

JANUARY 8, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 8, 2024, 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.

Mr. Mike Strawser acknowledged the passing of Mr. Bill Connelly who recently passed away.

REORGANIZATION

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to retain the current President, Mr. Mike Strawser and the current Vice President, Mr. Jim Young. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The following list of Council appointments was presented:

LaGrange County Community Foundation Finance Committee	Harold Gingerich
Council on Aging Board	Jeff Campos
Economic Development Corporation	Ryan Riegsecker
Edit Committee	Jeff Campos
	Jim Young
Emergency Management Agency Advisory Board	Jim Young
Extension Board	Mike Strawser
Health Board	Jeff Campos
Insurance: Liability Insurance & Vehicle	Mike Strawser
Judicial Committee --(includes Sheriff & both Judges)	Mike Strawser
	Jim Young
Major Moves Committee	Jeff Brill
	Steven McKowen
Northeast Indiana Solid Waste District	Harold Gingerich
Park Board	Steven McKowen
Plan Commission	Jeff Campos
Region 3 A	Jeff Brill
Sheriff Merit Board	Jim Young
Soil & Water Conservation	Steven McKowen
Tax Abatement Review Committee	Steven McKowen
	Jim Young
Health Insurance	Harold Gingerich
	Ryan Riegsecker
	Mike Strawser
Personnel Handbook Committee	Harold Gingerich
	Ryan Riegsecker

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion for the assignments to be reviewed. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGET ASSIGNMENTS

The following list of Council budget assignments was presented:

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<u>Department</u>	<u>Department Head</u>	<u>Brill</u>	<u>Campos</u>	<u>Cook</u>	<u>Gingerich</u>	<u>McKowen</u>	<u>Riegsecker</u>	<u>Strawser</u>
Highway, Cumulative Bridge, Landfill	Aaron Fugate	X						
Recorder	Sheila Getz	X						
Surveyor	Zach Holsinger	X						
Auditor	Kathryn Hopper		X					
Health	Alfredo Garcia		X					
Treasurer	Connie Brower		X					
Veteran's Service Officer	Allen Connelly		X					
Women, Infants & Children	Sue Bickley		X					
Plan Commission	Robbie Miller			X				
Sheriff / E911	Tracy Harker			X				
Weights & Measures	Kim Kerr			X				
Coroner	Kenneth Myers				X			
Emergency Management	Bill Morr				X			
Prosecuting Attorney	Travis Glick				X			
Soil & Water Conservation	Martin Franke					X		
Clerk	Kim Johnson					X		
Parks & Recreation	Mary Franke					X		
Assessor	Pat Monroe						X	
Circuit Court	Judge Walz						X	
Information Technology / GIS	Dave Warren						X	
Superior Court	Judge Bowen-Slaven						X	
Building	Jason Boggs							X
Extension	Brittany Gilger							X
Maintenance	Gary Mast							X

Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the assignments. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ON AGING – REQUEST FOR GRANT MATCH FROM ARPA

Mrs. Cheri Perkins, Council on Aging Executive Director, is requesting \$33,702 of ARPA funds to be used for the Section 5339 grant match towards the 2021 vans. On December 18, 2023 her request received a positive recommendation from the Commissioners. Mr. Jim Young made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARK DEPARTMENT – REQUEST FROM ARPA FUNDING

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, and Dr. John Egli, Park Board President, were present and are requesting \$297,800 of ARPA funds to pave at Dallas Lake Park, a concrete drive and Delt Church Park, a new roof on the maintenance building, and to replace the boardwalk at Pine Knob Park. Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Steven McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

JAIL COMMISSARY REPORT

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, presented the Jail Commissary report for 2023. Mr. Jeff Campos made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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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>SUPPLEMENTAL JUVENILE PROBATION</u>	
2152-000-01-1001 Community Service Supervision	Up to \$41.52/ hour
2152-000-01-1510 Extra Hours/ Overtime	Up to \$62.40/ hour

Rate of pay will equal Probation Department employee's current hourly rate. Any hours worked in a week above 40 hours will be paid at time and one half.

Effective 01/01/2024

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.

	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - SUPERIOR COURT</u>	
1000-037-01-1210 Part Time	Up to \$23.63/hour
	Up to 20 hours/week

- Temporary Position
Effective: 01/01/2024

Mr. Jim Young 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.

	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - SOIL & WATER</u>	
1000-048-01- 1515 Inflation Adjustment for Program Assistant	Up to \$51.20/ Per Pay (\$.64*80 hours)

Program Assistant was budgeted at 48 hours per pay but was paid at 80 hours per pay for inflation adjustment rate. In 2022 Employee was Part Time and became Full Time January 1, 2023.

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

LEGAL CLAIMS

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$22,192.25 for November 2023 from Beers Mellers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

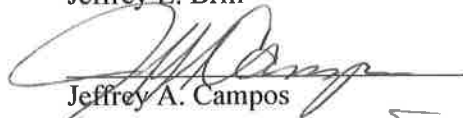
Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the December 11, 2023 regular session minutes. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

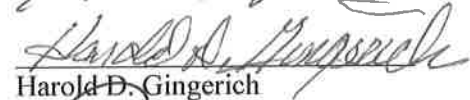
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Absent

Jeffrey L. Brill



Jeffrey A. Campos



Harold D. Gingerich



Steven E. McKowen



Ryan J. Riegsecker

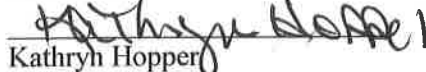


Michael G. Strawser



James R. Young

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor