

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 11, 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.

MAJOR MOVES FUNDING REQUEST – LAGRANGE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Mr. Brett Batemen, President of the LaGrange Softball League, presented a request for funding to complete the improvements at the Spreuer Park. He is requesting \$400,000. This would complete the concession and bathroom building, the parking lot, playground equipment and installation, youth soccer field, scoreboards, bleachers, signage, and repayment of a loan. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the request and to advertise the additional appropriation for the October 2023 meeting. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE APPROVING EXPENSES OUT OF RECORDER'S RECORDS PERPETUATION FUND

Mrs. Sheila Getz, County Recorder, presented the following Ordinance for the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund:

LAGRANGE COUNTY COUNCIL ORDINANCE 2023-09-11

ORDINANCE APPROVING THE LAGRANGE COUNTY RECORDER'S REQUEST TO PARTIALLY FUND THE RECORDER'S OFFICE EXPENSES OUT OF THE RECORDER'S RECORDS PERPETUATION FUND

WHEREAS, The LaGrange County Recorder has submitted the sworn statement dated September 11, 2023 (see Exhibit A) to the LaGrange County Council as the fiscal body of LaGrange County, as required in IC 36-2-7-10.2; and

WHEREAS, the LaGrange County Recorder requests that the Recorder's Record Perpetuation Fund be used to cover a portion of the expenses of the Recorder's office in calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-2-7-10.2(b)(2) requires that the LaGrange County Council approve sufficient money from the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund but not in excess of the amount requested by the County Recorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, the LaGrange County Council approves the use of the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund to cover a portion of the expenses of the LaGrange County Recorder's Office for the 2024 calendar year.

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

2024 BUDGET

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Mike Strawser opened the public hearing on the 2024 budget.

Mr. Jim Young reported that the wage committee met recently and made the following recommendations:

- Grant a permanent 5% inflation rate that was imposed for 2023
- A 3% pay increase across the board
- Circuit Court law intern to \$15.00 per hour
- GIS Scanning Technician to \$15.75 per hour
- Sheriff School Resource Officers a 2% increase

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- Plan Administrator \$5,000 increase beginning in 2024, and an additional \$10,000 increase once she is certified.

Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The following new positions were recommended by the wage committee:

- Information Technology – Application analyst
- Health Department – 3 grant funded positions
- Highway – a diesel head mechanic
- Plan Commission – Planning and Zoning Inspector

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Young made a motion to reduce the Public Defender budget by \$200,000, Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 9:30 Mr. Jim Young made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

The following Amendments to the Salary Ordinance were presented:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<u>HEALTH DEPT GRANT</u>	
8122-000-01-1001 Nurses	\$30.00 / hour
8122-000-01-1002 Registration / Admin	\$22.00 / hour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant money received to pay for vaccination clinics. • Effective January 1, 2023 	

	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<u>HEALTH DEPT GRANT</u>	
8119-000-01-1001 Nurses	\$30.00 / hourly
8119-000-01-1510 Extra Hours / Overtime	\$30.00/ hourly
8119-000-01-1002 Registration / Admin	\$22.00 / hourly
8119- 000-01-1510 Extra Hours / Overtime	\$22.00/ hourly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant money received to pay for vaccination clinics. • Effective July 1, 2023 	

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HEALTH DEPT GRANT

8123-000-01-1001 Nurses	\$30.00 / hourly
8123-000-01-1510 Extra Hours / Overtime	\$30.00 / hourly
8123-000-01-1002 Registration / Admin	\$22.00 / hourly
8123-000-01-1510 Extra Hours / Overtime	\$22.00/ hourly

- Grant money received to pay for vaccination clinics.
- Effective July 1, 2023

REQUESTED

HEALTH DEPT GRANT

8123-000-01-1005 Health First Indiana County Coordinator	Up to \$40.00 / hour
8119-000-01-1005 Health First Indiana County Coordinator	Up to \$40.00 / hour

- Subject to grant funding and approval
- Effective October 1, 2023

REQUESTED

HEALTH DEPT GRANT

8123-000-01-1003 School Liaison	Up to \$29.75/ hour Up to 8 hours / week
8123-000-01-1004 Lead Assessment Admin	Up to \$17.46/ hour Up to 9 hours / week
8119-000-01-1003 School Liaison	Up to \$29.75/ hour Up to 8 hours / week
8119-000-01-1004 Lead Assessment Admin	Up to \$17.46 / hour Up to 9 hours / week

- Rates & Hours subject to approved 2023/2024 WIC grant
- Effective October 1, 2023

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WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN

Coordinator – WIC
8102 000-01-1001 Up to \$29.75 / hour
Up to 24 hours / week

Coordinator – Breast Feeding
8102 000-01-1020 Up to \$29.75 / hour
Up to 8.5 hours / week

Clinic Assistant
8102- 000-01-1013 Up to \$17.46 / hour
Up to 26 hours / week

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
8104 000-01-1020 Up to \$15.00 / hour
Up to 10 hours / week

- Rates for 2023/2024 WIC Fiscal Year
- Effective October 1, 2023

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the amendments. Mr. Jeff Campos 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 and it carried unanimously.

2024 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the 2024 Council meeting schedule. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

TREASURERS CASH CHANGE

Mrs. Kathy Hopper, County Auditor, explained that the County Treasurer, would like to increase her cash change from \$300 to \$400 to enable each cash drawer to have \$200 change. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Jeff Brill 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>		
1000-005-01-1003 Detective LT	21,000.00	
1000-005-01-1015 Sergeant/Detective	260.00	
1000-005-01-1009 School Resource		21,260.00
 <u>COUNTY GENERAL- COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
1000-038-01-1509 Holiday Pay	1,772.64	
1000-038-01-1510 Extra Hours/Overtime		1,772.64
 <u>COUNTY GENERAL- SHERIFF</u>		

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1000-005-01-1509 Holiday Pay	36,262.16	
1000-005-01-1510 Extra Hours/Overtime		36,262.16
 <u>COUNTY GENERAL – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>		
1000-041-02-2012 Training Materials	1,000.00	
1000-041-04-4011 Emergency Equipment		1,000.00
 <u>1189 RECORDER’S PERPETUATION</u>		
1189-000-03-3300 Tapestry & Laredo	1,500.00	
1189-000-02-2010 Office Supplies	500.00	
1189-000-04-4010 Equipment		2,000.00
 <u>1222 STATEWIDE 911</u>		
1222-000-01-1509 Holiday Pay	11,105.12	
1222-000-01-1510 Extra Hours/Overtime		11,105.12

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and upon roll call vote 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>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>	
1138-000-04-4219 Capital Purchases – Maintenance	59,055.00
1138-000-04-4208 Capital Purchases – Election	6,933.00
 <u>RECORDERS PERPETUATION</u>	
1189-000-03-3063 Bastian/Avid Hosting Service Account	5,000.00
 <u>AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN</u>	
8950-000-04-4030 2023 IT Projects – servers	75,000.00
8950-000-04-4031 EDC – 2023 - Utility Study	30,500.00
8950-000-04-4032 COA – 2023 -Van Grant Match	29,350.00
8950-000-03-9093 Federal Audit Costs	17,550.00

Mr. Jim Young made a motion to approve the Ordinance. 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.

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LEGAL CLAIMS

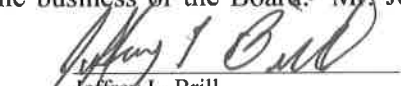
Legal claims in the amount of \$27,861.25 for July 2023 from Beers Makers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the August 14, 2023, regular session minutes and the August 14, 2023 Joint Executive Session minutes. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT


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



Jeffrey L. Brill



Jeffrey A. Campos


Harold D. Gingerich

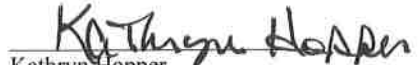

Steven E. McKowen


Ryan J. Riegsecker


Michael G. Strawser


James R. Young

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor