

APRIL 4, 2022

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, April 4, 2022, 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 as 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.

DRUG COURT – PERSONNEL

Judge Bowen-Slaven, Superior Court Judge, was present. She would like to hire a part time drug court testing employee. The individual would complete drug testing on individuals on weekends at up to \$25.00 hour. She would like this retroactive to March 26, 2022.

She would like to hire a part time Surveillance Officer for the field for Drug Court. The individual will need to provide his own liability insurance and she would like to pay up to \$65.00 per hour.

Both of these positions would be contract positions and she has the funds in place for payment.

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the contract and authorize the president to sign the contracts outside of a public meeting. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING PROPERTY TO THE LAGRANGE COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT

Mr. Ben Bentrup, Attorney with Beer Mallers, presented the following Resolution for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAGRANGE TRANSFERRING
PROPERTY TO THE LAGRANGE COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT
PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE § 36-1-11-8

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange (the “Commissioners”) has been duly established and is authorized to transact business on behalf of LaGrange County pursuant to IC 36-2-2;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the LaGrange County Regional Utility District (the “District”) has been duly established and is authorized to transact business pursuant to IC 13-26;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners and the District entered into that certain Interlocal Agreement for Fawn River Crossing Extension dated September 19, 2013, wherein upon completion of construction of the Water Extension (as defined therein), the Commissioners conveyed ownership, administration, operation, maintenance, and control of the Water Extension to the District among the other terms and conditions contained therein (the “Agreement”);

WHEREAS, the District and Commissioners are political subdivisions, and thus governmental entities, organized under the laws of the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, governmental entities may transfer property to other governmental entities upon terms and conditions agreed upon by the entities pursuant to IC 36-1-11-8;

WHEREAS, in addition to the Water Extension already conveyed, the Commissioners desire to transfer interest and title to the real property in LaGrange County, in the State of Indiana, commonly known as 750 North, Howe, Indiana 46746, with parcel numbers: 44-03-13-400-012.001-012 and 44-03-13-400-012.002-012, and more particularly described on Exhibit A (the “Property”) to the District; and

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WHEREAS, the Commissioners anticipate the District will adopt a substantially identical resolution accepting the Commissioners' conveyance of the Property to the District by quitclaim deed and appointing a representative to accept and record the deed received from the Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The Commissioners hereby authorize and approve the conveyance of the Property to the District pursuant to IC 36-1-11-8 in the form of a quitclaim deed.
2. Terry Martin, the President of the Commissioners, is hereby authorized to execute the quitclaim deed in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, conveying all of the Commissioners' right, title, and interest in the Property to the District.
3. Upon acceptance of the conveyance by the District, the Commissioners authorize each member of the Board of Trustees of the District to act on behalf of the Commissioners in presenting the deed for recordation in the Office of the Recorder of LaGrange County, Indiana and executing any other document necessary to effect the Commissioners' conveyance of the Property.
4. This Resolution will be in full force and effect upon its adoption by the Commissioners.

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the Resolution and authorize the President to sign the deed outside of a public meeting. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BRIDGE NO. 75 CARRYING COUNTY ROAD 100 E OVER PIGEON RIVER

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented an Affidavit for Final Waiver of Lien, Certificate of Substantial Completion, and Application and Certificate for payment. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion for the president to sign the Letter of Transmittal. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY ENGINEER ON CALL

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, explained that she requested proposals from our on call engineers for design plans for LaGrange County Road 650 South Culvert replacement. The lowest proposal is from USI Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$23,900. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the authorization to proceed form with USI Consultants, Inc. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – DOCUWARE UPGRADE

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, presented an estimate for a software upgrade to DocuWare from Information & Records Associates/SBS Portals, in the amount of \$1,875. This is for the Prosecutor's Child Support and they have funds in their budget for this. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the estimate. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, presented a request for proposal for network infrastructure equipment. This would replace all of the networking hardware in all of the buildings. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request for proposals. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – REQUEST TO PURCHASE LICENSE PLATE DETECTION SYSTEM

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Mr. Tracy Harker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented an agreement from Flock Group Inc. for the purchase of an automatic license plate detection system. The cost of the system is \$28,500 with an annual maintenance fee of \$2,500. There is funding in the LIT Public Safety fund for this purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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 March 21, 2022, 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 March 30, 2022 staff meeting. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PETITION TO VACATE – PART OF COUNTY ROAD 765 SOUTH, JOHNSON TOWNSHIP

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Terry Martin opened the public hearing for the petition to vacate part of County Road 765 in Johnson Township. Mr. Robert Kruger, Attorney, presented a petition to vacate part of County Road 765 South in Johnson Township. His clients, Dennis and Jill Wright, own property on both sides of the road, which dead ends at Witmer Lake and would like to build an accessory structure. Their home is on the north side of the road and has an encroachment. They would leave a 10' strip on the east for drainage. This right of way is not part of the plat of Fourthman's Subdivision. Mr. Martin asked for comments from the County staff. Mrs. Robbie Miller, Zoning Administrator, questioned the vacation as it is in a floodplain. Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, expressed concern about the driveway approach. A final survey won't be completed for several weeks.

There being no comments from the public, Mr. Terry Martin closed the public hearing. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to table and take under advisement. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of receipt of Sanitary Sewer Construction permit application from Town of LaGrange

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Engravers of Light, Inc,
Permit Number 087-45005-00687

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, FN Chairs, LLC,
Permit Number 087-45093-00683

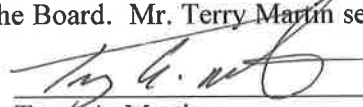
LaGrange County Board of Zoning Appeals - Notice of Public Hearing, Petitioner: Joseph D. Long, request to place home that is less than 23 feet in width for over 60 percent of its length in L-1 zoning district.

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ADJOURNMENT

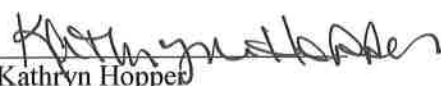
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


Terry A. Martin


Kevin B. Myers


Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor