

**MARCH 13, 2017**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 13, 2017 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 R. Bachman, Jeffrey L. Brill, Peter A. Cook, Steven E. McKowen and Michael G. Strawser, and LaGrange County Auditor, Kay M. Myers. Mr. Harold D. Gingerich, was absent. Mr. Mike Strawser, Vice President, called the meeting to order and lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS**

Mr. Mike Strawser 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 2017.

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – MAINTENANCE</u>		
1000-031-03-3102 Elevator	250.00	
1000-031-04-4010 Equipment		250.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – CIRCUIT COURT</u>		
1000-036-03-3183 Urinalysis	710.00	
1000-036-04-4010 Equipment – Lap top for Judge		710.00
<u>HEALTH</u>		
1159-00-03-3001 Legal Services		1,940.00
1159-000-01-1025 Immunization Coordinator	1,631.00	
1159-000-01-1520 FICA	102.00	
1159-000-01-1521 PERF	183.00	
1159-000-01-1525 Medicare	24.00	
<u>DEFERRAL</u>		
4916-000-03-3008 Accounting Services	149.99	
4916-000-04-4024 Printer		149.99

Mr. Charles Ashcraft made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Mr. George Bachman made a motion to approve the February 13, 2017 regular session minutes. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LEGAL CLAIMS**

Mr. George Bachman presented the January legal claims in the amount of \$19,233.25 from Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin. Mr. Charles Ashcraft made a motion to approve the legal claims. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Peter Cook arrived at this time.

**AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE**

The following Amendment to the Salary Ordinance was presented:

**AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2017**

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2017:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – GIS</u>	
Scanning Tech Assistant	Up to 10.87 / hour
1000-035-01-1002	Up to 29 hours / week

Mr. Steve McKowen made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL INCOME TAX**

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Peter Cook opened the public hearing on the proposed Local Income Tax. He asked for comments for the public. Mr. Mike Strawser reported that the Local Income Tax Budget Committee met recently, and propose that \$350,000 be allocated for Parkview for Ambulance Service, \$391,000 for Sheriff's Retirement, \$164,000 for Courthouse Security, \$275,000 for Sheriff's Deputies – freeing up money from General Fund for the building repayment, \$100,000 for Township – 50% divided equally among 11 Townships and the remaining 50% divided per capita based on those living outside of incorporated towns. Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. George Bachman made a motion to adopt the Local Income Tax at a rate of .25%. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve McKowen made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**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>MAJOR MOVES CONSTRUCTION</u>	
1172-000-04-4012 South Milford Road Project	220,300.00
1172-000-04-4001 County Justice Building	3,800,000.00
<u>PARK NONREVERTING OPERATING</u>	
1179-000-04-4002 Land Acquisition – Dallas Lake	25,000.00
<u>SPECIAL LOIT DISTRIBUTION</u>	
1229-000-04-4002 Highway Gradall Excavator	358,567.76
<u>CANINE DONATION</u>	
4101-000-04-4011 Equipment	3,000.00
<u>E911 EDUCATION</u>	
4945-000-03-3081 Seminars & Training	620.81
<u>CLOID DUFF TRUST</u>	
4984-000-03-3005 Farm Project	50,000.00
<u>COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT</u>	
9165-000-04-4001 Bridge No. 47	168,308.60
9165-000-04-4003 South Milford Road Improvements	290,000.00
9165-000-04-4004 Woodruff Road Improvement	390,442.00

Mr. Charles Ashcraft made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**DEFERRAL**

Mr. Greg Kenner, Prosecuting Attorney, is requesting the use of Deferral funds for the Sherriff's department for an evidence management system. The cost would be \$3,620.00. Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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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. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Charles F. Ashcraft

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George R. Bachman

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Jeffrey L. Brill

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Peter A. Cook

Absent  
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Harold D. Gingerich

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Steven E. McKowen

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Michael G. Strawser

ATTEST:

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Kay M. Myers  
LaGrange County Auditor