

**MARCH 11, 2019**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 11, 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, Steven E. McKowen, Ryan J. Riegsecker, and Michael G. Strawser; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Harold D. Gingerich was absent. Mr. Peter Cook brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Charles Ashcraft made a motion to appoint Mr. Andrew Linder to the Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTION GRANT APPLICATION**

Mr. Brett Hays, Northeast Indiana Community Corrections Director, presented a request to apply for a grant for the Community Corrections program. Mr. Hays explained that the grant application is for the continuance of a probation officer and an additional employee for a Court recidivism program. The grant period is from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The grant requested is for \$123,000. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the grant application as presented. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**JOINT ORDINANCE – MAJOR MOVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Peter Cook presented the following Joint Ordinance for consideration:

COUNTY OF LAGRANGE  
JOINT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-03-18 A  
AN ORDINANCE FINDING THAT AN APPROPRIATION OF LOCAL  
MAJOR MOVES FUND MONEY QUALIFIES AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange (“Commissioners”) and the LaGrange County Council (“Council”) on behalf of LaGrange County, Indiana held a joint meeting on October 9, 2018 to discuss possible Local Major Moves Fund (“Fund”) expenditures;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners and the Council desire to expend Fund monies to pay for a grant for a local sewer project and/or preliminary engineering work therefor (“Project”);

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 8-14-16-5 limits the allowable purposes for an expenditure of money in the Fund;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners and the Council have determined that the Project qualifies as an allowable Fund purpose within the meaning of Indiana Code § 8-14-16-5;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAGRANGE AND BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF LAGRANGE, COUNTY, INDIANA, JOINTLY, THAT:

**SECTION I**

The Commissioners and Council find that the above recitals are true and correct and hereby incorporate the recitals into this ordinance in their entirety.

**SECTION II**

Severability. No part of this ordinance shall be interpreted to conflict with any local, state, or federal laws, and all reasonable efforts should be made to harmonize same. Should any section or part thereof of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any other portion thereof other than that portion so declared to be invalid, and for this purpose the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

Mr. Peter Cook 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. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**COUNTY JUSTICE BUILDING**

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

**MARCH 11, 2019**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**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.

	<u>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u>
<u>1130 PRISONER REIMBURSEMENT</u> 1130-000-02-2012 Inmate Supplies	10,000.00
<u>1179 PARK NONREVERTING OPERATING</u> 1179-000-04-4021 Horse Shelters	20,000.00
<u>2001 CIRCUIT – ADULT PROBATION ADMIN</u> 2001-000-05-5001	13,794.63
<u>2002 SUPERIOR – ADULT PROBATION ADMIN</u> 2002-000-05-5001 Transfer Out to Another Fund	11,555.08
<u>2100 SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION SERVICES</u> 2100-000-05-5002 Transfer out to another fund	46,586.16
<u>2102 SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION SERICES</u> 2102-000-05-5001 Transfer Out to Another Fund	37,024.74
<u>4915 PRETRIAL DIVERSION</u> 4915-000-04-4011 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	40,000.00

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS**

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

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – ASSESSOR</u>		
10000 009-01-1510 Extra hours / Overtime	10.00	
1000 009-03-3079 Membership & Dues		10.00
<u>MAJOR MOVES</u>		
1172 000-04-1100 Major Moves projects	67,500.00	
1172 000-04-4104 LCRUD Sewer – preliminary engineering		67,500.00
<u>DEFERRAL</u>		
4916 000-04-4034 State Police, Sheriff, Marshalls	724.00	
4916 000-04-4024 Printer / scanner		724.00

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.

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the February 11, 2019 regular session minutes. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MARCH 11, 2019**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**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. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Charles F. Ashcraft

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey L. Brill

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter A. Cook

Absent  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Harold D. Gingerich

\_\_\_\_\_  
Steven E. McKowen

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan J. Riegsecker

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael G. Strawser

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor