

JUNE 17, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 17, 2024, in their meeting room, County Office Building, 114 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, Indiana, 46761, at 8:30 a.m., with the following present: Commissioners, Mr. Terry A. Martin, Mr. Peter A. Cook, and Mr. Kevin Myers and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Terry Martin, President, called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SOUTH MILFORD PROPERTY – 7720 S STATE ROAD 3

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that in order to sell the lot in South Milford, located at 7720 S State Road 3, he feels that a title commitment should be ordered. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to have the County Attorney proceed with the title commitment. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

JAIL BUILDING CORP.

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that the Corporate Transparency Act, requires corporations to be registered with the United States Treasury Department. The Jail Building Corp. may be exempt from these reporting requirements. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to have the County Attorney get the Jail Building Corp. registered or find an exemption; then proceed with dissolving the Corporation. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROPERTY ON 107 WEST SPRING STREET, LAGRANGE, INDIANA

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that Gregory and Marian Wiggins would like to purchase the property located at 107 W. Spring Street, LaGrange. They are an LLC and would use the property for lavender processing. The statute states that if the property is used as an economic development project, the property could be sold for the average of the two appraisals, which would be \$50,000. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to enter into a purchase agreement and to authorize the president to sign. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RECORDER – FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES AGREEMENT

Mrs. Sheila Getz, County Recorder, presented a modification to the Fidlar Technologies agreement. This would be for the modification of the Loreda Connect setup to move from a post-pay (charge) environment to a pre-pay escrow environment. There is no charge for this modification. Mrs. Getz also presented a new Laredo Subscription Agreement for consideration. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion approve the agreements and authorize the president to sign it outside of a public meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – PURCHASE OF DITCHING BUCKET

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to purchase a 36" ditching bucket for their mini excavator, from Southeastern Equipment Company, in the amount of \$3,006. He invited three companies to quote, and only received the quote from Southeastern Equipment Company. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – PURCHASE OF TRAILER

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to purchase an equipment trailer from Cargo Plus Sales & Service, in the amount of \$32,100. He invited three companies to quote, and only company had availability. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, explained that he would like to update some road equipment. He would like to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$750,000 for the purchase of chip spreader/distributor.

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Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to give a positive recommendation to the County Council for the additional appropriation. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENGINEER – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented a list of projects including paving of roads, small structure replacement, Community Crossing Grant match, and road projects. She would like to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,500,000 for the 2025 projects. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to give a positive recommendation to the County Council for an additional appropriation. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARKS – NEW ROOF AT DALLAS LAKE OFFICE AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, would like to submit requests for quotes for a new roof at the Dallas Lake Office and Maintenance Building. She estimates the cost to be under \$30,000. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to proceed with the request for quotes. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARKS – REQUEST TO PURCHASE LIMESTONE FOR TRAILS AT PINE KNOB PARK

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, would like purchase limestone for the trails at Pine Knob park, for up to \$10,000. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to proceed with the request for quotes. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PLAN COMMISSION – PURCHASE OF VEHICLE

Mrs. Robbie Miller, Plan Administrator, requested permission to purchase an additional vehicle for the Plan Commission. She presented three quotes, with the lowest quote being from Shepherd's Family Auto Group, for a 2024 Chevrolet Equinox, in the amount of \$28,749. This would be paid out of the Cumulative Capital Development fund. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the vehicle purchase. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – MAINTENANCE ON WATER SOFTENER

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, explained that they have been having some issues with the water pressure at the Sheriff's Office. He presented a quote from Hawkins Water Tech. for a new resin tank and plumbing in the amount of \$35,046.69. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the water softener. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MAY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending May 31, 2024, in the amount of \$50,175,017.41 and investments of \$22,645,000. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the Accounts Payable Vouchers. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2024 regular session meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

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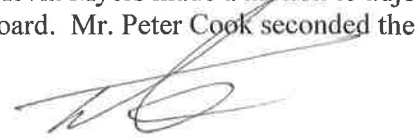
Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memorandum for the June 12, 2024 staff meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Treasurer – May 2024 report

ADJOURNMENT

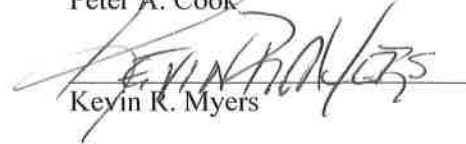
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



Terry A. Martin



Peter A. Cook



Kevin R. Myers

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor

