

NOVEMBER 4, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, November 4, 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.

QUALITY CORRECTIONAL DENTAL SERVICES, LLC – MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented memo of understanding with Quality Correctional Dental Services, LLC for services to the LaGrange County Jail for dental services to inmates. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the document and to authorize the president to sign the agreement outside of a public meeting, Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY TRAILS, INC.

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that the LaGrange County Trails, Inc and Norfolk Southern Railroad have agreed on the purchase of the railroad. Each group will be signing a purchase agreement. Once that is completed, a check will need to issue to the escrow agent. The price of the property is \$116,000. The Commissioners want to wait until the escrow agent is selected before authorizing the transfer of funds.

ARK ANIMAL RESCUE

Ms. Sue Keenan, representing the ARK Animal Rescue, gave an update on the shelter. The new fencing is completed, they have a working washer and dryer and have redone the cat area. They would like to change from Brightspeed Internet to LaGrange County REMC and would need an authorization for installation signed. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to authorize the President to sign a letter of permission for service installation for LaGrange County REMC. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SMALL STRUCTURE NO. LM103 REPLACEMENT PROJECT – MILESTONE CONTRACTORS, L.P.

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, reported that on October 21, 2024 one bid was opened for the small structure No. LM-103 replacement project. The bid from Milestone Contractors, L.P. in the amount of \$442,967.19. She has reviewed the bid and presented an agreement for the project. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement and to authorize the President to sign the agreement. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LOCHMUELLER GROUP, INC. – GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, presented two agreements with Lochmueller Group, Inc. One is for County Road 850 West and County Road 1000 West, in the amount not to exceed \$49,100, and the second one is for County Road 400 South and County Road 1100 East, not to exceed \$34,830. The agreements are for plans and design. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreements. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY MATERIAL QUOTES

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, presented a list of the 2025 material quotes that were opened on October 21, 2024. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the quotes as presented. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE– SURPLUS VEHICLE

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, would like to have the 2013 Dodge Ram 1500 Truck declared as surplus. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to declare the truck as surplus. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – CAMP POTAWOTAMI RENTAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Bill Morr, Emergency Management Agency Director, presented rental agreement with Camp Potawotami YMCA Camp, for March 14, 2025 and March 22, 2025. He will be holding training sessions there, at no charge. The agreements are for liability purposes. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreements and to authorize the President to sign. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – SURPLUS ITEM

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, would like to have an Imperial Northland Refrigerator declared as surplus. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to declare the refrigerator as surplus. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, is requesting to apply for a \$5,000 grant from the LaGrange County Convention and Visitors Bureau to help with Christmas light displays at Delt Church Park. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the grant application. 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.

OCTOBER 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending October 31, 2024, in the amount of \$52,558,633.95 and investments of \$22,640,000. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2024 regular session meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

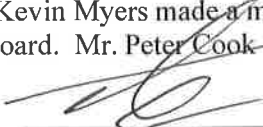
Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memorandum for the October 30, 2024 staff meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Treasurer – October 2024 report
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, MSOP Administrative Amendment,
Integrity Woodcrafting, 3925 North 850 West, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565, Permit Number 087-48266-00694

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

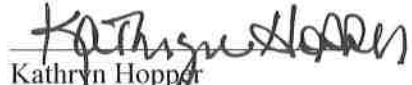

Peter A. Cook

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Kevin R. Myers

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor

