

OCTOBER 4, 2021

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, October 4, 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. Peter Cook made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SCHOOL RESOURCE AND SAFETY OFFICER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Jeff Campos, County Sheriff, presented an Interlocal agreement between the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department and the Lakeland School Corporation to allow the School District to utilize a Sheriff's Deputy to serve as a School Resource Officer. The agreement is in effect from August 2, 2021 through August 19, 2024. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALLEN COUNTY AND LAGRANGE COUNTY REGARDING THE HOUSING OF INMATES

Mr. Jeff Campos, County Sheriff, presented an Interlocal Government Agreement between Allen County and LaGrange County regarding the housing of inmates. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

JORDAN PROPERTY – 202 N 2nd STREET, WOLCOTTVILLE, INDIANA

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, requested approval to pursue litigation on the Jordan property at 202 N 2nd Street, Wolcottville, Indiana. The property has been condemned. There is funding in the Unsafe Building Fund for the cost. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to pursue litigation. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARK – REQUEST TO PURCHASE TRACK LOADER

Mr. George DeWald, Park Superintendent, presented quotes for the purchase of a compact track loader. The Park Board approved the purchase of a track loader from Greenmark Equipment in the amount of \$77,488. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase and pay from the EDIT fund. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARK - AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PROJECTS

Mr. George DeWald, Park Superintendent, presented a quote from Creekside Saw Mill LLC, in the amount of \$2,738.76 for a 7' x 9' cabin at Rogers Park. The project was approved for 2020 in the amount of \$1,947.00, and the price has increased for 2021. This project is an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) project. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the additional amount out of the ADA line item. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Commissioners presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to the LaGrange County Historical Society. Accepting the check was Mr. Brian McCoy.

COUNCIL ON AGING – TRANSPORTATION GRANT

Mrs. Cheri Perkins, Council on Aging Executive Director, presented the 3rd quarter voucher for the transportation grant. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the voucher and have the President sign it. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ARK ANIMAL SANCTUARY – MARY JANE ECKER IRREVOCABLE TRUST EXPENSE

Ms. Cindy Miller, Director of the ARK Animal Sanctuary, presented a bill from LaGrange Veterinary Clinic, in the amount of \$1,169.67. The invoices would be paid out of the Mary Jane Ecker Irrevocable Trust. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the expenses to be paid out of the Mary Jane Ecker Irrevocable Trust account. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mrs. Jacklyn Medford, Payroll Deputy, presented a leave of absence request for an employee for up to seven weeks of unpaid leave for a health condition. The employee does not qualify for leave under the Family Medical Leave Act. The department head is aware of the request. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kevin Myers 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. 2021-10-04
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 17TH 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 AN B-1 DISTRICT TO AN I-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 17th day of November, 2005, as amended, be hereby and further amended as follows:

1. That the zoning map for the following described real estate located at parcel #: 57-04-03-400-230.000-012 and 57-04-03-400-229.000-012, Wolcottville, more fully described below hereto, be rezoned and changed from a B-1 District to a I-1 District.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, NOBLE COUNTY INDIANA.

LOT 1A AND 1B IN CREIGH BUSINESS PARK LOT 1 PER NOBLE COUNTY DOCUMENT NUMBER 151200044.

SUBJECT TO ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

Following a public hearing, the LaGrange County Plan Commission, on September 27, 2021, after having considered the criteria set forth in IC § 36-7-4-603, gave a positive recommendation to this rezoning request.

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAMBRIGHT FARM HOUSE TEAR DOWN AND BARN REMODEL

Mr. Jason Boggs, Building Commissioner, presented a change order for Empire Electrical for additional work to be done at the Lambright Farm for electrical work. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the additional work. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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SEPTEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending September 30, 2021, in the amount of \$40,968,795.02 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.

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 September 20, 2021 regular session meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the memorandum for the September 29, 2021 meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Treasurer – September 2021 report

LaGrange County Trails – Notice of meeting, October 12, 2021, Topeka Fire Department

LaGrange County Plan Commission – Notice of Commercial Dog Breeding Facility, 5750 W 200 N

Shipshewana, Indiana, Lyle Beechy, owner

David Joest – Notice of Public Hearing, 0675 E 700 S, Wolcottville, IN, October 19, 2021, LaGrange County Board of Zoning Appeals

Town of Shipshewana – Notice of meeting September 30, 2021 regarding the reconstructing of Middlebury Street

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of receipt of sanitary sewer construction permit application from Steve McAvoy, Indiana Department of Transportation.

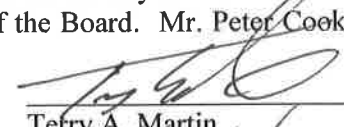
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Receipt of Approval, Nishikawa Cooper, LLC, 324 Morrow Street, Topeka, Indiana 46571, Permit Number 087-43379-00031

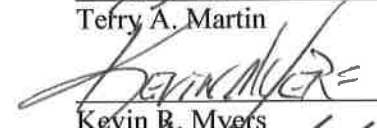
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC, Permit Number 087-44344-00684

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Receipt of Air Permit Application, Rock Run Industries, 11635 W 600 S, Millersburg, Indiana, Permit Number 087-44514-00072

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 and it carried unanimously.


Terry A. Martin


Kevin B. Myers


Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:

