

**JUNE 21, 2021**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 21, 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 A. 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. Kevin Myers made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AN ORDINANCE RECOMMENDING SUPPORT OF NEIMA FOR A J-1 WAIVER APPLICATION**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented the following Resolution for consideration:

COUNTY OF LAGRANGE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06-21

AN ORDINANCE RECOMMENDING SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF NEIMA FOR A J-1 WAIVER APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange in LaGrange County, Indiana ("County") desires to offer its support on behalf of Northeast Internal Medicine Associates, PC ("NEIMA") for the approval of the J-1 waiver application of Dr. Shekhar Patil;

WHEREAS, NEIMA has recently hired Dr. Patil to spend 40 hours per week in an outpatient setting in the Town of LaGrange, Indiana, which provides primary care with some rounding above and beyond such hours; *and*

WHEREAS, NEIMA offers important medical services throughout the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAGRANGE, INDIANA THAT:

**SECTION I**

The letter of support on behalf of the Northeast Internal Medicine Associates, PC ("NEIMA"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, given to assist with the J-1 waiver application of Dr. Shekhar Patil, is hereby approved. The Auditor shall send a copy of the letter to NEIMA.

**SECTION II**

- A. Severability. Should any section or part thereof of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any other portion thereof, and for this purpose the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.
- B. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to set a Joint Executive Session for July 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of pending litigation and the acquisition of property. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MARY JANE ECKER IRREVOCABLE TRUST**

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Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to request the full distribution of the Mary Jane Ecker Irrevocable Trust to LaGrange County. The trust is for the use of animal care. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**4-H CLUB ASSOCIATION – 2022 BUDGET REQUEST**

Mrs. Amy Newby, 4-H Club Association Treasurer, presented the 2022 budget request, in the amount of \$57,000.

**COUNCIL ON AGING – 2022 BUDGET REQUEST**

Mrs. Cheri Perkins, Council on Aging Executive Director, presented the 2022 budget request, in the amount of \$55,000.

**HIGHWAY – VACATION REQUEST**

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, explained that a current County employee who is salaried would like to transfer to the Highway Department in an hourly position. He is requesting that the employee be granted one week of vacation. This request has received a positive recommendation from the Human Resources Committee. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to award one week of vacation to the employee. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement from Tad Hite, Deputy Coroner, for doing business with LaGrange County as Tad Hite and/or Hite Uniform Co., LLC. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS**

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, requested permission to purchase 16 Dell OptiPlex 5090 computers. These will replace computers primarily in the Probation Department that are in need of replacement. He received three quotes, with the lowest quote from Dell Technologies, in the amount of \$827.00 each, for a total of \$13,232. He has money in his budget for this purchase. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the quote from Dell. Mr. Kevin Myers 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 June 7, 2021 regular session meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MEMORANDUM**

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memorandum for the June 16, 2021 meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**SALT QUOTES**

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Ben Parish, Highway Supervisor, opened the following quotes for salt:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Cargill	North Olmsted, OH	\$76.27 ton – delivered
Compass Minerals	Overland Park, KS	\$68.86 ton – delivered
Detroit Salt	Detroit, MI	\$69.44 ton – delivered

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Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to take quotes under advisement. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**BIDS FOR CYCLICAL REASSESSMENT**

At 9:00 a.m., the following bids were opened for the 2022-2025 cyclical reassessment:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nexus Group	\$692,000.00

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to award the bid to Nexus Group. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

LaGrange County Weights and Measures – May 16 – June 15, 2021 report

LaGrange County Weights and Measures – June 16, 2020 – June 15, 2021 annual report

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Forest River, Inc. –Topeka Complex, 402 Lehman Avenue, Topeka, Indiana 46571, and 501 Hawpatch Drive, Topeka, Indiana 46571, Title V Significant Permit Modification, 087-43709-00052

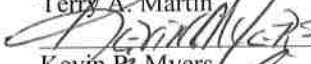
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Homestead Barns, 6030 S 400 W, Topeka, Indiana 46571, Registration Permit, 087-44073-00711

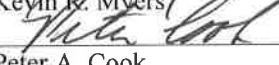
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, K-A, Inc., 0985 N 900 W, Shippshewana, Indiana 46565, MSOP Renewal, 087-43903-00063

**ADJOURNMENT**

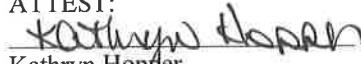
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

  
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Terry A. Martin

  
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Kevin R. Myers

  
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Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:

  
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Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor