

JUNE 12, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 12, 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 L. Brill, 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. President, Mr. Mike Strawser brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE

Mrs. Sherri Johnston, LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation President, presented a list of the LaGrange County Tax abatements for review. All of the abatements are in compliance with the exception of ATJ Real Estate. The building for ATJ Real Estate is complete but is not in use at the present time. Mr. Jim Young made a motion to table the compliance for ATJ Real Estate. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to accept the report and offer a positive recommendation on the compliance of the abatements except for ATJ Real Estate, as they are not in compliance. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION – PEACE OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming May 14-20, 2023 as Peace Officer Appreciation Week. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, gave an update on road projects in the County.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

The following Amendments 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:

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY

1176-002-01-1516 On Call Incentive

REQUESTED

Up to \$70 per week x 2

- Two employees will be on-call at a time
- Rotation will be based on a weekly (7 day) basis
- Effective 06/12/2023

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

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:

HEALTH

1159-000-01-1301 Health Officer

REQUESTED

Up to \$24,000/year

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- Paid Quarterly
- Effective 05/01/2023

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

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

REQUESTED

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY

1176-001-01-1001 Highway Supervisor

Up to \$3,019.23/ bi- weekly

- Increasing bi- weekly rate by \$192.30/ pay period (\$5,000/ year) per offer of employment.
- Effective 05/07/2023

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

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

REQUESTED

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1000-034-01-1012 IT Support Specialist

Up to \$28.00/hour

- Effective 06/12/2023

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Harold Gingerich 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.

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<u>COUNTY GENERAL - SURVEYOR</u> 1000-006-03-3032 Insurance	1,255.67
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – MAINTENANCE</u> 1000-031-03-3040 Utilities	15,000.00
<u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u> 1138-000-04-4034 Surveyor Office – Counter remodel	0
<u>HEALTH</u> 1159-000-01-1301 Health Officer	9,500.00
<u>RECORDERS PERPETUATION</u> 1189-000-04-4010 Equipment	2,000.00
<u>PARKS – LCCF GRANT – FOREST SCHOOL</u> 4907-000-02-2010 Forest School Supplies	1,180.41
<u>JDAI COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS</u> 9150-000-03-3013 Collaborative Events	37,532.42
<u>COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – 2023 DRUG COURT</u> 9160-000-03-3100 Drug Court Coordinator	64,575.00
<u>COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – 2023 PROBATION</u> 9164-000-01-1001 Probation Officer	64,575.00

The County Surveyor requested \$2,136.75 for a new countertop for the Surveyor’s office. This has not been presented to the Commissioners for their approval. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the Ordinance, with the exception of the Surveyor’s request out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Jeff Campos 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 - ASSESSOR</u> 1000-009-01-1007 Deputy	1,099.98	
1000-009-03-3013 Postage		1,099.98
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PLAN COMMISSION</u> 1000-024-02-2010 Office Supplies	299.99	

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1000-024-04-4010 Equipment		299.99
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</u>		
1000-034-03-3286 Software maintenance	1,772.64	
1000-034-01-1010 Network Administration		1,772.64
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SUPERIOR COURT</u>		
1000-037-01-1210 Part Time	5,000.00	
1000-037-01-1510 Extra Hours / Overtime		5,000.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>		
1000-041-02-2021 Tires and Tubes	272.13	
1000-041-04-4011 Emergency Equipment		272.13
<u>RECORDERS PERPETUATION</u>		
1189-000-04-4011 Plat book filing cabinet	2,000.00	
1189-000-04-4010 Equipment		2,000.00
<u>PARK & RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-02-2035 Repairs Building & Equipment	441.96	
1219-000-04-4056 Water Softener		441.96
<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA #2</u>		
4502-000-03-3003 Reimbursement Costs	511,000.00	
4502-000-03-3034 2022 LCRUD Separation of Sewer		511,000.00
<u>SELF INSURANCE</u>		
4701-000-05-5001 Monthly distributions	554,156.56	
<u>SELF INSURANCE CLEARING</u>		
4702-000-9900		554,156.56

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

LEGAL CLAIMS

Legal claims in the amount of \$17,592.50 for April 2023 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

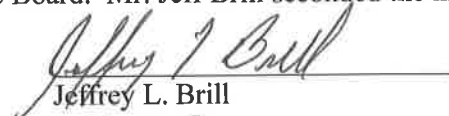
Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the May 8, 2023, regular session minutes. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and upon roll call vote it carried unanimously.

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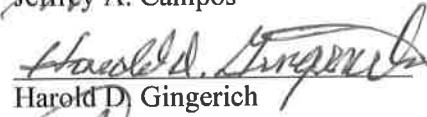
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ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Jim Young 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 it carried unanimously.

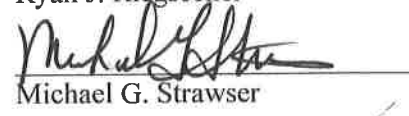

Jeffrey L. Brill

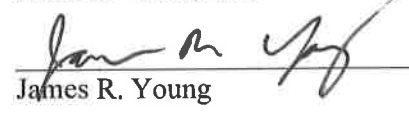

Jeffrey A. Campos


Harold D. Gingerich

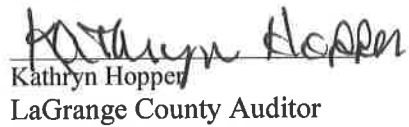

Steven E. McKowen

Absent
Ryan J. Riegsecker


Michael G. Strawser


James R. Young

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor