

**FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 11, 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. 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.

**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. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept the contract with Masters Touch LLC and authorize the President to sign it. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement from Jeff Brill. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept and authorize the President to sign. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**NORTHEAST INDIANA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD**

Mr. Brett Hays, Executive Director of Steuben County Community Corrections, suggested the following appointments to the Northeast Indiana Community Corrections Advisory Board: Linda Zabona-Wooster, Ann Fleck, Randy Merrifield, LeAnn Anders, and Vincent Hostetler. The terms run until March 1, 2025. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the appointments. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAI)**

Mr. Randy Merrifield, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Coordinator, gave a report on the activities and goad of the JDAI.

**PARK – VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Mrs. Mary Franke, Parks Director, presented three quotes for a 2021 Chevrolet Equinox. The lowest quote is from Shepherd's in Kendallville, Indiana, in the amount of \$23,299. They will be trading in 2001 GMC Sonoma. This will be paid out of the Park Fund. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the purchase and the trade in. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

Mrs. Robbie Miller, Planning Administrator, presented the following Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
TO  
THE ZONING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAGRANGE COUNTY, INDIANA ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2005, AS AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION AND USES PERMITTED ON REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE FROM A PUD(S-1) DISTRICT TO AN A-1 DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the LaGrange County Commissioners, LaGrange, Indiana, that the Zoning Ordinance passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of LaGrange County, Indiana, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005, as amended, be hereby and further amended as follows:

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1. That the zoning map for the following described real estate located at parcel #: 44-05-14-300-000.069-015, Shipshewana, more fully described below hereto, be rezoned and changed from a PUD(S-1) District to an A 1 District.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION****LAND DESCRIPTION:**

LOT NUMBER TWO (2) IN THE PLAT OF BERKSHIRE ESTATES PHASE 1- REVISED, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 30-30A, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, LAGRANGE COUNTY, INDIANA.

Following a public hearing, the LaGrange County Plan Commission, on January 25, 2021 after having considered the criteria set forth in IC § 36-7-4-603, gave a negative recommendation to this rezoning request.

Mrs. Miller explained that the LaGrange County Plan Commission gave a negative recommendation to the rezone request.

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to deny the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RECORDER – PURCHASE OF LAPTOP**

Mrs. Sheila Getz, County Recorder, requested permission to purchase a laptop computer, in the amount of \$766, to be paid for out of the CARES reimbursement money. This purchase will enable the Recorders staff the ability to work from home should the need arises. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the quote. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY MATERIAL QUOTES**

Mr. Ben Parish, Highway Supervisor, presented a list of the material quotes that were opened on January 19, 2021. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the quotes as presented. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY RUCK QUOTES**

Mr. Ben Parish, Highway Supervisor, explained that he would like to proceed with getting prices on two new tandem axle trucks, which have been approved and in his budget. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to begin the RFP process on the truck purchases. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT – COVID VACCINATION CLINIC**

Dr. Alfredo Garcia, Health Administrator, explained that he is preparing to set up for a COVID vaccination clinic. The Health Department will be funding computers, partitions, plexiglass, and general supplies for the clinic. He is requesting that the County help fund food and water for the volunteers who will be helping with the clinic, in the amount of \$5,000 per month. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion for approve \$5,000 for the food and water. 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**

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Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2021 Special Session meeting and the January 19, 2021 Regular Session meeting. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MEMORANDUM**

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memorandum for the January 27, 2021 meeting. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ray & Elnora Schlabach – Notice of Public Hearing, February 16, 2021, LaGrange County Board of Zoning Appeals

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – in receipt of application from DA Hochstetler & Sons, 4165 S CR 500W, Topeka, Indiana

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Four Woods Laminating, Permit Number 087-43236-00036

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Receipt of Air Permit Application, Lake Area Designs LLC, 1260 N Detroit Street, LaGrange, Indiana, Permit Number 087-43617-00678

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Lake Area Designs LLC, Permit Number 087-43617-00678

**ADJOURNMENT**

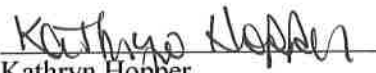
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

  
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Terry A. Martin

  
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Kevin R. Myers

Vacant\_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

  
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Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor