

DECEMBER 4, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, December 4, 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. Kevin R. Myers, and Mr. Peter A. Cook; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Terry A. Martin was absent. Mr. Kevin R Myers, Vice President, called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BIDS FOR BRIDGE #7 TIMBER SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, opened proposals for the Bridge #7 Timber Superstructure replacement project.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
R.G. Zachrich Construction, Inc.	Plymouth, MN	\$116,157.15
Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.	Gary, IN	333,926.10

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to take the bids under advisement and if acceptable, authorize the President to sign the agreement outside of a public meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR TWO TANDEM AXLE TRUCK CHASSIS

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, opened the following sealed proposals for two tandem axle truck chassis and two truck bodies, blades, and hydraulic components:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Chassis Amount</u>
Stoops Freightliner	Fort Wayne, Indiana	\$154,620 each

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to accept the proposal for two truck chassis and authorize the President to sign the agreement outside of a public meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ON AGING – TRANSPORTATION GRANT

Mrs. Cheri Perkins, Council on Aging Executive Director, requested to permission to proceed with purchasing two vans from the Section 5339 Transit grant. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the voucher and have the President sign it. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Mrs. Robbie Miller, Plan Administrator, presented the following Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARK – REQUEST TO REPLACE WINDOWS

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, requested permission to replace the windows at the Park Office. The lowest quote is from KMP. LLC in the amount of \$3,475. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the windows. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CANTEEN SERVICES CONTRACT

Mr. Tracey Harker, County Sheriff, presented an amendment to the Food Service Agreement for Canteen Services. The purpose of the amendment is to implement a revision to the meal service pricing. Mr. Peter Cook

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made a motion to approve the amendment and authorize the President to sign outside of a public meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CYBERPATH SERVICES, LLC AGREEMENT

Mr. Tracey Harker, County Sheriff, presented a amendment to the Agreement for CyberPath Services, LLC. The purpose of the amendment is to extend services for an additional thirty-six (36) months. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the amendment and authorize the President to sign outside of a public meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMBINED PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS, LCC AGREEMENT

Mr. Tracey Harker, County Sheriff, presented an agreement with Combined Public Communication, LLC for inmate telecommunications. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the president to sign it outside of a public meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SURVEYOR – REQUEST TO PURCHASE DRONE

Mr. Zachary Holsinger, County Surveyor, requested permission to purchase a drone, in the amount of \$3,889. This would be paid for out of the Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase of the drone. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HUMAN RESOURCES – APPRECIATION GIFTS

Mrs. Jenny Landez, Human Resources Director, requested permission to purchase 250 insulated mugs for the employees as an appreciation gift. The cost would be \$3,750. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase of 240 mugs. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CLERK - SURPLUS ITEMS

Mrs. Kimberley Johnson, County Clerk, requested permission to declare 50 black plastic voting booths and 20 plastic cases as surplus. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to declare the items surplus. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to appoint Paul Yoder to the Plan Commissioner, to fill the unexpired term of Freeman Miller who recently passed away. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ARK ANIMAL SANCTUARY – MARY JANE ECKER IRREVOCABLE TRUST EXPENSE

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented a bill from Animal Care Clinic of Topeka, in the amount of \$6,906.05 and a bill from LaGrange Veterinary Clinic in the amount of \$17,905.15. The invoices would be paid out of the Mary Jane Ecker Irrevocable Trust account. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the expenses to be paid out of the Mary Jane Ecker Irrevocable Trust account. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NOVEMBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending November 30, 2023, in the amount of \$46,232,932.59 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

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the Accounts Payable Vouchers. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

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Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023 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 November 29, 2023 staff meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Treasurer – November 2023 report

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Trailside Steel Solutions LLC, 536 Michigan St,

Bldg. 75, Topeka, Indiana 46571, Permit Number 087-46568-00729

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Receipt of Air Permit Application, Lake Area Designs LLC, 1260 N

Detroit Street, LaGrange, Indiana 46761, Permit Number 087-47080-00678

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Final decision for air permit application, Dura Coat of Indiana, Permit

Number 087-46994-00731

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Letter regarding receipt of sanitary sewer construction permit

application from Alpha Building Center.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Terry A. Martin

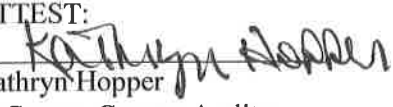


Kevin R. Myers



Peter A. Cook

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor