

APRIL 12, 2021

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, April 12, 2021, at their meeting room, County Office Building, 114 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, Indiana 46761, at 8:30 a.m., with the following present: Council Members, Charles F. Ashcraft, Jeffrey L. Brill, Harold D. Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen, Ryan J. Riegsecker, Michael G. Strawser and James R. Young; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Mike Strawser, President, brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Mr. Steve Engleking, County Extension Director, introduced Brittany Gilger as the new Extension Educator and Kelsey McMullen as a program assistant.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS AND BUDGET ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Mike Strawser appointed Mr. Jim Young to those appointments and assignments that Mr. Peter Cook had been assigned to.

SHERIFF – FIRE SUPPRESSION SPRINKLERS

Mr. Jeff Campos, County Sheriff, explained that the fire suppression sprinklers are inspected every 20 years. There are 133 sprinklers that need to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$46,892. He is waiting to receive quotes. Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to fund the purchase out of the Rainy Day fund. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – INTERCOM SYSTEM

Mr. Jeff Campos, County Sheriff, requested approval to purchase a new intercom system for the jail. He has two quotes, with the lowest quote in the amount of \$163,320. The current system is from Stanley Security, and they will upgrade the current system for \$96,590. He can pay this out of the Prisoner Reimbursement fund.

SHERIFF – RADIO SYSTEM

Mr. Jeff Campos, County Sheriff, requested approval to purchase a new radio system in the amount of \$317,643. This matter was tabled until the May 10, 2021 Council Meeting.

DRAINAGE ISSUES

Mr. Zachary Holsinger, County Surveyor, explained that in various areas of the County, there are drainage issues that need to be addressed. The Council discussed various options. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to set up a Storm Water Drain Improvement Fund. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Council requested that the Surveyor put together a plan and present it to them at the May 10, 2021 Council meeting.

Mr. Holsinger explained that in 2019 the Council approved \$200,000, payable over four years to the General Drain Improvement Fund. \$100,000 of that has been received. He will need more funds in order to work on the reconstruction of drain projects. Mr. Steve McKowen made a motion to advertise an additional appropriation of \$500,000 from County General Fund. Mr. Charles Ashcraft second the motion and it carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

The following Amendments to the Salary Ordinance were presented:

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BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2021:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>SHERIFF'S OFFICE</u>		
Code Enforcement Officer	Up to \$19.00/ hour	Up to \$19.00/ year
1000-005-01-1381	40 hours/week	40 hours / week

Mr. Steve McKowen made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION</u>		
1202-000-01-1016 Intern – part time	Up to \$11.18/hour	Up to \$11.18/hour
	Up to 21 hrs./wk. for up to 10 weeks	Up to 21 hrs./wk. for up to 10 weeks

Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SUPERIOR COURT</u>		
1000-037-01-1309 Deputy Court Reporter	Up to \$19.41/hour	Up to \$19.41/hour

Mr. Steve McKowen made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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<u>20.019/93.323 COVID TESTING</u>		
8124-000-01-1001 Part time Immunization Clinic & Data Entry Assistant	Up to: \$20.00/hr. Up to 20 hours/week	Up to: \$20.00/hr. Up to 20 hours/week

Part time position with no benefits up to \$20/hr., up to 20 hrs./week
Paid by Grant #8124. Temporary position until Grant Fund money runs out

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<u>20.019/93.323 COVID TESTING</u>		
8124-000-01-1511 Supplemental Pay – Health Nurse	Up to \$ 3,500 / year One time payment	Up to \$3,500 / year One time payment

Requesting to pay one time supplemental wages to County Health Nurse

Mr. Steve McKowen made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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<u>20.019/93.323 COVID TESTING</u>		
8124-000-01-1510 Extra hours / Overtime	Up to: <u>Nurses</u> 21.94/hour extra hours 33.07/hour overtime <u>Clerical</u> 18.07/hr extra hours 28.14/hour overtime	Up to: <u>Nurses</u> 21.94/hour extra hours 33.07/hour overtime <u>Clerical</u> 18.07/hour extra hours 28.14/hour overtime

Requesting to pay overtime pay for Health Dept. nurses & staff due to work at COVID clinic from grant fund #8124, Effective 01/01/2021

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Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Mr. Mike Strawser read the following Resolution to Transfer Funds:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the following increases and decreases be made in order to meet the expenses of the units of government for the year 2021.

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>PARK AND RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-04-4051 Pickup Truck	239.80	
1219-000-04-4054 Utility Vehicle		239.80

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL CLAIMS

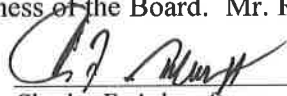
Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$7,560.00 for February 2021 from Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin and \$43.50 for Burt, Blee, Dixon, Sutton. & Bloom. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES


Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the March 8, 2021 regular session minutes. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

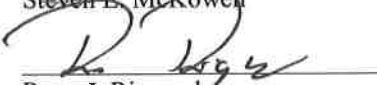
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


Charles F. Ashcraft


Jeffrey L. Brill


Harold D. Gingerich


Steven E. McKowen


Ryan J. Riegsecker

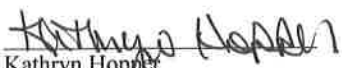

Michael G. Strawser

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James R. Young

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor