

APRIL 5, 2021

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, April 5, 2021, 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. Commissioner Mr. Peter Cook attended virtually. 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. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NUISANCE HEARING – SCOTT A. JORDAN, 4760 S 400 E, WOLCOTTVILLE, INDIANA

At 8:30 a.m. Mr. Bill Stewart, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that the property owned by Scott A. Jordan, 4760 S 400 E, Wolcottville, Indiana has been cleaned up and is in compliance. He recommends that the nuisance hearing be cancelled. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to cancel the nuisance hearing on Scott A. Jordan and to authorize signature or the order outside of a public meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FROM INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to authorize Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, to work on transferring property owned by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in LaGrange, Indiana to LaGrange County. The County would then transfer the property to LaGrange Communities Youth Center. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MASK MANDATE

The mask mandate enforced by the Governor ends tomorrow. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to change the mask mandate to a mask advisory, beginning Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

VEHICLE DISPOSAL

Mr. Travis Glick, Prosecuting Attorney, explained that the Prosecutor's office would like to dispose of the 2011 Dodge Charger that the Victim's Advocate was using. The vehicle is in need of repair and the cost would not be cost effective. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to dispose of the 2011 Dodge Charger. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Ms. Annie Fleck, Victim's Advocate, explained that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and she would like to have permission to decorate some of the sidewalks during that month. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PERMIT PROCESS

Mrs. Robbie Miller, Planning Administrator, explained that the Planning department, the Building Department, and the Surveyor's office would like to change the permit process to a three-day process. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the new permit process. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ON AGING – TRANSPORTATION GRANT

Mrs. Cheri Perkins, Council on Aging Executive Director, presented the 1st quarter voucher for the transportation grant. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the voucher and have the President sign it outside of the public meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT – INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

Dr. Alfredo Garcia, Health Administrator, explained that he would like to hire a nurse through an independent contractor agreement to assist with the Covid 19 vaccinations. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement and have the President sign it. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OVER SIZE / OVERWEIGHT ORDINANCE AND PERMIT PROCESS

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, explained that she would like to review the oversize/overweight permit process with the County Attorney. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to authorize Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, to work with the County Engineer on the permits. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MILFORD TOWNSHIP – ROGER DELAGRANGE PROPERTY

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, explained that Mr. Roger DeLagrange, owner of Lots 4 & 5 in Martin's Addition to Lakeside Park at Big Turkey Lake, in Milford Township would like to pour concrete in 126.3 feet in road right of way, up to his house. This road is not maintained by the County.

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the concrete drive for 126.3 feet. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

BIDS FOR ROAD RESURFACING COUNTY ROAD 250 N FROM SHIPSHEWANA TOWN LIMITS TO COUNTY ROAD 675 W

At 9:00 a.m., Mr. Ben Parish, Highway Superintendent, opened the following sealed bids for road resurfacing projects:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
API Construction Corp.	LaOtto, Indiana	\$259,868.00
E & B Paving	Fort Wayne, Indiana	276,342.80
Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc.	Albion, Indiana	282,741.00

After review of the submitted bids, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to award the bid to API Construction Corp. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

BIDS FOR BRIDGE NO. 73 AND BRIDGE NO. 75 REHABILITATION AND SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

Mr. Ben Parish, Highway Superintendent, opened the following sealed bids for Bridge No. 73 Rehabilitation and superstructure replacement of LaGrange County Bridge carrying County Road 50 E over Fawn River and Bridge No. 75 Rehabilitation and superstructure replacement of LaGrange County Bridge carrying County Road 100 E over Pigeon River:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JCI Bridge Group	LaPorte, Indiana	\$ 911,842.72
LaPorte Construction Co., Inc.	LaPorte, Indiana	826,589.10
Pioneer Associates, Inc.	Albion, Indiana	1,061,784.25
Primco Inc.	Fort Wayne, Indiana	846,989.83

The County Engineer's estimate of the projects is \$877,243.61. After review of the submitted bids, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to award the bid to LaPorte Construction Co., Inc. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR TWO TANDEM AXLE TRUCK CHASSIS

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Mr. Ben Parish, Highway Superintendent, opened the following sealed proposals for two tandem axle truck chassis and two truck bodies, blades, and hydraulic components:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Chassis Amount</u>	<u>Hydraulics Amount</u>
Stoops Freightliner	Fort Wayne, Indiana	\$126,857.00	
Selking International	LaGrange, Indiana	117,331.00	
W.A. Jones	Columbia City, Indiana		\$96,764.00

The proposals will be taken under advisement and awarded at the April 19, 2021 Commissioners meeting.

SHERIFF VEHICLES

Mr. Tracy Harker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, requested approval to purchase four Dodge Durango's in the amount of \$34,326 each from Dunham Motors. He would like to trade in two 2015 Dodge Chargers and a 2008 Ford Tauris for \$500 each. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase of the vehicles and the trade ins. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – INTERCOM SYSTEM

Mr. Tracy Harker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, requested approval to purchase a new intercom system for the jail. He has two quotes, with the lowest quote being from Stanley in the amount of \$163,320. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to give a positive recommendation to the County Council for the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – FIRE SUPPRESSION SPRINKLERS

Mr. Tracy Harker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, explained that the fire suppression sprinklers are inspected every 20 years. There are 133 that need to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$46,892. He is waiting to receive quotes. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve up to \$46,892. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – BOOKING COUNTER

Mr. Tracy Harker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, explained that there is an additional cost of \$2,737 for the booking counter at the Sheriff's office. Todd Masonry and Sunrise Metal did the work and the Sheriff added another row of blocks to the counter. He requesting to pay this out of the Prisoner Reimbursement fund. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the additional \$2,737.00. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT

Mr. Tracy Harker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, requested permission to apply for a grant from the Council for Drug Free LaGrange County. The grant being requested is for \$5,750 and would be used for the purchase of surveillance cameras and equipment for the Narcotics Interdiction Criminal Enforcement (N.I.C.E.) team and also for the canine program. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to give a positive recommendation to the to the Human Resource Committee. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – RADIO SYSTEM

Mr. Tracy Harker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, requested approval to purchase a new radio system in the amount of \$317,643. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to give a positive recommendation to the County Council for the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – SHERIFF OFFICE UPGRADES

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Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, explained that with the booking counter upgrade at the Sheriff's Office, it is necessary to upgrade the intake telecom in the amount of \$4,353.60. The work room at the Sheriff's office needs to have additional data drops installed in the amount of \$1,965.11. These expenses would come out of the Information Technology budget. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve these purchases. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – EMAIL ARCHIVER

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, explained that current email archiver is out of date. A new archiver is \$6,395.68. This would come out of the Information Technology budget. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – LAPTOPS FOR SHERIFF VEHICLES

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, explained that he would like to replace the tablets that are in the Sheriff's patrol vehicles with laptops. The tablets aren't upgradable. He revived three quotes and the lowest quote is from Baycom in the amount of \$79,930. This would come out of the Information Technology budget. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – INTERNET PROVIDER

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, explained that he has been looking at the County's Internet service. We currently are with Century Link. He would like to change to Ligtel. For a 1 gigabit connection the cost would be \$299.95 per month, with \$2,250 for installation. There would be a significant cost savings and a much faster internet. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve changing to Ligtel. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GRANT

Mr. Tony Manns, County Attorney, presented sub recipient agreement for the Community Connections for People with Disabilities Grant. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to authorize the president to sign the sub recipient agreement. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE – PET WASTE RECEPTACLES

Mr. Gary Mast, Maintenance Director, presented a quote for the purchase of four pet waste receptacles for the Courthouse lawn, in the amount of \$1,883.40. He has money in his budget for this. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE – FLAG POLE PURCHASE

Mr. Gary Mast, Maintenance Director, presented a quote for the purchase of a new flag pole for the east side of the Courthouse, in the amount of \$3,310.15. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase out of the Rainy Day fund. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the Accounts Payable Vouchers. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 regular session meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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MEMORANDUM

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the memorandum for the March 31, 2021 meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Preliminary findings regarding a new source review and minor source operating permit, Custom Steel Designs, LLC, 1665 S 100 W, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565, MSOP No. M087-43539-00076


Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Revocation, Dutchcraft Corporation, 0050 S 375W, LaGrange, Indiana 46761, Permit Number 087-43778-00037

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Four Woods Laminating, Inc., 7550 W 500 S, Topeka, Indiana 46571, Permit Number 087-43236-00036

ADJOURNMENT

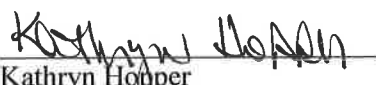
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.


Terry A. Martin


Kevin R. Myers


Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor