

**AUGUST 16, 2021**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 16, 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 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. Kevin Myers made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT - COVID GRANT, PARKVIEW LAGRANGE HOSPITAL**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that the Health Department has a grant to allow for Covid testing through June 30, 2022, which has been approved. The testing would be done at the EMS Building which the County leases to Parkview LaGrange Hospital. Mr. Bachman presented an extension of the current lease to June 30, 2022. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to amend the lease and to authorize signature outside of a public meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Terry Martin abstaining.

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADVANCE PAYMENT PURSUANT TO CONTRACT WITH VANTAGE POINT CONSULTING, INC.**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented the following Ordinance for consideration:

COUNTY OF LAGRANGE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08-16

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADVANCE PAYMENT PURSUANT TO CONTRACT WITH  
VANTAGE POINT CONSULTING, INC.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange ("Commissioners") is the purchasing agent on behalf of the LaGrange County, Indiana ("County");

WHEREAS, the Commissioners desire to enter into a contract with Vantage Point Consulting, Inc. ("VPC") for health care services related to COVID testing;

WHEREAS, the terms of the VPC contract require partial payment in advance of VPC performing its obligations under the contract;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC §§ 36-2-6-4 and -4.5, the Commissioners have adopted County Ordinance 2020-08-03-C to allow advance payments such that a claim against the County for the payment of goods and services stated in a separate ordinance may be allowed;

WHEREAS, a purchase made pursuant to IC § 36-2-6-4.5 is exempt from the requirements of IC 5-11-10 for the issuance of a warrant by the County's Auditor; *and*

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC § 36-2-6-4.5, the Commissioners shall review a claim at its next regular or special meeting following the preapproved payment of the expense.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LAGRANGE THAT:

**SECTION I**

- A. The Commissioners hereby approve the contents and form of the Community Based COVID Testing Agreement with Vantage Point Consulting, Inc., LLC ("VPC") for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022,

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which is incorporated hereto by reference, for health care services related to COVID testing (as stipulated, "Contract").

- B. The Commissioners hereby approve, upon receipt of a proper invoice and in compliance with the terms of the Contract, advance payment thereon as may be invoiced from time to time, which represents biannual installments owed to VPC under the Contract.
- C. The Commissioners direct the Auditor to implement an advance payment to VPC when proper pursuant to this ordinance.
- D. The Commissioners authorize its President and the Auditor to sign all papers and to otherwise take all action necessary or helpful to implement the advance payment.
- E. The Commissioners direct the Auditor to keep records of the findings and purchase on file for five (5) years from the date of the final advance payment made pursuant to the Contract.
- F. The Auditor shall prepare records memorializing any actual advance payment of a claim made pursuant to this ordinance for Commissioner review and allowance at the then-next regular or special meeting of the Commissioners following the actual advance payment.

**SECTION II**

- A. References.
  - 1. Except where a specific version or edition is given, reference to another section of this ordinance or to a law, document, fund, program, department, employee, or public office, shall extend and apply to the same, as may be subsequently amended, elected, appointed, revised, recodified, renamed, renumbered, or relocated from time to time.
  - 2. Reference in this ordinance to a public servant, department, commission, committee, board, or fund, either generally or by title, without reference to another jurisdiction, shall be construed as though it were preceded or followed, as appropriate, by the words "(of) LaGrange County (Indiana)."
  - 3. Should a provision of this ordinance require an act to be done which, by law, an agent or deputy as well may do as the principal, the requirement is satisfied by the performance of the act by an authorized agent or deputy.
- B. Conflicts. No part of this ordinance shall be interpreted to conflict with any local, state, or federal laws, and all reasonable efforts should be made to harmonize same.
- C. Severability. Should any section or part thereof of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any other portion thereof, and for this purpose the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.
- D. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

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Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the Ordinance and the agreement for Vantage Point Consulting. Mr. Peter Cook 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.

**VANTAGE POINT CONSULTING – COMMUNITY BASED COVID TESTING AGREEMENT**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented an agreement with Vantage Point Consulting. The agreement is for community based COVID testing for the period of July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the Agreement and have the President of the Health Board sign the agreement. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ARK ANIMAL SANCTUARY – MARY JANE ECKER IRREVOCABLE TRUST EXPENSES**

Ms. Cindy Miller, Directory of the ARK Animal Sanctuary, presented the following invoices to be paid out of the Mary Jane Ecker Irrevocable Trust:

<u>Vendor</u>		<u>Amount</u>
King's Veterinary Clinic	Veterinary Care	\$7,915.00
LaGrange Veterinary Clinic	Veterinary Care	732.99
Global Industries	Refencing of cat area	3,901.33
Aerapy	Air cleaner for cat area	6,607.50
Hawpatch	Lawn Mower	4,175.00

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the expenses not to exceed \$23,338.41, to be paid out of the Mary Jane Ecker Irrevocable Trust account. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and to carried unanimously.

**PARK DEPARTMENT – REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT**

Mr. George DeWald, Park Superintendent, requested permission to apply for a grant from the LaGrange County Community Foundation for a new playground equipment. The grant is for \$7,439. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to grant permission to apply for the grant. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY – BUTLER, FAIRMAN AND SEUFERT, INC.**

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented supplemental agreements from Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc., for the engineering services of Bridges No. 73 and No. 75. This is for the construction inspection of the bridges which are Community Crossing projects. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the supplemental agreements and to authorize the president to sign the agreements. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY – ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented a County Road Plan and a Lake Road Plan for approval. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the road plans. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY – PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE HAZARD AT JUSTICE BUILDING**

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, explained that at the front of the Justice Building, water and ice accumulate, creating a hazard. She presented a proposal from ANCO Concrete Raising, LLC in the amount of \$5,089 to install a new catch basin. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the project and pay it out of the ADA line item. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY – ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM FOR COURTROOM**

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Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented quotes for an assisted listening system for the two courtrooms. The lowest quote is from New Era Technology in the amount of \$2,997. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the quote from New Era Technology in the amount of \$2,997. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE**

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, requested permission to have Mr. Marc Peterson, Network Administrator, attend the Motorola Solutions Summit Conference in Florida in October. The Sheriff will be paying for the expenses of the conference. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the plans. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it 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 and it carried unanimously.

### **JULY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending July 31, 2021, in the amount of \$43,345,098.94 and investments of \$20,870,000. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements from Rachel Reffett, an employee in the Probation Department. She and her spouse own a business who is a vendor with LaGrange County Government. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **FAWN RIVER PROPERTY – PERMISSION TO SET POLE**

Mr. Jason Boggs, Building Commissioner, explained that he needs to issue an electrical permit on the property owned by the Commissioners at Fawn River. He requested permission to set a pole with a tornado siren on the property. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **LAMBRIGHT PROPERTY- BARN**

Mr. Jason Boggs, Building Commissioner, explained that the barn at the Lambright Farm needs new metal applied. He presented a quote in the amount of \$4,592.01 from Dallas Lake Construction. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021 regular 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 August 11, 2021 meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

LaGrange County Treasurer – July 2021 report

LaGrange County Historical Society – Request for funding

Lewis Farms Family Limited – Notice of Public Hearing, 11740 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN, August 17, 2021,

LaGrange County Board of Zoning Appeals

Schrock, Henry A. – Notice of Public Hearing, 7985 S 140 E, Wolcottville, IN, August 17, 2021,

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Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, CrossRoads RV, 1100 W. Lake Street,  
Topeka, IN 46571, Permit Number 087-44255-00086  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Cruiser RV, 1200 Detroit Street,  
LaGrange, IN 46761, Permit Number 087-44143-00712

**ADJOURNMENT**

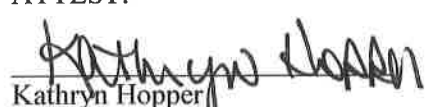
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

  
Terry A. Martin

  
Kevin R. Myers

  
Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:

  
Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor