

APRIL 8, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

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

COMMUNITY CORRECTION GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Brett Hays, Executive Director of the Northeast Indiana Community Corrections, presented a request to apply for a grant for the Community Correction program for 2025. Mr. Hays informed the Council that the grant application is for funding a full-time probation officer, a Drug Court coordinator, a Drug Court Case Manager, a Drug Court Clerical Assistant, and operating expenses, for LaGrange County. Mr. Hays informed the Commissioners that if approved LaGrange would receive \$294,947.70. Judge Bowen-Slaven explained that she would be seeking funds for a Drug court case manager, a clerical assistant, rent, utilities, and office expenses. She is looking into finding office space. She is looking into other funding to cover the costs until the Community Corrections grant funding is approved. She has opioid settlement funding that could be used towards this.

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the grant application as presented. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

The following Amendment to the Salary Ordinance were presented:

AMENDMENT 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>COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>
9161-000-01-1002 Drug Court Coordinator	Up to \$1,923.07/ Biweekly
• Subject to grant funding	

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Harold Gingerich 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.

ENGINEERING – ROAD PROJECTS

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented a list of projects for 2024 that total \$393,629.50. She is requesting an additional appropriation out of EDIT fund for the projects. Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to advertise the additional appropriation. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Harold Gingerich abstaining.

LAGRANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, informed the Council that the LaGrange County Community Foundation has \$41,671 available to grant in 2024 from the endowment fund. The money can be moved to the endowment portion of the fund, can be left in the fund or a check may be issued for deposit in the Hospital Trust fund. Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to have a check issued. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY TOGETHER DIRECTOR

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Ms. Darci Gaff, Director for LaGrange County Together, reported that she has been meeting with a lot of people in LaGrange County. She is working with various steering committees in the County discussing and reviewing the Comprehensive Plan.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

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

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL PROSECUTOR</u>		
1000-008-01-1003 Deputy Prosecutor	5,000.00	
1000-008-01-1002 Chief Deputy- Supplemental		5,000.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL WEIGHTS & MEASURES</u>		
1000-028-01-1001 Inspector	31.65	
1000-028-01-1515 Bonus- Inflation Adjustment		31.65
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - COMMISSIONER</u>		
1000-030-01-1525 Medicare	1,800.00	
1000-030-03-3034 Tax Assessments		1,800.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – MAINTENANCE</u>		
1000-031-03-3050 Equip repair & Maintenance	2,612.50	
1000-031-04-4011 Equipment		2,612.50
<u>1000-037 SUPERIOR COURT</u>		
1000-037-01-1206 1 st Deputy Court Reporter	4,309.84	
1000-037-01-1210 Part Time		2,309.84
1000-037-01-1510 Extra Hours/ OT		2,000.00
<u>COUNTY GENERAL- E911</u>		
1000-038-01-1007 Assistant IDACS Coordinator	20.16	
1000-038-01-1515 Bonus- Inflation Adjustment		20.16
<u>COUNTY GENERAL PROSECUTOR IV-D</u>		
1000-049-01-1102 IV-D Administrator	58.10	
1000-049-01-1515 Bonus- Inflation Adjustment		58.10
1000-049-01-1515 Bonus- Inflation Adjustment	11.92	
1000-049-01-1103 IV-D Assistant		1.40
1000-049-01-1003 Deputy Prosecutor		10.52
<u>HEALTH FIRST INDIANA</u>		
1161-000-01-1003 Public Health Specialist	6,520.00	
1161-000-01-1006 Emergency Preparedness Backup		6,300.00
1161-000-01-1510 Extra Hours / Overtime		100.00
1161-000-02-2010 Office Supplies		120.00
<u>LIT PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
1170-000-01-1005 Deputies	8.32	
1170-000-01-1515 Bonus- Inflation Adjustment		8.32

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<u>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</u>		
1176-002-01-1207 Level 1 Equipment Operator	158,831.20	
1176-002-01-1208 Level 2 Equipment Operator		158,831.20
1176-002-01-1205 Truck Drivers	50,600	
1176-002-01-1515 Bonus- Inflation Adjustment		184.00
1176-002-01-1208 Level 2 Equip Operator		50,416
1176-003-04-4035 GPS Equipment	20,700.00	
1176-003-03-3015 GPS Tracking		20,700.00
1176-001-04-4030 Office Equipment	500.00	
1176-001-03-3017 Vending Services		500.00
<u>PARK NON-REVERTING</u>		
1179-000-04-4011 Picnic Tables	70.70	
1179-000-04-4025 Archery Targets		70.70
1179-000-04-4027 Delt Disc Golf Course	7,250.00	
1179-000-02-2030 Program & Meeting Supplies		3,625.00
1179-000-03-3625 Natural Area management		3,625.00
<u>STATEWIDE 911</u>		
1222-000-01-1010 Dispatchers	118.02	
1222-000-01-1515 Bonus- Inflation Adjustment		118.02
<u>PARKS & RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-01-1005 Superintendent	5.28	
1219-000-01-1515 Bonus- Inflation Adjustment		5.28
<u>4701 SELF INSURANCE</u>		
4701-000-05-5001 Monthly Distribution Claims Funding Request	159,576.69	
<u>4702 SELF INSURANCE CLEARING</u>		
4702-000-03-3001 Health Insurance Claims		159,576.69

Mr. Steven McKowen made a motion to approve the Resolution to Transfer Funds. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker 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.

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	<u>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u>
<u>LIT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>	
1112-000-03-3352 Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance	63,375.88
<u>PARK NONREVERTING OPERATING</u>	
1179-000-03-3097 Maple Syrup Festival	2,000.00
1179-000-04-4010 Equipment	1,459.75
1179-000-04-4027 Delt Disc Golf Course	8,104.00
1179-000-04-4029 Tetrick Property Purchase	52,534.75
<u>PARK GIFT FUND</u>	
4908-000-03-3002 Maple Syrup Days	2,500.00
<u>20.526 COUNCIL ON AGING BUS</u>	
8107-000-05-5001 Grant Distribution	204,400.00
<u>OPIOID GRANT 2021-2022</u>	
8132-000-05-5001 Return of Unspent Grant funds	81,037.64
<u>90.404 ELECTION SECURITY GRANT</u>	
8250-000-04-4010 Equipment	12,068.72
<u>15.662 CEDAR LAKE FEN WETLAND</u>	
8303-000-03-3001 Blue Heron Ministries	30,285.00
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING – TRANSPORTATION GRANT</u>	
9125-000-05-5001 Grant Distribution	159,249.00
<u>JDAI COMM. CORRECTIONS 22/23</u>	
9150-000-05-5001 Grant Carry-Over	852.03

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

LEGAL CLAIMS

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$36,355.70 for February 2024, from Beers Mallers. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the legal claims. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

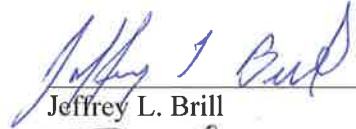
Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024 regular session minutes. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

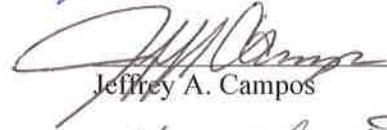
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Jim Young made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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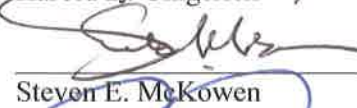
Jeffrey L. Brill



Jeffrey A. Campos



Harold D. Gingerich



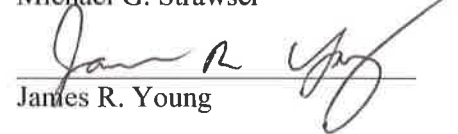
Steven E. McKowen



Ryan J. Riegsecker

ABSENT

Michael G. Strawser



James R. Young

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor

