

DECEMBER 13, 2021

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 13, 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.

DRAINAGE ISSUES

Mr. Zachary Holsinger, County Surveyor, explained that when storm water improvement projects are done, sometimes there is a change order resulting in more cost. The County pays for one half of the project up to \$10,000.00 and he would like to have the County pay up to an additional 10% of the initial cost of the project towards the change orders. The funding would come out of the \$50,000 that has been appropriated for these projects. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to allow for a 10% contingency on individual projects to be paid from the annual \$50,000.00 allotted to drainage projects. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

The following Amendments to the Salary Ordinance were presented:

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2022

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2022.

93.788 INDIANA STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT #8130

Full Time Drug Court Admin Assistant

8130-000-01-1002

Effective January 1, 2022

REQUESTED

Up to \$18.03 / hour

Up to 35 hours / week

- Grant 8130
- Part Time to Full Time

Mr. Charles Ashcraft made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker 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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BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2022.

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY

1176-002-01-1205 Truck Driver Pay

1176-002-01-1207 Level 1 Operator Pay

1176-002-01-1208 Level 2 Operator Pay

REQUESTED

Up to \$21.54/hour

Up to \$22.54/hour

Up to \$23.54/hour

- Level 1 (9 drivers)- Must be able to run 4 pieces of equipment (Track loader, big roller, small roller, chip spreader, stump grinder, spray patch, paint striper, loader, berm loader)

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- Level 2 (6 drivers)- Must be able run 4 of the Level 1 equipment plus an additional 2 (Gradall, bucket truck, distributor, paver, whopper chopper)
- Eliminate heavy equipment operator line 1176-002-01-1206

Effective January 1, 2022

Mr. Jim Young made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Charles Ashcraft 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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BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2022.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/COMMUNICATIONS

1219-000-01-1041

REQUESTED

Up to \$18.75/ hour

PARKS MAINTENANCE TECH

1219-000-01-1016

Up to \$21.75/hour

- Parks Maintenance/Communications will be changed to Maintenance Tech only
- Parks Secretary will be changing to Administrative Assistant/Communications

Effective January 1, 2022

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER UNENCUMBERED FUNDS TO THE "RAINY DAY FUND" PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 36-1-8-5.1

Mr. Mike Strawser read the following Resolution for consideration:

COUNTY OF LAGRANGE
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12-13

A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER UNENCUMBERED FUNDS TO THE "RAINY DAY FUND"
PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 36-1-8-5.1.

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WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-8-5.1 permits an Indiana county to establish a Rainy Day Fund to receive transfers of unused and unencumbered funds under said Indiana Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said statute, an Indiana County Council shall make a finding that the proposed use of the Rainy Day Funds is consistent with the intent of the fund before making an appropriation therefrom; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said statute, in any fiscal year an Indiana county may not transfer more than ten percent (10%) of its total budget for that fiscal year to the Rainy Day Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said statute, the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance may not reduce the actual or maximum permissible levy of an Indiana county as a result of a balance in the Rainy Day Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF LAGRANGE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Therefore, effective this date, the LaGrange County Council approves the transfer of \$250,000.00 of unused and unencumbered funds from 2021 in the County General Fund to the "Rainy Day Fund".

The "Rainy Day Fund" shall be subject to the same appropriation process as other funds that receive tax money. The LaGrange County Council hereby intends to utilize its decision-making power regarding fiscal affairs and set priorities for all allocation and expenditure of the "Rainy Day Fund" as deemed necessary to best serve the residents of LaGrange County.

Mr. Charles Ashcraft made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Harold Gingerich 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.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

Mr. Jim Young made a motion to approve the end of year transfer Resolution. Mr. Jeff Brill 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.

LAGRANGE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Jim Young made a motion to appoint Mr. Charles Ashcraft, Mr. Mark Leu, and Mr. Andrew Linder to the LaGrange County Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Mike Strawser read the following Ordinance of Additional Appropriations:

ORDINANCE OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget, now THEREFORE:

Sec 1: Be it ordained by the LaGrange County Council, LaGrange, Indiana, that for the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

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	REQUESTED AMOUNT
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – DRAINAGE BOARD</u>	
1000-026-04-4502 Bury – Oliver Lake	6,225.50
1000-026-04-4503 VanDerRoest – Hackenburg lake	6,667.50
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD</u>	
1000-039-03-3201 Superior Court PD Expense	5,000.00
<u>SUPP. PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE</u>	
1200-000-03-3017 Circuit Ct. Public Defender Expense	6,000.00
<u>LAMBRIGHT PROPERTY</u>	
4951-000-03-3030 Repairs	9,978.32
4951-000-03-3055 House tear down / barn remodel	64,495.01
<u>93.268 IMMUNIZATION GRANT 20-21</u>	
8122-000-04-4010 Equipment	25,000.00
<u>21.019/93.323 COVID TESTING</u>	
8124-000-03-3001 Vantage Point Consulting	100,000.00
<u>93.268 IMMUNIZATION & VACCINE</u>	
8127 000-01-1002 Vaccine Clinic Staff	80,000.00
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION GRANT</u>	
9125-000-05-5001 Grant distribution	259,324.00

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Harold Gingerich 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>COUNTY GENERAL – CLERK</u>		
1000-001-02-2010 Office Supplies	268.00	
1000-001-04-4010 Equipment		268.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SHERIFF</u>		
1000-005-01-1003 Detective lieutenant	4,500.00	
1000-005-01-1008 Corporal	68,500.00	
1000-005-01-1005 Deputies		73,000.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PLAN</u>		
1000-024-02-2020 Gas, Oil, Lubricants	1,000.00	
1000-024-01-1002 Zoning enforcement officer	2,500.00	
1000-024-01-1310 Site, Plat, BZA,		3,500.00

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COUNTY GENERAL – SUPERIOR COURT

1000-037-03-3002 Professional Services	6.09	
1000-037-01-1510 Extra hours / OT		6.09

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY

1176-003-04-4034 Radio Equipment	1,000.00	
1176-003-04-4032 Garage Equipment		1,000.00
1176-003-04-4032 Truck Equipment	8,000.00	
1176-003-04-4032 Garage Equipment		8,000.00
1176-001-04-4030 Office Equipment	390.00	
1176-001-04-4031 Software		390.00

LIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1112-000-01-1522 Health Insurance	13,590.50	
1112-000-04-4015 Website		13,590.50

PARKS NON REVERTING

1179-000-04-4011 Picnic tables / Grills	429.97	
1179-000-04-4010 Equipment		429.97

SURVEYOR'S CORNER PERPETUATION

1202-000-02-2021 Hand tools	46.12	
1202-000-04-4018 Chain Saw		46.12

PARK & RECREATION

1219-000-01-1522 Health Insurance	4,650.00	
1219-000-02-2010 Office Supplies	300.00	
1219-000-02-2020 Gas, Oil, Lubricants	2,000.00	
1219-000-02-2030 Signs	500.00	
1219-000-02-2033 Sand, Gravel, Concrete	400.00	
1219-000-02-2035 Repairs bldg. & Equip	4,309.00	
1219-000-02-2042 Paper goods	500.00	
1219-000-02-2043 Cleaning Supplies	300.00	
1219-000-03-3006 Demolition	1,000.00	
1219-000-03-3016 Equipment rental	800.00	
1219-000-03-3044 Truck Repairs	1,000.00	
1219-000-03-3069 Park Conference	296.00	
1219-000-03-3021 Advertising		150.00
1219-000-03-3045 Building / equip repair		150.00
1219-000-03-3048 Safety exam		545.00
1219-000-04-4058 Other trailers		15,210.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA #2

4502-000-03-3003 Reimbursement Costs	57,920.00	
4502-000-04-4019 Howe Fire Parking Lot		57,920.00

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10.557 WIC NSA

8101-000-01-1001 Coordinator	1,486.25	
8101-000011013 WIC assistant		305.57
8101-000-01-1020 Breast Feeding Coordinator		106.80
8101-000-03-3010 Admin reimbursement		96.06
8101-000-03-3050 Space Cost operations		977.82

OPIOID GRANT

8130-000-01-1003 PT/Admin asst	1.00	
8130-000-01-1520 FICA	.37	
8130-000-01-1525 Medicare	.48	
8130-000-02-2001 Incentives	13.41	
8130-000-03-3002 Indigent treatment expense	10.97	
8130-000-03-3013 Drug court graduation		26.23

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL CLAIMS

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$28,110.00 for October 2021 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the legal claims. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the November 8, 2021 regular session minutes. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

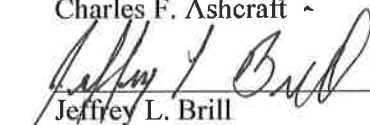
Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to approve the memorandum for the November 15, 2021 joint executive session. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Charles F. Ashcraft



Jeffrey L. Brill



Harold D. Gingerich

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Absent

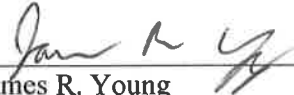
Steven E. McKowen



Ryan J. Riegsecker

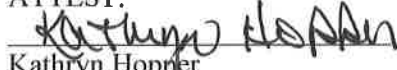


Michael G. Strawser



James R. Young

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor