

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, September 18, 2023, 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.

NUISANCE STATUS UPDATE – JOHN AND LINDA LACKEY, 1260 S 400 E, LAGRANGE, INDIANA

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented explained that an order for John and Linda Lackey, 1260 S 400 E, LaGrange, Indiana, was signed on August 21, 2023. The order imposed that fines be implemented retroactive to May 23, 2023 in the amount of \$100 per week and continue until the nuisance is abated. Mr. Bill Stewart, Code Enforcement Officer, was present and explained that as of last Thursday the vehicles were still on the property. He visited the property today and the vehicles have been removed. Mr. Stewart stated that the nuisance has been abated. The nuisance began in March 2023. The total amount of fines to date is \$1,500. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to implement fines of \$700 if paid within 30 days. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the order and sign it outside of a public meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented a Community Service Work Program Agreement between Marconia Satterfield III and the Board of County Commissioners, for consideration. The agreement begins on September 18, 2023 and ends December 31, 2023. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the agreement and to authorize the president to sign outside of a public meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Allen Connelly, Veteran’s Service Officer, presented a report on the activities of his office.

HIGHWAY – SURPLUS ITEMS

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, was present and requested that a Weldco oil burner and a Broom Buster rite-o-way sprayer be declared surplus. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to declare the items surplus. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – PURCHASE OF TRENCHING BUCKET

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, was present and requested permission to purchase a 3’ trenching bucket for the mini excavator. He requested three quotes and received one from Stutzman Power Equipment in the amount of \$3,844. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING - CULVERTS

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, was present and presented quotes for six culverts. She is recommending that the quotes be awarded as follows:

<u>Culvert</u>	<u>MB Excavating, Inc.</u>	<u>Greg Owens Excavating</u>
ED - 133 on S 600 W	\$4,500.00	\$5,500.00
JN - 107 on S 300 E	2,800.00	4,950.00
VB - 105 on N 900 W	2,400.00	4,800.00
VB - 104 on S 400 E	2,400.00	3,950.00

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JN - 112 on S 400 E	3,500.00	5,500.00
ML - 101 on S 675 E	2,800.00	5,400.00

Mrs. Morgan is recommending that the culvert ED-133 be awarded to Greg Owens Excavating as it is a large 133' long and 8' in diameter culvert, and that the others be awarded to MB Excavating. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the Engineer's recommendation. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING – CULVERT ON COUNTY ROAD

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented an invoice from CivilCon in the amount of \$9,210.46 for a large culvert that needed to be replaced on 700 S West of 500 East soon as possible. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the invoice retroactive to September 7, 2023. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BRIDGE NO. 58 – PROJECT COORDINATION CONTRACT

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented a Project Coordination Contract between the State of Indiana, the Indiana Department of Transportation and LaGrange County. The contract is for the bridge replacement of Bridge No. 58 on County Road 1175 East over branch of Big Turkey Lake – Turkey Creek 219. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to sign the contract retroactive to September 11, 2023. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PURCHASE REQUEST FOR SERVER UPDATE

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, presented three quotes for a server update. The lowest quote is from Van Ausdall & Farrar, in the amount of \$75,702.38. The County Council approved \$75,000 of ARPA funds for the server. The remainder of the amount will come out of his budget. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY SURVEYOR – COUNTERTOP IN OFFICE

Ms. Samantha Emerick, Surveyor Secretary, explained that the replacement for the countertop is \$611.65 above the original quote. She is requesting permission to pay the additional amount out of the Surveyor's budget. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARK – PERMISSION TO HOLD EVENTS

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, requested permission to have Art in the Park, on September 23, 2023. The event will be held at Dallas Lake Park, and will feature area artists and vendors, food, and music. On October 14, 2023, they would like to have Disc Golf Tournament at Delt Church Park, with the proceeds going towards permanent baskets. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the events. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AUGUST 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending August 31, 2023, in the amount of \$54,239,114.30 and investments of \$20,995,000. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

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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.

2024 COMMISSIONER MEETINGS, STAFF MEETINGS, DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the 2024 Commissioner meeting schedule, Commissioner staff meeting schedule, and Department Head meeting schedule. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 regular session meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

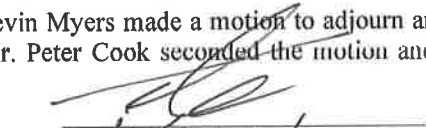
Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the memorandum for the September 13, 2023 staff meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Treasurer – August 2023 report
LaGrange County Clerk of the Circuit Court – August 2023 report
Letter from Teresa Gust – Regarding CFO Application of Mervin and Amanda Lehman
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Receipt of Air Permit Application, Dura Coat of Indiana,
5090 W 300 N, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565

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.



Terry A. Martin

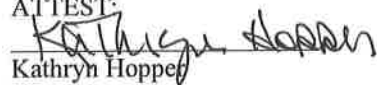


Kevin R. Myers

ABSENT

Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor