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, and Michael G. Strawser; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Ryan J. Riegsecker and Mr. James R. Young were absent. Vice President, Mr. Jeff Campos brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Harold Gingerich offered prayers and extended the Council’s heartfelt condolences on the passing of Mr. Jim Young’s father-in-law.

REORGANIZATION

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to retain the current President, Mr. Jim Young and the current Vice President, Mr. Jeff Campos. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The following list of Council appointments was presented:

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| LaGrange County Community Foundation Finance Committee | Harold Gingerich |
| Council on Aging Board | Jeff Campos |
| Economic Development Corporation | Ryan Riegsecker |
| Edit Committee | Jeff Campos |
| | Jim Young |
| Emergency Management Agency Advisory Board | Jim Young |
| Extension Board | Mike Strawser |
| Health Board | Karen Eagleson |
| Insurance: Liability Insurance & Vehicle | Mike Strawser |
| Judicial Committee –(includes Sheriff & both Judges) | Mike Strawser |
| | Jim Young |
| Major Moves Committee | Jeff Brill |
| | Karen Eagleson |
| Northeast Indiana Solid Waste District | Harold Gingerich |
| Park Board | Karen Eagleson |
| Plan Commission | Jeff Campos |
| Region 3 A | Jeff Brill |
| Sheriff Merit Board | Jim Young |
| Soil & Water Conservation | Karen Eagleson |
| Tax Abatement Review Committee | Karen Eagleson |
| | Jim Young |
| Health Insurance | Harold Gingerich |
| | Ryan Riegsecker |
| | Mike Strawser |
| Personnel Handbook Committee | Harold Gingerich |
| | Ryan Riegsecker |

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion for the assignments to be approved. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGET ASSIGNMENTS

The following list of Council budget assignments was presented:

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| <u>Department</u> | <u>Department Head</u> | <u>Brill</u> | <u>Campos</u> | <u>Eagleson</u> | <u>Gingerich</u> | <u>Riegsecker</u> | <u>Strawser</u> | <u>Young</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Highway, Cumulative Bridge, Landfill Recorder | Aaron Fugate | X | | | | | | |
| Surveyor | Sheila Getz | X | | | | | | |
| Auditor | Zach Holsinger | X | | | | | | |
| Health | Kathryn Hopper | | X | | | | | |
| Plan Commission | Alfredo Garcia | | X | | | | | |
| Treasurer | Robbie Miller | | X | | | | | |
| Veteran's Service Officer | Connie Brower | | X | | | | | |
| Women, Infants & Children Clerk | Allen Connelly | | X | | | | | |
| Parks & Recreation | Crystal Shutt | | X | | | | | |
| Soil & Water Conservation | Kim Johnson | | | X | | | | |
| Coroner | Mary Franke | | | X | | | | |
| Emergency Management | Martin Franke | | | X | | | | |
| Prosecuting Attorney | Jeremy Hoover | | | | X | | | |
| Assessor | Bill Morr | | | | X | | | |
| Circuit Court | Travis Glick | | | | X | | | |
| Information Technology / GIS | Kim Fairchild | | | | | X | | |
| Superior Court | Judge Walz | | | | | X | | |
| Building | Jennifer Minier | | | | | X | | |
| Extension | Judge Bowen-Slaven | | | | | | X | |
| Maintenance | Jason Boggs | | | | | | X | |
| Sheriff / E911 | Jeff Burbrink | | | | | | X | |
| Weights & Measures | Gary Mast | | | | | | X | |
| | Tracy Harker | | | | | | | X |
| | Kim Kerr | | | | | | | X |

Mrs. Karen Eagleson made a motion to approve the assignments. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LOCAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to appoint Donita Brill to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried with Jeff Brill abstaining.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to appoint Paul Baker to the LaGrange County Park & Recreation Board. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to appoint Thomas Tribbett and Mark Leu to the LaGrange County Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to re-appoint Jim Young as Council representative to the LaGrange County Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENT

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to appoint Mr. Joe Billman to the LaGrange County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

JAIL COMMISSARY REPORT

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, presented the Jail Commissary report for 2025. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to accept the report. Mrs. Karen Eagleson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the purchase of the hot water boiler circulation pump in the amount of \$7,444 to be paid from the Commissary fund. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL CLAIMS

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$22,875.00 for November 2025 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER TO HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

The following Resolution to Transfer Funds from County General Fund to the Health Insurance Fund:

COUNTY OF LAGRANGE

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01-12

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 January 12, 2026, the LaGrange County Council approves the transfer of **\$300,000** from the County General Fund to the Health Insurance Fund.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Mr. Jeff Campos read the following Resolution to Transfer Funds:

| | <u>DECREASE</u> | <u>INCREASE</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>COUNTY GENERAL – EXTENSION</u> | | |
| 1000-10520-0011 Secretary | 27,040.00 | |
| 1000-12002-0011 Part Time | | 27,040.00 |
| 1000-13104-0011 Hourly Clerical | 9,455.00 | |
| 1000-10709-0011 Summer Assistant | | 9,455.00 |
| <u>COUNTY GENERAL- GIS</u> | | |
| 1000-10309-0753 GIS Assistant | 1,500.00 | |

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| 1000-15001-0753 Extra Hours/OT | | 1,500.00 |
| <u>1219 PARK & RECREATION</u> | | |
| 1219-20511-0000 Repairs Bldg & Equip | 161.75 | |
| 1219-40011-0000 Office Furniture | | 161.75 |

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the Resolution to Transfer Funds. Mrs. Karen Eagleson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the December 8, 2025 regular session minutes. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

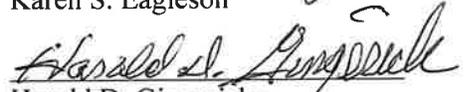
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ABSENT

Jeffrey L. Brill

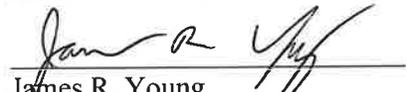

Jeffrey A. Campos


Karen S. Eagleson

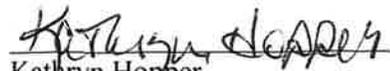

Harold D. Gingerich


Ryan J. Riegsecker


Michael G. Strawser


James R. Young

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor