

**MARCH 8, 2021**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 8, 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, and Michael G. Strawser; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Mike Strawser, Vice President, brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**REORGANIZATION**

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to nominate Mr. Mike Strawser as President. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to nominate Mr. Steven McKowen as Vice President. Mr. Jeffrey Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD**

Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to appoint Donita Brill to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried 4 to 0 with Mr. Jeff Brill and Mr. Steve McKowen abstaining.

**REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATION**

Mr. Mike Strawser read the following Ordinance of Reduction in 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.

	<b><u>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u></b>
<b><u>1176 MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</u></b>	
1176-002-01-1205 Truck Drivers	65,185.22

Mr. Harold Gingerich 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. Ryan Riegsecker 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.

**REQUESTED      APPROVED**

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	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – COMMISSIONERS</u>		
1000-030-03-3101 Cares Act Reimbursement	791,914.12	179,217.20
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</u>		
1176-001-01-1002 Engineer	65,185.22	65,185.22
<u>OMITTED PROPERTY AUDITS</u>		
1177-000-05-5001 Business Per Prop Distribution	37,689.12	37,689.12
<u>RAINY DAY</u>		
1186-000-04-4029 Grant Match-Park-Duff Trail Project	75,000.00	75,000.00
<u>14.228 – OCRA – EDC -1st</u>		
8401-000-05-5001 Grant Distribution	213,239.00	213,239.00
<u>21.019 COVID – SAFETY AWARENESS</u>		
8902-000-01-1002 Labor – Safety awareness	1,480.22	1,480.22
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION GRANT</u>		
9125-000-05-5001 Grant Distribution	192,076.00	192,076.00

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. Jeff Brill 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:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<u>8130 OPIOID GRANT</u>	
8130-000-01-1003 Admin Asst.	Up to \$3,214.00 / year until grant funds are exhausted
<u>8131 OPIOID GRANT</u>	
8131-000-01-1003 Admin Asst.	Up to \$9,290.00 / year until grant funds are exhausted
<u>4925 DRUG COURT GRAND AND DONATION</u>	
4925-000-01-1004 Admin Asst.	Up to \$8,546.42 / year Pay from fund #4925 after grant funds 8130 & 8131 are exhausted

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Administrative Assistant – no increase in number of hours or pay rate – up to \$17.17 / hour for 58 hours per pay period. Paying entire salary from grant funds #8130 & #8131 first before paying salary from fund #4925.  
Effective: 03/01/2021

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.

**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	210.00	
1000-001-04-4010 Equipment		210.00
<u>LIT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1112-000-03-6502 2020 Carryover funds	184.43	
1112-000-01-1522 Health Insurance		184.43
1112-000-01-1522 Health Insurance	21,300.00	
1112-000-04-4018 Veterans Service Office Remodel		21,300.00
<u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1138-000-04-4003 Capital Outlays	20,773.00	
1138-000-04-4033 Highway Electrical Service		20,773.00
<u>HEALTH</u>		
1159-000-01-1022 Assistant Nurse	1,000.00	
1159-000-01-1510 Extra Hours / Overtime		1,000.00
<u>RAINY DAY</u>		
1186-000-04-4015 Capital Outlays	350.00	
1186-000-03-3006 Professional Services		350.00
<u>IMMUNIZATION DONATION</u>		
4105-000-02-2030 Vaccines	2,000.00	
4105-000-04-4010 Equipment		2,000.00

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

**LEGAL CLAIMS**

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Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$7,101.00 for January 2021 from Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

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

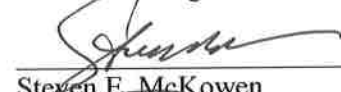
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Charles Ashcraft 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

Vacant

ATTEST:

  
Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor