

**DECEMBER 14, 2015**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 14, 2015 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, Peter Cook, Harold Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen, Michael G. Strawser and Benjamin Taylor and LaGrange County Auditor, Kay M. Myers. Mr. Peter Cook brought the meeting to order and lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE**

Ryne Krock RDC Director presented the 2015 annual report tax abatement report. Mr. Krock informed the Council the companies listed are compliant and would recommend the Council approve them.

Company	Location
EXO-S US LLC	Howe
Howe Group LLC – Old Cruiser	Howe
Lennard Ag	Howe
Tri-State Hardwoods Inc	South Milford
Mudd Ox	VanBuren Twp
S&H Metal Products	Topeka
DS Corp (Crossroads RV)	Topeka
Nishakawa Cooper	Topeka
Gro – Alliance	Howe
KZ RV	Shipshewana
Snack N Pack	Topeka
West Point Woodworking	Shipshewana
River Woodworking	Wolcottville

Mr. Harold Gingerich motioned to approve the tax abatements. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Krock informed the Council of an upcoming event with the area high schools.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Mike Strawser motioned to reappoint Dalonda Young, Mark Leu and Charles Ashcraft to the RDC. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Harold Gingerich motioned to reappoint Dr. John Egli to the Park Board. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Mike Strawser motioned to reappoint Mr. Ron Martin to the PTABOA. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. George Bachman motioned to reappoint Mr. Peter Cook to the Plan Commission. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**INVESTMENT POLICY OF PUBLIC FUNDS ORDINANCE**

Mr. George Bachman presented the following ordinance for consideration:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LAGRANGE COUNTY  
TO ADOPT A NEW INVESTMENT POLICY OF PUBLIC FUNDS  
PURSUANT TO IND. CODE § 5-13-9-5.7**

ORDINANCE NO: 2015 -12-14

WHEREAS, the County of LaGrange seeks to adopt an investment policy to assist the Treasurer of the County of LaGrange, the investment officer, with the investment of public funds;

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Indiana General Assembly amended Indiana Code § 5-13-9-5.7 to allow political subdivisions, including counties, to invest public funds for more than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years;

WHEREAS, the County Council seeks to adopt an investment policy authorizing the investment officer to make investment of public funds, as prescribed in Ind. Code § 5-13-9-5.7, for a period of more than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF LAGRANGE, INDIANA, THAT:

The LaGrange County Council hereby adopts the LaGrange County investment policy, pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-13-9-5.7, authorizing the following:

- A. the investment of public funds for more than two (2) years but not more than five (5) years;
- B. the investment officer to make investments having a stated maturity that is more than two (2) years but not more than five (5) years after the date of purchase or entry into a repurchase agreement;
- C. the investment officer to contract with a federally regulated investment advisor or other institutional money manager to make investments under this Ordinance.

Further, that the LaGrange County Council hereby adopts the LaGrange County investment policy which limits the investment of the County’s public funds that have a stated final maturity of more than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years to not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total portfolio of the County’s public funds invested by the investment officer, including balances in transaction accounts.

Further, the LaGrange County Council hereby adopts the LaGrange County investment policy for a period not to exceed more than four (4) years after its adoption hereof, at which time it shall expire.

Mr. Steve McKowen motioned to approve the ordinance and authorize signing. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Harold Gingerich motioned to waive second reading. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Harold Gingerich reported on the Solid Waste District meeting

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS**

Mr. Peter Cook read the following resolution to transfer funds:

**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 2015.

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - AUDITOR</u>		
1000-002-01-1008 Deputy	1,710.00	
1000-002-03-3050 Office Repair/Maintenance		1,710.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - SHERIFF</u>		
1000-005-03-3008 Medical & Dental	1,000.00	
1000-005-03-3012 Travel/Mileage		1,000.00
1000-005-02-2045 Prisoner Uniforms	505.00	
1000-005-02-2021 Tires & Tubes		505.00
1000-005-02-2028 Film/Flares	321.00	
1000-005-02-2022 Repair & Maintenance Supplies		321.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - SURVEYOR</u>		
1000-006-03-3020 Printing	50.00	
1000-006-03-3021 Advertising	40.30	
1000-006-03-3022 Photo & Blueprinting		90.30
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - PROSECUTOR</u>		
1000-008-03-3004 Deposition Expense	192.75	
1000-008-03-3003 Witness Fees	237.00	
1000-008-02-2-2020 Gas, Oil, Lubricants		429.75
1000-008-03-3005 Deposition Expense	10.00	
1000-008-03-3003 Witness Fees		10.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - ASSESSOR</u>		
1000-009-02-2010 Office Supplies	253.57	
1000-009-04-4010 Office Equipment		253.57

<u>COUNTY GENERAL – COUNTY ELECTION BOARD</u>		
1000-021-01-1311 Absentee Voter Board	1,000.00	
1000-021-01-1312 Precinct Board	934.99	
1000-021-02-2010 Office Supplies		1,934.99
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – EXTENSION</u>		
1000-023-01-1510 Extra Hours	1,500.00	
1000-023-02-2010 Office Supplies		1,500.00
1000-023-03-3060 Computer Lease	400.00	
1000-023-03-3013 Postage		400.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PLANNING COMMISSION</u>		
1000-024-02-2010 Office Supplies	90.00	
1000-024-04-4010 Equipment		90.00
1000-024-02-2010 Office Supplies	200.00	
1000-024-02-2020 Gas, Oil, Lubricants	280.00	
1000-024-03-3013 Postage	50.00	
1000-024-03-3020 Printing	100.00	
1000-024-03-3001 Legal Services		630.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – BUILDING DEPARTMENT</u>		
1000-025-03-3081 Seminars & Training	300.00	
1000-025-03-3012 Travel/Mileage	400.00	
1000-025-02-2020 Gas, Oil, Lubricants		700.00
1000-025-03-3081 Seminars & Training	96.80	
1000-025-03-3020 Printing		96.80
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – MAINTENANCE</u>		
1000-031-03-3101 Laundry	15.00	
1000-031-03-3107 Pest Control		15.00
1000-031-03-3040 Utilities	1,000.00	
1000-031-03-3052 Repair & Maint. Bldg.		1,000.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – CIRCUIT COURT</u>		
1000-036-03-3015 Interpretation	579.80	
1000-036-02-2038 Law Library		579.80
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SUPERIOR COURT</u>		
1000-037-03-3105 Witness Fees	200.00	
1000-037-03-3079 Membership & Dues		200.00
1000-037-03-3108 Indigent Appeals	1,400.00	
1000-037-02-2010 Law Books		1,400.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
1000-038-02-2010 Office Supplies	245.00	
1000-038-04-4010 Equipment		245.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD</u>		
1000-039-03-3005 Public Defender - TBD	1,000.00	
1000-039-03-3202 Circuit Court PD Expenses		1,000.00
<u>CAGIT COUNTY CERTIFIED SHARES</u>		
1110-000-01-1520 FICA	49,000.00	
1110-000-01-1522 Health Insurance	2,000.00	
1110-000-01-1521 PERF		51,000.00
1110-000-01-1525 Medicare	1,733.75	
1110-000-03-3002 Document Disposal		36.75
1110-000-03-3030 Insurance - Building		1,697.00
1110-000-03-3040 Juvenile Detention	1,000.00	
1110-000-03-3006 Coroner Lab, Toxicology, X-Ray		1,000.00
<u>SALES DISCLOSURE - COUNTY</u>		
1131-000-03-3013 Postage	386.12	
1131-000-03-3031 Training	100.00	
1131-000-02-2010 Supplies	117.02	
1131-000-03-3012 Travel/Mileage		603.14

<u>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE</u>		
1135-000-02-2036 Culvert & Guardrails	3,500.00	
1135-000-03-3109 Misc Hourly Equipment		3,500.00
1135-000-03-3103 Bridge Design	1,000.00	
1135-000-03-3101 Bridge Inventory/Re-Inspection		1,000.00
<u>HEALTH</u>		
1159-000-01-1310 Health Board	170.00	
1159-000-01-1021 Assistant Nurse		170.00
<u>MAJOR MOVES CONSTRUCTION</u>		
1172-000-04-4005 County Road 200 N Project	147,949.00	
1172-000-04-4011 County Road 200 N Right of Way		147,949.00
<u>MISDEMEANANT</u>		
1175-000-03-3025 Showers	3,500.00	
1175-000-04-4010 Equipment		3,500.00
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</u>		
1176-002-02-2036 Culverts	2,600.00	
1176-002-02-2026 Hardware & Tools		2,500.00
1176-001-03-3182 CDL PHY		100.00
1176-002-02-2037 Other Materials	5,700.00	
1176-003-02-2035 Repair Building & Maint.		5,700.00
1176-002-01-1205 Truck Driver	21,700.00	
1176-002-01-1510 Extra Hours Overtime		10,000.00
1176-002-01-1202 Foreman		2,300.00
1176-002-02-2026 Hardware & Tools		1,000.00
1176-001-03-3021 Advertising		400.00
1176-003-01-1510 Extra Hours Overtime		3,000.00
1176-003-02-2055 Other Repairs		5,000.00
1176-001-03-3012 Travel Expense Mileage	1,000.00	
1176-002-02-2035 Bituminous		1,000.00
<u>PARK NONREVERTING OPERATING</u>		
1179-000-02-2060 Pine Knob Program Supplies	100.00	
1179-000-04-4010 Equipment		100.00
1179-000-03-3088 Summer Camp	25.00	
1179-000-03-3091 Breakfast with the Birds		25.00
1179-000-03-3086 Art Class Instruction	240.00	
1179-000-03-3074 Class Instruction		240.00
1179-000-03-3095 David Rogers Days	30.00	
1179-000-03-3090 Maple Wood Host		30.00
<u>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-03-3011 Internet	500.00	
1219-000-03-3010 Telephone		500.00
1219-000-03-3011 Internet	260.00	
1219-000-03-3010 Telephone		260.00
1219-000-02-2020 Gas, Oil, Lubricants	25.00	
1219-000-02-2010 Office Supplies		25.00
1219-000-02-2020 Gas, Oil, Lubricants	800.00	
1219-000-04-4053 Power Tools		800.00
1219-000-03-3020 Printing	125.00	
1219-000-03-3042 Garbage Services		125.00
1219-000-03-3020 Printing	440.00	
1219-000-03-3021 Advertising		440.00
1219-000-04-4052 Mower Trade	250.00	
1219-000-04-4053 Power Tools		250.00

<u>SUPERIOR COURT- ADULT PROBATION ADMIN</u>		
2002-000-02-2010 Office Supplies	136.25	
2002-000-01-1510 Extra Hours/Overtime		114.79
2002-000-01-1520 FICA		6.97
2002-000-01-1521 PERF		12.86
2002-000-01-1525 Medicare		1.63
2002-000-02-2010 Office Supplies	500.00	
2002-000-01-1510 Extra Hours/Overtime		500.00
<u>SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION – CIRCUIT COURT</u>		
2102-000-03-3081 Seminars & Training	64.87	
2102-000-03-3012 Travel/Mileage		64.87
2102-000-03-3013 Postage	520.00	
2102-000-03-3014 Urinalysis		520.00
<u>IMMUNIZATION DONATION</u>		
4105-000-02-2011 Promotional Supplies	17.00	
4105-000-03-3014 Medical Waste		17.00
<u>DEFERRAL</u>		
4916-000-04-4033 Building Security	52.99	
4916-000-02-2041 Badges, Wallet, Vest		52.99
<u>LAMBRIGHT PROPERTY</u>		
4951-000-02-2022 Repair & Maintenance Supplies	247.99	
4951-000-03-3001 Legal Services	3,000.00	
4951-000-04-4010 Utility Vehicle and Enhancements		3,247.99
<u>CLOID DUFF TRUST</u>		
4984-000-03-3100 As Determined by Welfare Dept	1,000.00	
4984-000-02-2025 Clothes/Supplies for Children		1,000.00
<u>TOBACCO SETTLEMENT</u>		
9110-000-02-2011 General Supplies	300.00	
9110-000-03-3021 Advertising		300.00

Mr. Charles Ashcraft motioned to approve the transfer of funds. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion which passed, Mr. George Bachman opposed.

**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>APPROVED AMOUNT</u>
<u>10.557 WIC GRANT</u>		
8102 WIC NSF Grant	96,589.72	96,589.72
8104 WIC BF Grant	7,197.69	7,197.69
<u>16.575 VICTIMS CRIME ACT 2014-2015</u>		
8109 Victims Crime Act Grant 2014/2015 Grant	680.35	680.35
8110 Victims Crime Act Grant 2015/2016 Grant	48,125.00	48,125.00
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION GRANT</u>		
9125-000-05-5001	120,270.00	120,270.00
<u>JDAI COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS</u>		
9125-000-05-5001 2014/2015 Grant	92,440.00	92,440.00
9125-000-05-5001 2015/2016 Grant	112,000.00	112,000.00

Mr. Mike Strawser motioned to approve, Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion which carried.  
 Mr. Mike Strawser motioned to waive second reading. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion which carried.

**SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Auditor Myers informed the Council the HR Committee has approved out of the deferral fund an increase for the prosecutor’s office manager/ secretary an additional \$0.62/hour and a \$0.93/hour for the file clerk to be paid out of infraction deferral fund. Auditor Myers stated the budget has not been approved. Mike Strawser motioned to table until budget approved. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion; motion carried.

Auditor Kay Myers presented the following salary ordinance:

**AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2016**

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2016:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>Motor Vehicle Highway</u>		
Superintendent	Up to \$2,157.69 bi-weekly	Up to \$2,157.69 bi-weekly
1176-001-01-1001		

Mr. Steve McKowen motioned to approve salary amendment. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion; motion carried. Mr. Mike Strawser motioned to waive second reading. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion; motion carried.

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>Motor Vehicle Highway</u>		
Foreman	Up to \$22.89 per hour	Up to \$21.40 per hour
1176-002-01-1202		

Mr. Charles Ashcraft motioned to approve recommendation. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion; motion carried. Mr. Harold Gingerich motioned to waive second reading. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion; motion carried.

**LEGAL CLAIMS**

Mr. Peter Cook presented the legal claims in the amounts of \$8,714.00 for October and \$9,758.00 for November from Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin. Mr. George Bachman made a motion to approve. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Mike Strawser motioned to approve the November 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 regular session minutes. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**END OF YEAR TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

Mr. Charles Ashcraft motioned to approve the end of year transfer resolution. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mr. Ben Taylor motioned to waive seconded reading, Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion which passed 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. Harold Gingerich 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

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Michael G. Strawser

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Benjamin R. Taylor

ATTEST:

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Kay M. Myers  
LaGrange County Auditor