

**MAY 11, 2020**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, May 11, 2020, 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, Jeffrey L. Brill, Harold D. Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen and Michael G. Strawser; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Charles F. Ashcraft, Peter A. Cook and Ryan J. Riegsecker and were available by remote. Mr. Mike Strawser brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PETERS MUNICIPAL CONSULTANTS, LTD**

Mr. Jeffrey Peters, Peters Municipal Consultants, LTD, the County’s financial advisor was available remotely. He gave an update on the financial status of the County. He reported that the County has excellent cash reserves to withstand a temporary downturn in the economy. The Motor Vehicle Highway and Local Road and Street Funds are expected to be the most drastically impacted in 2020 due to decreased gas tax. However, both funds appear to have adequate cash reserves to withstand the assumed 2020 shortfall.

**LAGRANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, informed the Council that the LaGrange County Community Foundation has \$38,012 available to grant in 2020 from the endowment fund. The money can be moved to the endowment portion of the fund, can be left in the fund or a check may be issued for deposit in the Hospital Trust fund. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to have a check issued. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Mike Strawser 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>IDENTIFICATION / SECURITY</u>	<u>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u>
1160-000-03-3100 Digital Imaging Project	3,000.00
<u>OMITTED PROPERTY AUDITS</u>	
1177-000-03-3001 Payment to Nexus	15,000.00
<u>PARK NON-REVERTING</u>	
1179-000-03-3101 Enviro Watts grant – Equipment rental	3,000.00
1179-000-03-3102 Enviro Watts grant - Herbicide	500.00
<u>EMA DONATION</u>	
4115-000-02-2020	10,000.00

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and upon roll call vote it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and upon roll call vote it carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS**

Mr. Mike Strawser 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 2020.

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SURVEYOR</u>		
1000-006-04-4010 Equipment	500.00	
1000-006-02-2035 Computer Software		500.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PROSECUTOR</u>		
1000-008-01-1008 File Clerk	186.07	
1000-008-04-4010 Equipment		186.07

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<u>COUNTY GENERAL – ASSESSOR</u>		
1000-009-01-1003 Deputy	3,516.23	
1000-009-01-1008 Temp/Pt Deputy		1,604.23
1000-009-04-4010 Equipment		1,912.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – EXTENSION</u>		
1000-023-01-1006 Secretary	294.14	
1000-023-01-1301 Part Time Secretary		294.14
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – MAINTENANCE</u>		
1000-031-03-3050 Equip Repair / Maintenance	299.00	
1000-031-04-4010 Equipment		299.00
<u>CLERK’S PERPETUATION</u>		
1119-000-01-1522 Health Insurance	2,475.00	
1119-000-04-4040 Equipment		2,475.00
<u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1138-000-04-4003 Capital Outlays	18,142.34	
1138-000-04-4053 Annex/Ct House fire alarms		18,142.34
<u>SURVEYOR’S CORNER PERPETUATION</u>		
1202-000-04-4014 Equipment	1,000.00	
1202-000-04-4011 Vehicle – Deputy Surveyor		1,000.00
<u>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-04-4051 Pickup Truck Payment	125.00	
1219-000-04-4053 Power Tools		125.00
<u>STATEWIDE 911</u>		
1222-000-01-1007 Asst. Idacs Coordinator	85,965.60	
1222-000-01-1005 IDACs Coordinator		39,744.00
1222-000-01-1010 Dispatcher		46,221.60

Mr. Steve McKowen made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and upon roll call vote it carried unanimously.

**LEGAL CLAIMS**

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$24,752 for March 2020 from Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and upon roll call vote it carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to approve the April 13, 2020 regular session minutes. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and upon roll call vote it carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Steve McKowen made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and upon roll call vote it carried unanimously.

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Charles F. Ashcraft

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Jeffrey L. Brill

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Peter A. Cook

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Harold D. Gingerich

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Steven E. McKowen

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Ryan J. Riegsecker

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Michael G. Strawser

ATTEST:

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Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor