

**JUNE 13, 2019**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 10, 2019, 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, Jeffrey L. Brill, Peter A. Cook, Harold D. Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen, Ryan J. Riegsecker, and Michael G. Strawser; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Peter Cook brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**COUNTY JUSTICE BUILDING**

Mr. Jason Boggs, Building Commissioner, gave an update on the County Justice Building.

**HOUSING IN LAGRANGE COUNTY**

Mr. Bill Bradley, LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation President, explained that a group of individuals formed a task force to discuss the housing shortage in LaGrange County. Mr. Greg Todd, Chairman of the task force, explained that the task force feels that some professional leadership is necessary to assist. HPG Network will do an 18-month study on the issue, for \$70,000.00. Mr. Todd said that the committee is suggesting that the County pay for 50%, the Towns 30% and investors 20%. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to use \$35,000 from the Economic Development Income Tax fund towards the study. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL POLICIES HANDBOOK**

Mr. Peter explained that a change has been requested to the Personnel Policies Handbook to reflect the vacation days that the employees in the Sheriff's department actually work. Instead of accruing vacation at a rate of 8 hours they are requesting to accrue at a rate of 12 hours for jailers, jail corporals, merit deputies, merit corporals and 911 dispatchers. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to amend the Personnel Policies Handbook to reflect the change, with a maximum of two weeks' carryover of vacation. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**DRAINAGE FUNDS**

Mr. Zack Holsinger, County Surveyor, explained that there is not enough money in the General Drain Improvement fund for projects that need to be completed. In 1980 \$200,000 was put in the fund and most of that has been spent on projects. The Council requested that the County Auditor advertise additional appropriations of \$200,000 from various funds for consideration at the July meeting.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Peter Cook presented the following Ordinance of Additional Appropriations:

**ORDINANCE OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget, now THEREFORE:

Sec 1: Be it ordained by the LaGrange County Council, LaGrange, Indiana, that for the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

1179 PARK NONREVERTING OPERATING  
1179-000-03-3625 Natural Area Management

**REQUESTED**

3,500.00

4105 IMMUNIZATION DONATION

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4105-000-02-2030 Vaccines	15,000.00
4105-000-03-3015 Contract billing	5,000.00

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS**

Mr. Peter Cook read the following Resolution to Transfer Funds:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the following increases and decreases be made in order to meet the expenses of the units of government for the year 2019.

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - EXTENSION</u>		
1000-023-01-1301 Hourly Clerical	250.00	
1000-023-01-1008 PT Secretary		250.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – CIRCUIT COURT</u>		
1000-036-03-3010 Telephone	50.00	
1000-036-03-3183 Urinalysis	3,000.00	
1000-036-01-1206 Court Rep/Admin. Asst.		1,525.00
1000-036-01-1207 Admin Asst. / Secretary		1,525.00
<u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1138-000-04-4003 Capital Outlay	109,715.00	
1138-000-04-4049 Jail – LED lighting		78,732.00
1138-000-04-4053 Annex/Ct. House – Fire Alarms		30,983.00
<u>SUPPLEMENTAL JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES</u>		
2152-000-01-1520 Extra hours / overtime	1,250.00	
2152-000-01-1522 Health Insurance	1,800.00	
2152-000-03-3010 Telephone		50.00
2152-000-03-3041 Urinalysis Testing		3,000.00

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LEGAL CLAIMS**

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$15,377.00 for April 2019 from Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

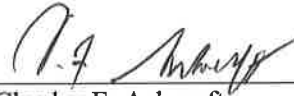
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Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the May 13, 2019 regular session minutes. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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



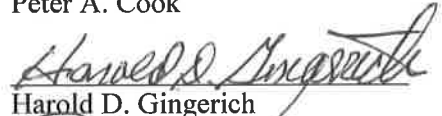
Charles F. Ashcraft



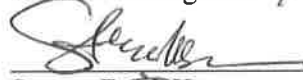
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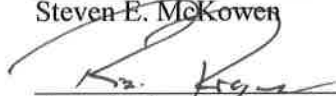
Peter A. Cook



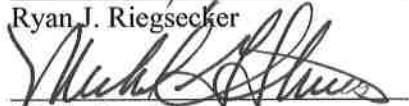
Harold D. Gingerich



Steven E. McKowen

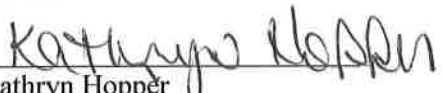


Ryan J. Riegsecker



Michael G. Strawser

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor