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REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 14, 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.

COMMUNITY CORRECTION GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Brett Hays, Community Correction Director, presented a request to apply for a grant for the Community Correction program for 2021-2022. If approved, the grant would provide funding for a Probation Officer, a Drug Court Coordinator and a Drug Court Administrative Assistant. Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the grant application as presented. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ON AGING – 2022 BUDGET REQUEST

Mrs. Cheri Perkins, Council on Aging Executive Director, presented the 2021 budget request, in the amount of \$55,000.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Mr. Mike Strawser presented the following Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement between the LaGrange County Redevelopment Commission and LaGrange County:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF LAGRANGE COUNTY, INDIANA,
APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAGRANGE
COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND LAGRANGE COUNTY, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the LaGrange County REMC (the “REMC”) has applied for a grant (the “Grant Request”) from LaGrange County, Indiana (the “County”) to assist in the financing of the REMC’s broadband project, which will provide high-speed fiber optic internet to residents and businesses in the County (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the LaGrange County Redevelopment Commission (the “Commission”) desire to cooperate in the funding of the Grant Request; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of LaGrange County, Indiana (the “Board”), adopted Resolution No. 2021-05-17B, approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to provide for the financing of a portion of the Project (the “Interlocal Cooperation Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2021, the Commission adopted a resolution approving the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of LaGrange County, Indiana (the “Council”), as the fiscal body of the County, now desires to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of LaGrange County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. This Council has reviewed the terms and conditions of the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Commission and the County, substantially in the form submitted to this Council prior to this meeting, which is incorporated by reference into the terms of this Resolution with the same effect as if fully set forth herein. This Council hereby finds that, in light of the importance of supporting economic development in the County and in order to carry out the purpose of the Project, the execution of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement would be of public utility and benefit to, and in the best interests of, the residents of the County, and hereby affirms such terms and conditions of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

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The Council hereby authorizes the Board to execute such Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized to attest such Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, on behalf of the County, together with any changes in such form as the officers executing the same may hereafter approve, with their execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of the approval of any such changes, and any such execution and/or attestation heretofore effected be, and hereby are, ratified and approved.

Section 2. Other Actions. Each of the members of the Board, the Council, the County Auditor, the County Treasurer and any other officer, employee or agent of the County is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the County to take whatever steps necessary to carryout the intent of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and do such other acts to provide for the effective execution of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, including the recording of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Recorder of LaGrange County, Indiana, and filing of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Section 3. Effectiveness. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and the procedures required by law.

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Jeff Brill abstaining. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Jeff Brill abstaining.

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.

	<u>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SHERIFF</u>	
1000-005-03-3026 Medical Care for Inmates	40,000.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – DRAINAGE BOARD</u>	
1000-026-04-4400 Storm Water Improvement Projects	50,000.00
<u>1174 MEDICAL CARE FOR INMATES</u>	
1174-000-03-3025 Medical Care for Inmates	11,0000.00
<u>1158 GENERAL DRAIN IMPROVEMENT</u>	
1158-000-03-3001 Ditch Maintenance	677,144.35
1158-000-05-5002 Transfer to Riverboat	100,000.00
<u>1170 LIT PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	
1170-000-04-4005 Radio System	39,135.00
<u>1172 MAJOR MOVES</u>	
1172-000-04-4020 Broadband Project 2020	5,000,000.00

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4101 CANINE DONATION
4101-000-04-4010 Equipment

7,200.00

4501 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA #1
4501-000-03-3005 Reimbursement Costs

16,204.95

8950 AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN COVID GRANT
8950-000-00-2020 Public Health Expenses

3,847,277.50

Mr. Charles Ashcraft made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION REDUCTION

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

ORDINANCE OF REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to reduce the appropriation in the annual budget, now THEREFORE:

Sec 1: Be it ordained by the LaGrange County Council, LaGrange, Indiana, that for the following appropriation is hereby reduced of the fund herein named for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

COUNTY GENERAL

1000-006-04-4400 Storm Water Improvement

REQUESTED
AMOUNT

50,000.00

Mr. Charles Ashcraft made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker 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 2021

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

REQUESTED

COUNTY GENERAL - DRAINAGE BOARD

1000-006-01-1315 DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

Up to \$19.76/hour

- Increase pay for Drainage board secretary nightly meetings
- Matching Plan Commission & Health Board secretary pay

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Mr. Charles Ashcraft reported that the Human Resources Committee gave this amendment a positive recommendation. Mr. Steven 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.

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2021

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

<u>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>
1176-002-01-1207 Level 1 Operator Pay	Up to \$21.51/hour
1176-002-01-1208 Level 2 Operator Pay	Up to \$22.51/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)
- 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

Mr. Charles Ashcraft reported that the Human Resources Committee gave this amendment a negative recommendation. Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to deny the Ordinance. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2021

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

<u>SUMMER DAY CAMP</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>
4906-000-01-1002 Recreation Director	Up to \$13.00/hour

- Recreation Director – hire additional. Will have 2 Co-Directors
- Change from being paid on a Salaried basis to hourly basis
- 2 positions for 2021 Only

Mr. Charles Ashcraft reported that the Human Resources Committee gave this amendment a positive recommendation. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Harold Gingerich 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.

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2021

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

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8124 20.019/93.323 COVID TESTING

8124-000-01-1002

Up to
Co. Nurse: \$2,126.80 / bi-weekly
Nurse / asst. nurse: \$21.94 / hour
Registrar: \$18.07 / hour
Immunization coordinator: \$18.07 / hour

COVID Vaccination Clinic Staff

Current regular hourly wage

COVID VACCINE INSUR REIMBURSEMENT

8126-000-01-1002

Up to
Co. Nurse: \$2,126.80 / bi-weekly
Nurse / asst. nurse: \$21.94 / hour
Registrar: \$18.07 / hour
Immunization coordinator: \$18.07 / hour

COVID Vaccination Clinic Staff

Current regular hourly wage

- Regular hourly wages for Health Department employees staffing COVID 19 vaccination clinic. Moving clinic expense from 1159 to grant funds.
- Paid by Grant #8124. To use grant funds
- Paid by Grant #8126. To use grant funds
- Effective January 1, 2021

Mr. Charles Ashcraft reported that the Human Resources Committee gave this amendment a positive recommendation. Mr. Jim Young 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.

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 – SHERIFF</u>		
1000-005-01-1005 Deputies	16,000.00	
1000-005-04-4010 Equipment		16,000.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – WEIGHTS & MEASURES</u>		
1000-028-03-3012 Travel / Mileage	65.05	
1000-028-04-4001 Equipment		65.05
<u>1112 LIT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1112-000-01-1522 Health Insurance	1,992.99	
1112-000-04-4019 Annex Building – window shades		1,992.99
<u>1138 CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1138-000-04-4003 Capital Outlays	100,000.00	
1138-000-03-3300 2021 Comprehensive Plan		100,000.00

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1159 HEALTH

1159-000-01-1310 Health Board	100.00	
1159-000-05-5001 Refund Permit fee		100.00

1172 MAJOR MOVES

1172-000-04-1100 Major Moves Projects	265,000.00	
1172-000-04-4020 Broadband Project 2020		265,000.00

1179 PARK NON-REVERTING

1179-000-03-3096 Pine Knob	2,625.00	
1179-000-04-4025 Pine Knob Archery Targets		2,625.00

1179-000-03-3500 Sales and Use Tax	371.00	
1179-000-04-4010 Equipment		371.00

4915 PRETRIAL DIVERSION

4915-000-01-1006 Ticket Clerk	136.00	
4915-000-04-4010 Equipment		136.00

Mr. Charles Ashcraft 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 \$12,164.89 for April 2021 from Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin and \$101.50 for Burt, Blee, Dixon, Sutton & Bloom LLP. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the May 10, 2021 regular session minutes. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

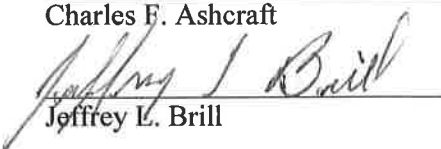
Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, informed the Council that the LaGrange County Community Foundation has \$40,696.00 available to grant in 2021 from the endowment fund. The money can be moved to the endowment portion of the fund, can be left in the fund or a check may be issued for deposit in the Hospital Trust fund. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to have a check issued. Mr. Charles Ashcraft 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. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Charles F. Ashcraft


Jeffrey L. Brill

absent

Harold D. Gingerich

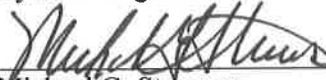
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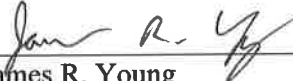
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Steven E. McKowen

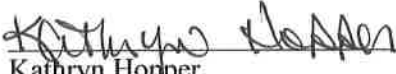
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Ryan J. Riegsecker


Michael G. Strawser


James R. Young

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor