

**JANUARY 11, 2016**

**REGULAR SESSION**

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**

	2016
Council on Aging Board	Charles Ashcraft
Health	Charles Ashcraft
Economic Development Corporation	Charles Ashcraft
Community Foundation Finance Committee	Charles Ashcraft
Edit Committee	Charles Ashcraft Peter Cook
County Plan Commission	Peter Cook
Emergency Management Agency Advisory Board.	Peter Cook
Sheriff Merit Board	Peter Cook
Region III A	Peter Cook
Judicial Committee –(incl:Sheriff & both Judges)	Peter Cook Mike Strawser
Extension Board	Mike Strawser
Liability Insurance & Vehicle	Mike Strawser
Park Board	Steve McKowen
Major Moves Committee	Steve McKowen Ben Taylor
Soil & Water	Ben Taylor
Northeast Indiana Solid Waste District	Harold Gingerich
Legal Expense Review Committee	George Bachman
Tax Abatement Review Committee	Peter Cook Steve McKowen
Human Resources / Personnel / Health Insurance	George Bachman Mike Strawser Charles Ashcraft

Mr. George Bachman motioned for the assignments to remain the same. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**BUDGET ASSIGNMENTS**

Budgeted Fund	Department Head	Ashcraft	Bachman	Cook	McKowen	Taylor	Gingerich	Strawser
Auditor	Kay Myers	X						
Highway, Cumulative Bridge	Jeff Brill	X						
Treasurer	Vonda Akey	X						
Veteran’s Service Officer	Allen Connelly	X						
LaGrange County Community Foundation	Investment Committee	X						
Health	Alfredo Garcia	X						
Women, Infants & Children	Michelle Tennant	X						
Surveyor	Rex Pranger					X		
Soil & Water Conservation	Martin Franke					X		
GIS	Rita Lehner					X		
Recorder	Jennifer McBride					X		
Coroner	Jeff Helmuth			X				
Weights & Measures	Steven Scharf			X				
Plan Commission	Bob Shanahan			X				

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Clerk	Bonnie Brown				X			
Parks & Recreation	Mike Metz				X			
Information Technology	Bob Murphy		X					
Assessor	Pat Monroe		X					
Circuit Court	Judge VanDerbeck		X					
Superior Court	Judge Brown		X					
Emergency Management	Stewart Bender						X	
Prosecuting Attorney	Greg Kenner						X	
Sheriff / E911	Jeff Campos						X	
Building	Jason Boggs							X
Maintenance	Gary Mast							X
Extension	John Emerson							X

Mr. Harold Gingerich motioned for the assignments to remain the same. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**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 court house 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.

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Charles F. Ashcraft

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George Bachman

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Peter A. Cook

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Harold D. Gingerich

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Steven E. McKowen

ATTEST:

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Michael G. Strawser

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Kay M. Myers  
LaGrange County Auditor

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Benjamin R. Taylor