

DECEMBER 20, 2021

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, December 20, 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 and Mr. Kevin R. Myers; LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Commissioner Mr. Peter A. Cook attend 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.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mrs. Jacklyn Medford, Payroll Deputy, presented a leave of absence requests. One request is for unpaid leave of absence for up to two weeks, for two employees. The second request is for unpaid leave of absence for one employee for up to six weeks of intermittent leave. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the leave request. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - PLAN

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to include LaGrange County Regional Utility District in the American Rescue Act Plan. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ARK ANIMAL SANCTUARY – MARY JANE ECKER IRREVOCABLE TRUST EXPENSE

Mrs. Kathy Hopper, County Auditor, presented invoices from LaGrange Veterinary Clinic, in the amount of \$3,349.07 and invoices from King's Veterinary in the amount of \$4,074.22. The invoices would be paid out of the Mary Jane Ecker Irrevocable Trust. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the expenses to be paid out of the Mary Jane Ecker Irrevocable Trust account. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ARK ANIMAL SANCTUARY – REQUEST TO REPLACE FURNACE

Two quotes were presented to replace the furnace at the ARK Animal Sanctuary. The lowest quote is from Will's Heating and Air in the amount of \$3,025.00. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the quote from Will's Heating and Air. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY LEGAL SERVICES – BEERS MALLERS BACKS & SALIN, LLP

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented contract for legal services for 2022 with Beers Mallers Backs & Salin, LLP for consideration. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the contract and authorize the President and Auditor to sign. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mr. Ben Parish, Highway Supervisor, presented a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements from Travis Hostetler. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept and authorize the President to sign. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

STRAND ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT

Mr. Ben Parish, Highway Supervisor, presented an agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. for Landfill monitoring. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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HIGHWAY – REQUEST TO PURCHASE SNOW PLOWS

Mr. Ben Parish, Highway Supervisor, explained that he has six snow plows that are in bad condition. He would like to place four of them. He received one quote from Kalida Truck Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$9,100 each. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PARK – REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, requested permission to apply for a grant from LaGrange County REMC Operation Round Up in the amount of \$2,000 to go towards the horse rides and demonstrators at Maple Syrup Days. She would also like to apply for a grant from the LaGrange County Community Foundation LIFE in the amount of \$2,000.00 to go towards puppet shows and demonstrators at Maple Syrup Days. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve applying for the grants. Mr. Peter Cook 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. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the Annual Certifications of Elected Officials on Compliance with County Nepotism Policy and County Contract Disclosure Policy for 2021 for consideration. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021 regular session meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the memorandum for the December 15, 2021 staff meeting and executive session. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - FUEL BID

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Ben Parish, Highway Supervisor, opened the following fuel bid for 2022:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Ceres Solutions	Unleaded Gasoline	\$2.619/gallon firm price
	Diesel	\$2.645/gallon fluctuating price
	Unleaded Gasoline	\$2.595/gallon firm price
	Diesel	\$2.889/gallon fluctuating price

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept the bids. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Rock Run Industries, LLC, Permit Number 087-44514-00072

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Receipt of Air Permit Application, Hoosier Products LLC, 536 Michigan St, Bldg. 78, Topeka, Indiana, Permit Number 087-44717-00709-00072

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 B. Myers


Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor