The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 11, 2016 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, George Bachman, Harold Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen, Michael G. Strawser and Benjamin Taylor and LaGrange County Auditor, Kay M. Myers. Council Member Peter Cook was absent. Mr. Michael G. Strawser brought the meeting to order and lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**REORGANIZATION**

Mr. George Bachman motioned to keep officers the same. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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**BUDGET ASSIGNMENTS**

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ABC BOARD
Mr. George Bachman motioned to appoint Mr. Mike Helmkamp to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COURTHOUSE & ANNEX SECURITY
IT Director Bob Murphy informed the Council the cost is $24,995.00 to update security cameras for the courthouse and annex. Commissioner Larry Miller stated the Commissioners have agreed to the need to update the cameras. There was much discussion on the security requirements for the courthouse. Mr. Steve McKowen motioned to table till the next meeting when a full security package is assembled. Mr. Ben Taylor seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTION GRANT APPLICATION
Mr. Brett Hays, Community Correction presented a request to apply for a grant for the Community Correction program. Mr. Hays informed the Council the grant is requesting for two additional probation officers, and one court reporter, and a probation officer. Mr. Hays informed the Council if approved LaGrange would receive $294,074.00. Mr. George Bachman motioned to approve the grant application as presented. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MINUTES
Mr. Charles Ashcraft motioned to approve the December 14, 2015 regular session minutes. Mr. Ben Taylor seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Ben Taylor made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.