

**MARCH 21, 2022**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 21, 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, Mr. Kevin R. Myers, and Mr. Peter A. Cook; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Terry Martin, President, called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF K-9 TRANSFER**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented a reciprocal Resolution with Steuben County approving the transfer a K-9 Officer Klara from LaGrange County to Steuben County, for consideration of the payment of \$3,000. The LaGrange County Deputy who was the handler for Klara, transferred to Steuben County. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the Resolution and the bill of sale in the amount of \$3,000. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**COURTHOUSE RENOVATION**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented the specifications and bid packet for the Courthouse renovation project. Bids will be accepted on April 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with the project. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**THE MASTERS TOUCH CONTRACT – FORM 11**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, informed the Commissioners his office has reviewed the contract with The Masters Touch for the Form 11's. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to accept the contract with Masters Touch LLC and authorize the President to sign it. Mr. Kevin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**SALE OF PROPERTY – 4845 E US HWY 20**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that an offer to purchase the property located at 4845 E US Hwy 20, LaGrange, Indiana was received from Joseph B. Graber, in the amount of \$1,450. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to accept the offer. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented an amendment to the Ambulance Service Agreement between Parkview Noble Hospital and the Board of Commissioners of LaGrange County. The agreement that was approved on December 6, 2021 and did not include the monthly fee of \$10,783.33. The amendment includes the additional amount beginning April 1, 2022. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement, with the President signing. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LAGRANGE COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT – REQUEST FOR ARPA FUNDS**

Mr. Adam Sams, LaGrange County Regional Utility District General Manager, was present. They are in the planning phase for the Region C Phase 2 wastewater project, which includes providing sewer service to North Twin Lake, South Twin Lake, Still Lake and the Pigeon Lake area. They are requesting \$1.5 million from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. They are hoping to bid the project in May and begin construction in September. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the funding. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PARKS – REQUEST TO PURCHASE DISC GOLF TEE OFF PADS**

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, was present. She is requesting to purchase eighteen-disc golf tee off pads for use at Delt Church park. The lowest quote received is from Morley Athletic Supply Co., Inc. in the amount of

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\$1,728 plus shipping. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**STATE ROAD 5 CLOSURE**

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, explained that a portion of State Road 5 in Shipshewana, will be closed from around April 1, 2022 to November 11, 2022 for structure replacement. She presented a letter of understanding from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) outlining the detour. INDOT will reimburse LaGrange County and the Town of Shipshewana for costs related to damages, if approved by INDOT prior to the beginning of any work. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the letter. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – RENEWAL AGREEMENT**

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, presented a renewal agreement for the Barracuda Message Archiver, in the amount of \$2,073.60. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Kevin Myers 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. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022, regular session meeting and the February 22, 2022, special session meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MEMORANDUM**

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memorandum for the March 16, 2022 staff meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**BIDS FOR MICRO SURFACING LAKE ROADS**

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Ben Parish, Highway Superintendent, opened the following bid for micro surfacing LaGrange County lake roads:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pavement Solutions, Inc.	Middletown, Indiana	\$419,239.47

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to award the bid as presented. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GRANT – PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to authorize Sandra Tamez, Community Development Planner for Region 3-A Development and Regional Planning Commission to conduct and transcribe minutes for the public hearing for the Community Connections for People with Disabilities Grant Application. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 9:15 a.m. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to open the public hearing for the Community Connections for People with Disabilities Grant Application. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Ms. Sandra Tamez held a public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to express their view on the proposed federally funded Community Connections for People with Disabilities project through the Indiana Office of

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Community and Rural Affairs. The total amount of funds awarded was \$67,113. Ms. Tamez asked if there were any comments from public. There being no comments, Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

LaGrange County Drainage Board - Notice of Public Hearing for the #87 Fly Creed

Mediacom – Letter regarding programming changes and rate adjustments.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Artistic Coatings LLC,  
Permit Number 087-45001-00719

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Title V – Significant Permit  
Modification - Forest River, Inc – Topeka Complex, 402 Lehman Avenue & 501 Hawpatch Drive, Topeka,  
Indiana 46571, Permit Number 087-44808-00052

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, MSOP Renewal – 5545 South 125  
West, Millersburg, Indiana 46543, Permit Number 087-44940-00686

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, MSOP Renewal with Significant New  
Source Review – 5345 West County Road 200 North, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565, Permit Number  
087-44820-00023

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Four Woods Laminating, Inc –  
Plant 1, Permit Numbers 087-44942-00036 & 087-45011-00036

**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. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

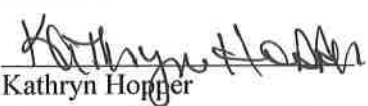
  
Terry A. Martin

  
Kevin R. Myers

Absent

Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:

  
Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor