

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, November 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 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. Mr. Mike Strawser brought the meeting to order and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Michael Strawser thanked the Veterans for their service. He also thanked Freeman Miller, who recently passed away. Mr. Miller served on several County boards and was active in the community.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Mrs. Bittany Gilger, County Extension Director, was present. She presented the 2023 annual report and gave an update on the activities of the Extension office.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

The following Amendments to the Salary Ordinance were presented:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2024

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2024:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>PARK AND RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-01-1041 Admin Assistant/ Communication	Up to 40 hours/week	Up to 40 hours /week
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changing from 35 hours to 40 hours per week• Effective 01/01/2024		

Mr. Harold Gingerich 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. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>PARK AND RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-01-1006 Event Planner/ Nature Interpreter	Up to \$2,325.40 Biweekly	Up to \$2,325.40 Biweekly
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changing job title- was called Interpreter/ Naturalist• Effective 01/01/2024		

Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to approve the amendments. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker 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.

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>1219 PARK AND RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-01-1030 Seasonal Staff	Up to \$15.00/ hour	Up to \$15.00/ hour

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1179 PARK NON-REVERTING

1179-000-01-1006 Recreation Assistant	Up to \$15.00/ hour	Up to \$15.00/ hour
1179-000-01-1030 Seasonal Staff	Up to \$15.00/ hour	Up to \$15.00/ hour

4906 Summer Day Camp

4906-000-01-1005 Assistant	Up to \$15.00/ hour	Up to \$15.00/ hour
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Effective 01/01/2024

Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to approve the amendments. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Jim Young voting no and Mr. Steven McKowen abstaining. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>1000-002 COUNTY GENERAL - AUDITOR</u>		
1000-002-01-1007 Deputy- Payroll	Up to \$25.85/ hour	Up to \$25.85/ hour

Effective 01/01/2024

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

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>1176 -002 HIGHWAY</u>		
1176-002-01-1205 Truck Driver	Up to \$24.41/ hour	Up to \$24.41/ hour
1176-002-01-1207 Level 1- Equipment Operators	Up to \$25.54/ hour	Up to \$25.54/ hour
1176-002-01-1208 Level 2 Equipment Operators	Up to \$ 26.68/ hour	Up to \$26.68/ hour

- Currently 5 Truck Drivers- changing to 4 Truck Drivers
 - Currently 9 Level 1 Equipment Operators- changing to 6 Level 1 Equipment Operators
 - Currently 6 Level 2 Equipment Operators- changing to 10 Level 2 Equipment Operators
- Effective 01/01/2024

Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to approve the amendments. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Jim Young voting no. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>1000-008 PROSECUTOR</u>		
1000-008-01-1015 Victims Advocate	Up to \$24.08/ hour	Up to \$24.08/ hour
<u>1000-049 PROSECUTOR IV-D</u>		
1000-049-01-1101 IV-D Administrator	Up to \$2,016.31/Biweekly	Up to \$2016.31/Biweekly

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Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the amendments. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Jim Young and Mr. Jeff Brill voting no. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>1000-008 PROSECUTOR</u>		
1000-008-01-1002 Chief Deputy Supplemental	Up to \$5,000.00/ year	Up to \$5,000.00/ year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid quarterly 		
Effective 01/01/2024		

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the amendments. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Jeff Brill, Mr. Harold Gingerich and Mr. Mike Strawser voting no. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN GRANT</u>		
8102-000-01-1002 Competent Professional Authority	Up to \$29.75/ hour Up to 24 hours/ week	Up to \$29.75/ hour Up to 24 hours/ week
8102-000-01-1003 Administrator	Up to \$29.75/ hour Up to 8.5 hours/week	Up to \$29.75/ hour Up to 8.5 Hours/ week
8102- 000-01-1013 Clinic Assistant	Up to \$17.46/ hour Up to 24 hours/ week	Up to \$17.46/ hour Up to 24 hours/ week
8102-000-01-1014 Admin Assistant	Up to \$17.46/ hour Up to 2 hours/ week	Up to \$17.46/hour Up to 2 hours/ week
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates for 2023/2024 WIC Fiscal Year • Correcting Job titles and hours worked within the line. No new money and no additional hours • Effective October 1, 2023 		

Mr. Jim Young 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. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

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

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SHERIFF</u>		
1000-005-01-1304 Jail Corporals	21,000.00	
1000-005-02-2012 Inmate Supplies		2,000.00
1000-005-02-2043 Vests		19,000.00
1000-005-01-1315 Jailers	30,000.00	
1000-005-02-2041 Household		5,000.00

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1000-005-03-3018 Building Equip & Repair		10,000.00
1000-005-04-1010 Equipment		15,000.00
1000-005-01-1015 Sgt/Detective	20,000.00	
1000-005-02-2020 Gas, Oil & Lubricants		20,000.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SURVEYOR</u>		
1000-006-01-1002 Deputy Surveyor	50.00	
1000-006-01-1510 Extra Hours/Overtime		50.00
1000-006-02-2010 Supplies	1,500.00	
1000-006-03-3050 Equipment Maintenance	100.00	
1000-006-04-4010 Equipment		1,600.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PROSECUTOR</u>		
1000-008-01-1007 Office Manager	3,200.00	
1000-008-01-1016 Ticket Clerk		3,200.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – EXTENSION</u>		
1000-023-02-2010 Office Supplies	109.99	
1000-023-04-0410 Office Equipment		109.99
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – PROSECUTOR IV-D</u>		
1000-049-01-1102 IV-D Asst. Admin	2,560.00	
1000-049-01-1013 IV-D Admin Asst		2,560.00
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</u>		
1176-003-04-4039 Other Road Equipment	22,682.50	
1176-003-04-4031 Truck Equipment		22,682.50
<u>PARKS NON-REVERTING</u>		
1179-000-04-4027 Disc Golf Course	15,000.00	
1179-000-04-4028 Alarm System		15,000.00
<u>RECORDER PERPETUATION</u>		
1189-000-01-1301 Hourly clerical	25.00	
1189-000-01-1515 Bonus/Inflation Adjustment		25.00
<u>SURVEYOR’S CORNER PERPETUATION</u>		
1202-000-01-1016 Surveyor Intern	3,000.00	
1202-000-01-1015 Surveyor Tech		3,000.00
<u>LAMBRIGHT FARM</u>		
4951-000-02-2010 Veteran’s Hunt Supplies	3,773.00	
4951-000-04-4017 Veteran’s Hunt Equipment		3,773.00
<u>DEFERRAL PROGRAM</u>		
4916-000-01-1106 ICE Student	1,183.66	
4916-000-02-2011 Prosecutor’s Law Books		543.66
4916-000-01-1013 File Clerk		640.00

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Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to approve the Resolution to Transfer Funds. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

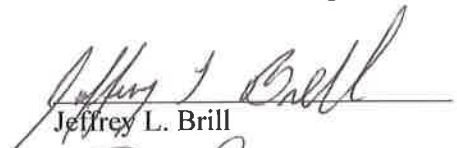
Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the October 10, 2023 regular session minutes. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL CLAIMS

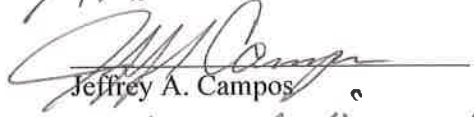
Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the September 2023 legal claims in the amount of \$20,630.50 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the legal claims. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

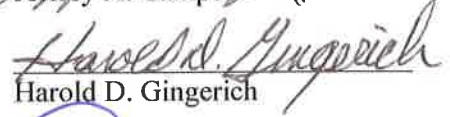
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Jim Young made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



Jeffrey L. Brill



Jeffrey A. Campos



Harold D. Gingerich



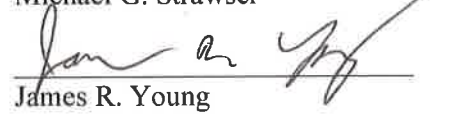
Steven E. McKowen

ABSENT

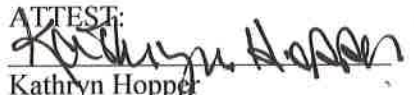
Ryan J. Riegsecker



Michael G. Strawser



James R. Young

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor