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REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, August 14, 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, Harold D. Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen, Ryan J. Riegsecker, Michael G. Strawser, and James R. Young; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Jeffrey A. Campos was absent. President, Mr. Mike Strawser brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC HEARING – ALLOCATING REVENUE TO PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES

Mr. Mike Strawser opened the public hearing on proposed Resolution allowing for a distribution of Local Income Tax for public safety to be allocated to the LaGrange County Townships:

**COUNTY OF LAGRANGE
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08-14 A**

A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING REVENUE TO PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE § 6-3.6-6-8.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code (“IC”) §§ 6-3.6-6-1 and -2, an adopting body may impose a tax rate of up to 2.5% on the adjusted gross income of local taxpayers in the county served by the adopting body (as stipulated, “Expenditure Rate”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC § 6-3.6-6-4, the adopting body must, by ordinance, determine how the additional revenue from the Expenditure Rate is to be allocated in subsequent years among the categories of (1) public safety, (2) economic development projects, and (3) certified shares;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC §§ 6-3.6-3-1(a)(2) and 36-2-3-2, the LaGrange County Council (“Council”), as the fiscal body of LaGrange County, Indiana (“County”), is the adopting body for the County;

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Ordinance 2017-03-13, the Council increased the Expenditure Rate from 1.25% to 1.5% and allocated 100% of the additional revenue generated from the increase to public safety uses;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC § 6-3.6-6-8(b), except as provided IC § 6-3.6-6-8(c), the amount of the certified distribution that is allocated to public safety purposes must be allocated to the county and to each municipality in the county that is carrying out or providing at least one (1) public safety purpose (as stipulated, “-8(b) Distribution”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC § 6-3.6-6-8(c), a fire department, volunteer fire department, or emergency medical services provider that provides fire protection or emergency medical services within the county and that is operated by or serves a township within the county may apply to the adopting body before July 1 for a distribution of the additional tax revenue generated from the Expenditure Rate to be made in the following calendar year (as stipulated, “-8(c) Distribution”);

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2022, the Council adopted Resolution 2022-08-08 B, which provided for the -8(b) Distribution and -8(c) Distribution to be made in the current calendar year;

WHEREAS, the Council has invited, without change, each of the townships located in the County (“Townships”) to apply for consideration of the -8(c) Distribution each year since 2017;

WHEREAS, except with respect to late applications in previous years, the Townships have applied, without change, for consideration of the -8(c) Distribution each year since 2017;

WHEREAS, no entity, other than the Townships, has ever applied for an -8(c) Distribution;

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WHEREAS, each of the Townships has applied for a portion of the -8(c) Distribution to the Auditor before July 1 of this year, and each Township has thereby certified that it is either an eligible recipient for the -8(c) Distribution as a qualified service provider in accordance with IC § 6-3.6-6-8(c) or else legally entitled to apply therefor on behalf of such an entity;

WHEREAS, the formula for applying the next -8(c) Distribution is without change and substantively the same as has been used each year an -8(c) Distribution has been given since 2017;¹

WHEREAS, the amount of the -8(c) Distribution for the following calendar year is without change and has remained the same each year since 2020 when it was set at \$100,000.00;²

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC § 6-3.6-6-8(c), the Council must review the applications and may adopt a resolution to allow an applicant to receive a specified amount of the -8(c) Distribution;

WHEREAS, in accordance with IC § 6-3.6-3-7.5, the Council has: (1) reviewed the applications from the Townships and other eligible entities; (2) held a public hearing on this resolution; (3) provided the public with notice of the date, time, and place of the public hearing in accordance with IC 5-3-1; (4) timely provided a copy of the notice to all taxing units in the County that are eligible for the -8(b) Distribution and the -8(c) Distribution; and (5) determined which applicants are entitled to receive a specified amount of the -8(c) Distribution;

WHEREAS, the County expects the Expenditure Rate to generate at least \$100,000.00 in revenue in this calendar year, which sum will be made available to eligible applicants as the overall -8(c) Distribution amount for the following calendar year; *and*

WHEREAS, in view of IC § 6-3.6-3-3(f) and -7.5(e), with this resolution the Council has not made any fiscal decision to change its -8(b) Distribution or -8(c) Distribution amounts.

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

SECTION I – NAME

The name of this resolution is the “LIT Public Safety Distribution Resolution.”

SECTION II – RECITALS

The foregoing recitals, including all defined terms and footnotes, are hereby incorporated into, and made a part of, this resolution and found to be true, accurate, and correct.

SECTION III – TOWNSHIPS

- A. Invitation to Apply. The Townships are hereby invited to continue to apply each year for a portion of the -8(c) Distribution so long as they remain eligible to receive the -8(c) Distribution in accordance with IC § 6-3.6-6-8(c).
- B. Eligibility. The Auditor, in consultation with the County Attorney’s office, shall determine the eligibility by law of each Township or other applicant for the annual -8(c) Distribution.
- C. Restriction. Each Township that accepts an -8(c) Distribution pursuant to this resolution shall use the money only for fire protection and/or emergency medical services.

SECTION IV – DISTRIBUTION TOTALS

- A. Default Total. The Council hereby sets the -8(c) Distribution total amount available for the Townships at One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).
- B. Adjustments. The -8(c) Distribution total identified in Subsection (A) shall be reduced by an amount equal to the amount each Township that is determined to be ineligible under IC § 6-3.6-6-8(c) would have been entitled to receive under Section V of this resolution.

C. Residue. The amount identified in Subsection (B) shall be added to the -8(b) Distribution.

SECTION V – IMPLEMENTATION

A. Formula. The Council hereby adopts the following formula for the determining the specified amount of the -8(c) Distribution that each Township is entitled to receive:

1. The -8(c) Distribution total identified in Subsection IV(A) of this resolution shall be divided into two equal halves:
 - a. The first half shall be allocated evenly among each of the Townships.
 - b. The second half shall be allocated proportionately among the Townships based on the most recent federal decennial census population data provided by the United States Census Bureau, less the population of any incorporated towns located respectively therein.
2. Each Township shall receive the sum of the amounts allocated to it under Divisions 1(a) and 1(b) combined.

B. Application. Applying the formula provided in Subsection (A) to the Townships, the Council finds as follows:

1. Bloomfield Township is entitled to a distribution in the amount of \$8,918.87;
2. Clay Township is entitled to a distribution in the amount of \$9,886.33;
3. Clearspring Township is entitled to a distribution in the amount of \$10,208.82;
4. Eden Township is entitled to a distribution in the amount of \$10,742.06;
5. Greenfield Township is entitled to a distribution in the amount of \$6,446.44;
6. Johnson Township is entitled to a distribution in the amount of \$8,968.37;
7. Lima Township is entitled to a distribution in the amount of \$7,883.50;
8. Milford Township is entitled to a distribution in the amount of \$8,658.61;
9. Newbury Township is entitled to a distribution in the amount of \$11,610.52;
10. Springfield Township is entitled to a distribution in the amount of \$6,183.36; *and*
11. Van Buren Township is entitled to a distribution in the amount of \$10,493.12.

C. Approval. The projected -8(c) Distributions in the respective specified amounts provided in Subsection (B) are hereby approved, to be distributed in the following calendar year.

D. Authorization. The Auditor and Treasurer are hereby authorized to take all action and sign all documents necessary to give effect to the -8(b) Distribution and -8(c) Distribution.

SECTION VI – MISCELLANEOUS

A. References.

1. Except where a specific version or edition is given, reference to another section of this resolution or to another law, document, fund, department, board, program, public servant, or public office, shall extend and apply to the same, as may be subsequently amended, revised, recodified, renamed, reappointed, or renumbered from time to time.
2. Reference in this resolution to a law, document, fund, department, board, program, public servant, or public office, either generally or by title, without reference to another jurisdiction, shall be construed as though it were preceded or followed, as appropriate, by the words “(of) LaGrange County (Indiana).”
3. Should a provision of this resolution require an act to be done which, by law, an agent or deputy as well may do as the principal, the requirement is satisfied by the performance of the act by an authorized agent or deputy.

- B. **Judicial Review.** This resolution is intended only to improve the internal management of the County. Notwithstanding anything in this resolution to the contrary, nothing in this resolution shall be construed to create any new legal duty, right, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable against the County; nor to waive or diminish any protection that may be applicable to the County or any of its elected or appointed officials, employees, agents, or representatives under any applicable law providing governmental immunity, or any other rights, protections, immunities, defenses, or limitations on liability that the County or such related parties are provided by law.
- C. **Conflicts.** No part of this resolution shall be interpreted to conflict with any local, state, or federal laws, and all reasonable efforts should be made to harmonize same.
- D. **Severability.** Should any section or part thereof of this resolution be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this resolution as a whole, or any other portion thereof, and for this purpose the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable.
- E. **Promulgation.** The Auditor is hereby directed and authorized to take all action necessary or proper to authenticate, record, publish, promulgate, and/or otherwise make this resolution effective. Specifically, the Auditor is directed as follows:
- a. In accordance with IC § 6-3.6-6-8(c), the Auditor shall provide via Gateway a copy of this resolution not more than fifteen (15) days after its adoption to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (“DLGF”).
 - b. In accordance with IC § 6-3.6-3-2(d) and DLGF memorandum dated March 2, 2023, the Auditor shall provide to DLGF via Gateway the notice of public hearing relating to this resolution and the result of all votes taken on this resolution not more than ten (10) days after its adoption.
 - c. In accordance with IC § 6-3.6-3-5(a), the Auditor shall record the result of all votes taken on this resolution and send a certified copy thereof via Gateway to the commissioner of DLGF and to the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Revenue not more than ten (10) days after the vote.
- F. **Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption or in accordance with IC § 6-3.6-3-3, whichever is later.

¹ Amounts have varied due to population changes identified in the intervening 2020 decennial census.

² The Council declares that Resolution 2022-08-08 B did not reflect the will of the Council as artfully as it should. The resolution proactively identified two townships – Springfield and Van Buren – as entities that did not submit timely applications for the respective -8(c) Distribution and then proceeded to proactively reduce the -8(c) Distribution amount from \$100,000 to \$83,323.52, the difference of \$16,676.48 constituting what would have been given to these two townships using the traditional formula had the applications been timely submitted. Rather, the 2022 resolution should have shown, and is hereby effectively amended to show, the Council’s declared intention to distribute to the Townships an amount of \$100,000, but only to those Townships that were eligible (i.e., timely). In effect, the county and each municipality in the county may have received additional -8(b) Distribution amounts in prior years, including 2023, based on a reduced actual -8(c) Distribution amount, but the Council declares that this effect is based solely on the untimeliness of the applications received and does not in any way reflect any new fiscal decision of the Council.

Mr. Bill Connelley, Clay Township Trustee spoke and requested that the allocation be increased for the Townships in LaGrange County. There being no further comment from the public, the public hearing was closed.

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Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the Resolution. 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 and it carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – UTILITY STUDY PROJECT

Mrs. Sherri Johnston, President of the LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation (EDC), was present. She is requesting to update the utility study from LaGrange to Howe. The study was last done in 2017. She is requesting \$30,500 of funding to proceed with the study.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

The following Amendments to the Salary Ordinance were presented:

AMENDMENTS 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:

1000-003 TREASURER

1000-003-01-1012 Temporary Part Time

1000-003-01-1515 Inflation adjustment

- One time pay while the Treasurer and Chief Deputy are away from the office
- Only for Part Time employee who also works in the GIS Department
- Effective: 08/1/2023

REQUESTED

Up to \$13.37/hour

Up to \$.64/ hour

1000-005 SHERIFF

1000-005-01-1009 2nd School Resource Officer

1000-005-01-1515 Inflation Adjustment

- Currently have 1 School Resource Officer, adding another to equal 2 School Resource Officers for Lakeland School Corporation
- Both positions are reimbursed from Lakeland
- Effective: 08/20/2023

REQUESTED

Up to \$2,500.35/biweekly

Up to \$114.40 Bi-weekly

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW VERSION OF THE COUNTY'S PERSONNEL POLICIES HANDBOOK

Mrs. Jenny Landez explained there were a few revisions to the County Personnel Polices Handbook. She presented the following Ordinance for consideration:

**COUNTY OF LAGRANGE
JOINT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-08-14 B**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW VERSION OF THE COUNTY'S PERSONNEL POLICIES HANDBOOK.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-1-4-14, a unit may establish a system of employment for any class of employees based on merit and qualification;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange (“Commissioners”) and the LaGrange County Council (“Council”), on behalf of LaGrange County, Indiana (“County”), have adopted, and at times amended, various personnel policies and procedures; *and*

WHEREAS, the Commissioners and Council have determined that there is a need for an update to the County’s *Personnel Policies Handbook* dated July 18, 2022, as adopted by Joint Ordinance 2022-07-18-A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAGRANGE AND BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF LAGRANGE COUNTY, INDIANA, JOINTLY, THAT:

SECTION I – NAME

The name of this ordinance is the “Personnel Policies Handbook Adoption Ordinance.”

SECTION II – RECITALS

The foregoing recitals, including all defined terms, are hereby incorporated into this ordinance and found to be true, accurate, and correct.

SECTION III – HANDBOOK ADOPTION

- A. Definition. As used in this ordinance, “Handbook” means the *Personnel Policies Handbook* dated August 8, 2022 and attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A.
- B. Approval; Adoption; Incorporation. The Handbook is hereby approved and adopted. The Handbook is incorporated into this ordinance by reference as if fully set out herein.
- C. Purpose. The Handbook is issued to provide information about working conditions, employee benefits, general employee responsibilities, and some of the policies affecting employment with the County. The Handbook shall be used to provide a work environment that is conducive to both personal and professional growth.
- D. Construction. Nothing in the Handbook is intended, nor shall be construed, to constitute an employment contract nor to change the “at-will” status of any County employee.

SECTION IV – CODIFICATION

Should this ordinance be codified, the codifier shall not codify the Handbook in full, but rather shall simply codify Section III of this ordinance.

SECTION V – REPEAL OF PRIOR LAW

- A. Repeal. Joint Ordinance 2022-07-18-A is hereby repealed in its entirety.
- B. Continuance.
 - 1. The express or implied repeal or amendment by this ordinance of any other ordinance or part thereof does not affect any rights or liabilities accrued, penalties incurred, or proceedings begun prior to the effective date of this ordinance. Those rights, liabilities, and proceedings are continued, and penalties shall be imposed and enforced under the repealed or amended ordinance as if this ordinance had not been adopted.
 - 2. To the extent the provisions contained in this ordinance substantially restate the provisions of a prior ordinance or resolution, such provisions shall not be deemed to be a new enactment of the original provisions, but rather shall be deemed to be the continuation of the original provisions.
- C. Revival Prohibited. The express or implied repeal or amendment by this ordinance of any other ordinance or resolution or part thereof shall not be construed to revive any former ordinance, resolution, section, clause, or provision.

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SECTION VI – MISCELLANEOUS

- A. References.
- a. Except where a specific version or edition is given, reference to another section of this ordinance or to another law, document, fund, department, board, program, public servant, or public office, shall extend and apply to the same, as may be subsequently amended, revised, recodified, renamed, reappointed, or renumbered from time to time.
 - b. Reference in this ordinance to a law, document, fund, department, board, program, public servant, or public office, either generally or by title, without reference to another jurisdiction, shall be construed as though it were preceded or followed, as appropriate, by the words “(of) LaGrange County (Indiana).”
 - c. Should a provision of this ordinance require an act to be done which, by law, an agent or deputy as well may do as the principal, the requirement is satisfied by the performance of the act by an authorized agent or deputy.
- B. Judicial Review. This ordinance is intended only to improve the internal management of the County. Notwithstanding anything in this ordinance to the contrary, nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to create any new legal duty, right, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable against the County; nor to waive or diminish any protection that may be applicable to the County or any of its elected or appointed officials, employees, agents, or representatives under any applicable law providing governmental immunity, or any other rights, protections, immunities, defenses, or limitations on liability that the County or such related parties are provided by law.
- C. Conflicts. No part of this ordinance shall be interpreted to conflict with any local, state, or federal laws, and all reasonable efforts should be made to harmonize same. To the extent this ordinance conflicts with the Wage and Salary Ordinance, that ordinance controls.
- D. Severability. Should any section or part thereof of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, and for this purpose the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.
- E. Incorporated Materials. Two (2) copies of all materials incorporated by reference herein shall be on file in the office of the Auditor for public inspection.
- F. Promulgation. The Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or proper to authenticate, record, publish, promulgate, and/or otherwise make this ordinance effective.
- G. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Mr. Steve 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. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2024 PROPOSED BUDGETS

The following proposed 2024 budgets were presented to the Council:

Superior Court, Probation, Jury Pay, Superior Court User Fees – Judge Lisa Bowen-Slaven

Parks and Recreation, Parks Nonreverting – Dr. John Egli

ARC – Debra Seman

Commissioners, Cumulative Capital Development, Major Moves, Riverboat, Rainy Day Fund, Lambright

Property, Rogers Trust, Duff Trust, 2024 Salary Recommendations, Gifts to Animal Shelter – Peter Cook

Highway, Cumulative Bridge, Local Road & Street, Landfill – Aaron Fugate

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Engineer - Tharon Morgan
Circuit Court, Adult & Juvenile Probation, Home Detention, Jury Pay, Circuit Court User Fees –
Judge Bill Walz
Sheriff, Various Funds– Tracy Harker
Emergency Management, Emergency Planning – Bill Morr
Clerk, Election, Voter Registration, Clerk’s Records Perpetuation, Clerk’s IV-D – Kim Johnson
Surveyor, Drainage Board, Section Corner Perpetuation – Zachary Holsinger
Plan Commission – Robbie Miller
Soil & Water Conservation District – Martin Franke
Assessor, Reassessment – Pat Monroe
GIS – Deb Naylor
Building, Contractor Registration – Jason Boggs
Health, Local Health Maintenance, Immunization Donation – Dr. Alfredo Garcia
Information Technology – Dave Warren
Recorder, Recorder’s Records Perpetuation, County Identification Security – Sheila Getz
Treasurer – Connie Brower
Maintenance – Gary Mast
Convention, Recreation, Visitors – Ryan Riegsecker
Public Defender Board – Dr. Lynn Bowen
Prosecutor; Prosecutor IV-D, Infraction Deferral, Pretrial Diversion, Prosecutor IV-D Incentive – Travis Glick
Extension – Brittany Gilger
Coroner – Kenneth Myers
Veteran’s Service – Allen Connelly
Council – Mike Strawser
EDIT – Kathy Hopper
Auditor, Non-Motor Vehicle, Ineligible Deduction Fund, Plat Book, User Fee – Kathy Hopper

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Mr. Mike Strawser read the following Resolution to Transfer Funds:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the following funds have been dormant since 2022:

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Fund 4600 Jail Debt Service Fund	\$30,962.73
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THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the above dormant funds totaling \$30,362.73 be transferred to the County General Fund.

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

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Mr. Mike Strawser read the following Resolution to Transfer Funds:

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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.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – CLERK</u>		
1000-001-02-2010 Office Supplies	244.38	
1000-001-04-4010 Equipment		244.38
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PROSECUTOR</u>		
1000-008-03-3081 Seminars and Training	5.35	
1000-008-01-1510 Extra Hours / Overtime		5.35
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – EXTENSION</u>		
1000-023-01-1006 Secretary	4,050.00	
1000-023-01-1007 Summer Assistant		4,050.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – MAINTENANCE</u>		
1000-031-03-3102 Elevators	698.06	
1000-031-04-4010 Equipment		698.06
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>		
1000-041-02-2012 Training Materials	404.99	
1000-041-04-4011 Emergency Equipment		404.66
<u>1176 MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</u>		
1176-003-04-4039 Other Road Equipment	4,000.00	
1176-003-04-4035 GPS Equipment		4,000.00
<u>1219 PARK & RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-02-2026 Hardware & Tools	119.99	
1219-000-04-4053 Power Tools		119.99
1219-000-01-1030 Seasonal Staff	800.00	
1219-000-01-1021 Asst. Park Ranger		800.00
<u>4906 SUMMER DAY CAMP</u>		
4906-000-01-1002 Recreation Director	640.00	
4906-000-01-1005 Assistant		640.00

Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL CLAIMS

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Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the June 2023 legal claims in the amount of \$32,519 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Jim Young 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>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PUBLIC DEFENDER</u>	
1000-039-03-3202 Circuit Court Public Defender Expenses	42,000.00
<u>1135 CUMULATIVE BRIDGE</u>	
1135-000-04-4007 Bridge #7	900,000.00
<u>1138 CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>	
1138-000-04-4102 Parking lot resurface/paving	6,500.00
<u>1169 LOCAL ROAD & STREET</u>	
1168-000-04-4010 Trucks	57,000.00
<u>1176 MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</u>	
1176-002-03-3038 Other Repair & Maintenance	30,000.00
1176-003-02-2021 Tires & Tubes	20,000.00
1176-001-03-3185 Process Gas Tax Rebate (Malcon)	14,112.45
1176-003-05-5001 Community Crossing Grant Match	278,465.75
<u>1189 RECORDER'S PERPETUATION</u>	
1189-000-03-3100 Digital Imaging Project	10,000.00

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Mr. Harold Gingerich 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. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the July 10, 2023 regular session minutes. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMITS

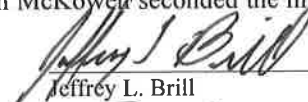
The County Council reviewed the 2024 estimated property tax levy limits and the estimated reductions due to circuit breakers for each taxing district in LaGrange County. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion that all taxing units stay within their maximum levy limits for the budget year 2024 as set by the Department of Local Government Finance. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Mr. Zachary Holsinger, County Surveyor, explained that when storm water improvement projects are done, sometimes there is a change order resulting in more cost. The County pays for one half of the project up to \$10,000.00 pays up to an additional 10% of the initial cost of the project towards the change orders. He has several projects that went over the approved amount, and he is requesting approval to spend up to \$15,000 on these projects. Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to spend over the set amount on these projects. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

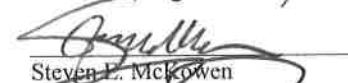
ADJOURNMENT

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

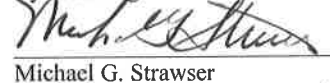

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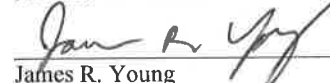

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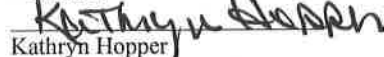

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