

MARCH 2, 2026

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 2, 2026, 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. Peter A. Cook, and Mr. Kevin R. Myers; 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.

A moment of silence was held for the passing of George Bachman, former LaGrange County Councilman and former LaGrange County Commissioners.

HVAC SYSTEM FOR COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that Mr. Gary Mast, Maintenance Director, would like to obtain quotes for a new HVAC roof top units for the County Office Building. Mr. Bachman would like authority to work with Mr. Mast to put together requests for proposals for the project. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to proceed with the requests for proposals. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BRIDGE 49 - DISCLOSURE, CONSENT, AND WAIVER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that the County is undertaking a road and bridge maintenance project along County Road 700 S in LaGrange County. The project would necessarily involve the relocation of sewer infrastructure owned by the Town of Wolcottville. The law firm of Beers Mallers Backs & Sallin, LLP, has represented or currently represents the Town on other unrelated legal matters but only represents the County for the project. Mr. Bachman presented a disclosure, consent, and waiver of conflict of interest for Beers Mailers Backs and Saln for the Commissioners to consider. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the disclosure. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – JAIL PARKING LOT RESURFACING

At 8:30 a.m. Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, opened the requests for quotes for the paving of the Sheriff's office parking lot, as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
API Construction Corp	LaOtto, Indiana	\$135,700.00
E & B Paving, LLC	Fort Wayne, Indiana	133 ,490.59
Niblock Excavating, Inc.	Bristol, Indiana	148,290.00
Pulver Asphalt Paving, Inc	Albion, Indiana	123,596.00

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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CIRCUIT COURT AUDIO VISUAL AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Ms. Jennifer Minier, Information Technology Director, presented an agreement with New Era Technology for enhancements to the LaGrange County Circuit courtroom audio-visual and communication systems. The amount of the agreement is \$23,108.50. This would be paid for out the LIT-Economic Development Fund for ADA Compliance. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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PURDUE EXTENSION – COPIER

During February 17, 2026, the Commissioners approved the purchase of a new copier for the Purdue Extension office. Mr. Jeff Burbrink, County Extension Director, presented a memo of understanding regarding the copier purchase. LaGrange County will contribute \$6,000 towards the purchase of the copier and Purdue University will contribute \$10,028.18 towards the purchase of the copier and will be considered the owner. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memo of understanding and to authorize the president to sign it. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS – GRANT AWARD

Mrs. Jerri Ernsberger, Geographic Information Systems Director, explained that the grant from the Indiana Geographic Information Office has been awarded. The grant is in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement and to authorize the president to sign. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – PURCHASE REQUEST

Mrs. Kathy Hopper, County Auditor, presented a quote from Hoosier Fire Equipment Inc for fire hose adapters. The amount of the quote is \$5,427, and would be paid for out of the Local Emergency Planning and Right to Know fund. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BRIDGE 49 - REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented a reimbursement agreement between the Town of Wolcottville and LaGrange County for the sanitary sewer relocation project on County Road 700 South at the Westler Lake / Witmer Lake Channel. The amount of the project is \$435,470. The County will pay for the work and then be reimbursed by the grant. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement and to authorize signatures outside of a public meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, explained that he would like to have a tire machine, a tire balancer, a 2014 Dodge Ram 2500 with plow, and a 2013 Dodge Ram 3500 truck with a dump bed and plow declared surplus. The items would be sold at auction. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Peter Cook 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.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the memorandum for the February 25, 2026 staff meeting and the February 25, 2026 executive session. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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HIGHWAY – REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, CHASSIS AND DUMP BODY

At 9:00 a.m., Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, opened requests for proposals for a 2026 chassis and a 2026 Monroe Radius dump body with hydraulics. The requests for proposals received are as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monroe Radius Dump	W.A. Jones	Columbia City, Indiana	\$194,306.00
Truck Chassis	Stoops Freightliner	New Haven, Indiana	171,650.00

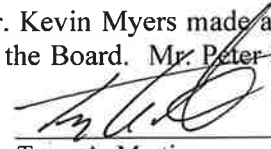
Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to award the proposals and authorize the president to sign the purchase agreements. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

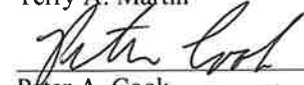
LaGrange County Community Foundation – LaGrange County Endowment Fund report 4th quarter 2025
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Custom steel Designs LLC,
1665 S CR 1000 W, Shipshewana, IN 46565, Permit Number 087-49812-00076

ADJOURNMENT

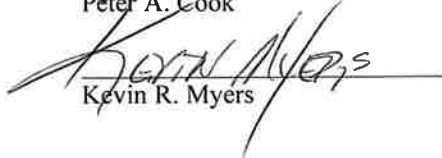
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



Terry A. Martin

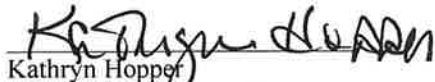


Peter A. Cook



Kevin R. Myers

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor

