

JANUARY 16, 2018

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 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. Larry N. Miller, Mr. Terry A. Martin, and Mr. Dennis H. Kratz; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kay M. Myers. Mr. Larry Miller, President, called the meeting to order and led those present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE

Mr. Randy Merrifield, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Coordinator, would like permission to apply for the grant for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. The coordinator's salary has been \$50,000 and the new grant will not fund that. Judge VanDerbeck has said he would fund \$10,000 for the position out of the Rogers Home Income Fund. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the County Council. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRENTISS CEMETERY

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, reported that the Prentiss Cemetery deed is ready for signature. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to sign the deed transferring the Prentiss Cemetery to Springfield Township. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MARC AND TANYA DAVIS PROPERTY

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, reported on the Marc and Tanya Davis property at 8105 N 1140 W, Shipshewana, Indiana. Mr. Bachman sent them a letter advising them that they were in violation several items. He received a response from them, which he presented. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to proceed with having the property owner remove the lean to which is on the County right of way. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MARC AND TANYA DAVIS PROPERTY

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, reported on the Marc and Tanya Davis property at 8105 N 1140 W, Shipshewana, Indiana. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to appoint Mr. Richard Miller to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VACATION OF ALLEY

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to have Mr. Kurt Bachman prepare the necessary documents to present to the Town of LaGrange for vacating an alley where the Justice Center will be built. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

Mr. Brett Hays, Executive Director of Steuben County Community Corrections, requested approval to apply for annual Community Correction Grant, which covers four programs between Steuben and LaGrange Counties. The total amount of the grant is \$1,068,000.00. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve applying for the grant. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LOCAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to appoint Mr. Richard Miller to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to appoint Mr. Kirk Perkins to the Economic Development Commission. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BRIDGE 31 AND 33 RECONSTRUCTION

At 9:00 a.m., Ms. Sarah Farlow, County Engineer opened the following bids for bridge numbers 31 & 33 for a bridge deck overlay:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Northern Indiana Construction, Inc.	Mishawaka, Indiana	\$261,241.14
Grand River Construction, Inc.	Hudsonville, Michigan	344,162.00
JCI Bridge Group	LaPorte, Indiana	369,327.00
LaPorte Construction	LaPorte, Indiana	392,487.25
R. L. McCoy Inc.	Columbia City, Indiana	408,169.15

After review of the bids, Ms. Farlow recommended awarding the bid to Northern Indiana Construction, Inc. for \$261,241.14. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to award the bid for Bridges 31 and 33 to Northern Indiana Construction. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BRIDGE 57 REPLACEMENT

At 9:00 a.m., Ms. Sarah Farlow, County Engineer opened the following bids for bridge number 57 replacement:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Northern Indiana Construction, Inc.	Mishawaka, Indiana	\$363,176.55
JCI Bridge Group	LaPorte, Indiana	480,748.65
R. L. McCoy Inc.	Columbia City, Indiana	556,003.85
Grand River Construction, Inc.	Hudsonville, Michigan	605,257.14
LaPorte Construction	LaPorte, Indiana	691,883.45

After review of the bids, Ms. Farlow recommended awarding the bid to Northern Indiana Construction, Inc. for \$363,176.55. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to award the bid for Bridge 57 to Northern Indiana Construction. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ON AGING – TRANSPORTATION GRANT

Mrs. Cheri Perkins, Council on Aging Executive Director, presented the 1st quarter voucher for the transportation grant. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the voucher. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ON AGING – VEHICLE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Mrs. Cheri Perkins, Council on Aging Executive Director, presented a motor vehicle purchase agreement in the amount of \$51,354.00, out of the INDOT 5339 Grant. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the voucher and authorize the President to sign. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY

Mr. Randy VanWagner, Highway Superintendent, reported that he will have some independent contractor agreements snow plowing for signature. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the contracts to be signed by the President outside of a public meeting. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION PLATS

The following subdivision plats were presented for approval:

Myers' Addition

There is one lot in this subdivision, in Eden Township, located at 2470 S 625 W, Topeka. Section 01, Township 36N, Range 8E. The owners are David and Barbara Myers. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the plat. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Meadow View

There is one lot in this subdivision, in Newbury Township, located at 0510 S State Road 5, Shipshewana. Section 27, Township 37N, Range 8E. The owners are Orva and Ida Graber. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the plat. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Replat of Wilbur & Amanda Yoder Subdivision

There are two lots in this subdivision, in Newbury Township, located at 0450 N 700 W, LaGrange. Section 23, Township 37N, Range 8E. The owners are Wilbur Yoder and others. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the plat. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Mrs. Kay Myers, County Auditor, presented a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements from Jeffrey Brill, Dennis Kratz, Steve McKowen, and Richard Sherman. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to accept. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Dennis Kratz abstaining.

DECEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Kay Myers, County Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending December 31, 2017, in the amount of \$21,246,271.04 and investments of \$22,863,000.00. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the report. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Mrs. Kay Myers, County Auditor, presented the Accounts Payable Vouchers. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the memorandum for the January 10, 2018 meeting. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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MINUTES

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the January 2, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Clerk of the Circuit Court – December 2017 report

LaGrange County Treasurer – December 2017 report

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Champion Home Builders, Initial Permit 087-39386-00690

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Morgan Olson, LLC, Permit Renewal 087-38658-00044

Strand Associates – August 2017 Groundwater Monitoring Report

US Army Corps of Engineers - Public Notice – Indiana Department of Transportation – to add travel lanes and widen shoulders on Interstate 65 between U. S. Route 50 in Jackson County and State Route 58 in Bartholomew County, Indiana

US Army Corps of Engineers - Public Notice – TBD, LLC – residential development, New Albany, Floyd County, Indiana

US Army Corps of Engineers - Public Notice – City of Evansville – to relocate the permanent mooring facility for the USS Landing Ship Tank (LST) 325, Vanderburgh County, Indiana

US Army Corps of Engineers – Joint Public Notice – University Loft – expansion of the east point business park, Greenfield, Indiana

US Army Corps of Engineers – Joint Public Notice – TBD, LLC – residential development, New Albany, Floyd County, Indiana

ADJOURNMENT

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

Larry N. Miller

Terry A. Martin

Dennis H. Kratz

ATTEST:

Kay M. Myers
LaGrange County Auditor