

MARCH 13, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 13, 2023, 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 A. Campos, Harold D. Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen, Ryan J. Riegsecker, Michael G. Strawser, and James R. Young; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Jeffrey L. Brill was available by remote. President, Mr. Mike Strawser brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

LAGRANGE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - PROJECT MANAGER

Mrs. Octavia Yoder, Executive Director of the LaGrange County Community Foundation, was present. She explained that the Comprehensive Plan has been completed. They would like to hire a director or manager to implement the plan. The position would be full time for two years with an option for a third year. They are looking at a salary of \$60,000 a year. The position would be structured by LaGrange County Economic Development Commission. There would be a committee of five who would be responsible for the duties of the individual. The Committee would consist of members of the County Council, County Commissioners, Economic Development Corporation, the Community Foundation, and the County Plan Commission.

Following discussion, Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to table the matter and set a joint meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss the position further. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF OFFICE – CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, explained that Kimmerle Engineering prepared a building design for a 48' x 96' detective bay, pool car and tactical training building. He presented an estimate from Strawser Bros. Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$483,800. Mr. Jim Young made a motion to give the project a favorable recommendation using ARPA funds. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DRAINAGE ISSUES – McCLISH LAKE

Mr. Zachary Holsinger, County Surveyor, explained that he did a small ditch project at McClish Lake, and the area didn't get seeded. The County pays for one half of projects up to \$10,000 and up to an additional 10% of the initial cost of the project towards the change orders. He has a 10% discretion and that has been spent on this project. He is asking to spend up to \$2,000 more for this project. Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to allow up to \$2,000 in additional funds to be spent on this project. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

The following Amendment to the Salary Ordinance were presented:

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2023

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2023:

1000-006 SURVEYOR

1000-006-01-1004 Office Coordinator

REQUESTED

Up to \$22.11/hour

- Removing Secretary job position and replacing it with Office Coordinator
- New Job Description with added duties

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Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Mike Strawser and Mr. Jim Young voting no. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion 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>COUNTY GENERAL – SHERIFF</u>	
1000-005-01-1001 Sheriff	17,492.37
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – COMMISSIONERS</u>	
1000-030-03-3105 County Atty Monthly Retainer	8,000.00
<u>LIT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>	
1112-000-04-4033 Surveyor’s office – counter remodel	6,257.15
<u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>	
1138-000-04-4034 Surveyor’s office – counter remodel	6,257.15
1138-000-04-4042 Building Dept Truck Purchase	15,000.00
<u>HEALTH</u>	
1159-000-01-1522 Health Insurance	1,415.26
<u>PARK NON-REVERTING</u>	
1179-000-02-2052 Trail Signage	1,500.00
<u>RAINY DAY</u>	
1186-000-03-3002 Legal Fees	150,000.00
1186-000-03-3101 ARK Animal Rescue Contract	15,000.00
<u>RECORDERS RECORDS PERPETUATION</u>	
1189-000-01-1522 Health Insurance	8,000.00
1189-000-04-4011 Plat book filing cabinet	2,000.00
<u>LOCAL HEALTH DEPT</u>	
1206-000-02-2011 General Supplies	46.80

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<u>PARK & RECREATION</u>	
1219-000-01-1515 Bonus Inflation Adjustment	915.20
<u>STATEWIDE 911</u>	
1222-000-01-1510 Extra hours / Overtime	14,022.54
<u>CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION</u>	
4900-000-01-1521 PERF	194.06
<u>PRETRIAL DIVERSION</u>	
4915-000-04-4016 Vehicle Purchase	35,000.00
<u>LAMBRIGHT PROPERTY</u>	
4951-000-02-2023 Veteran Hunt Supplies	4,000.00
4951-000-04-4016 Roofing	5,555.00
<u>HOSPITAL TRUST</u>	
4980 Ambulance Service Agreement	198,999.96

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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 2023.

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SHERIFF</u>		
1000-005-01-1316 Transport Officers	5,000.00	
1000-005-04-4010 Equipment		5,000.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SUPERIOR COURT</u>		
1000-037-01-1206 1 st Deputy Court Reporter	20,794.40	
1000-037-01-1210 Part time		20,794.40
<u>LIT-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1112-000-04-4900 Capital Improvement Projects	12,300.00	
1112-000-03-3302 Professional services		12,300.00
<u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1138-000-04-4003 Capital Outlays	8,171.63	

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1138-000-04-4048 CAD System		8,171.63
<u>RAINY DAY</u>		
1186-000-03-3004 Emergency Disaster	10,000.00	
1186-000-04-4008 Courthouse Artwork		10,000.00
<u>PARK & RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-01-1030 Seasonal	1,000.00	
1219-000-01-1021 Asst Park Ranger		1,000.00

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

LEGAL CLAIMS

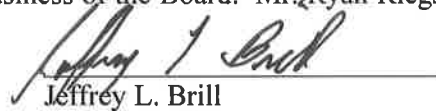
Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$20,894 for January 2023 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

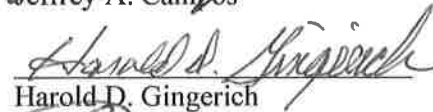
Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to approve the February 13, 2023, regular session minutes. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and upon roll call vote it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

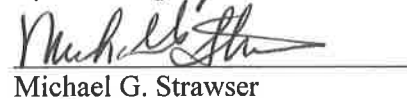

Jeffrey L. Brill


Jeffrey A. Campos


Harold D. Gingerich

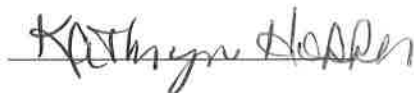

Steven E. McKowen


Ryan J. Riegsecker


Michael G. Strawser


James R. Young

ATTEST:



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Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor