

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, November 18, 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.

ARK ANIMAL RESCUE & ADOPTION, INC – AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented a second amendment to the ARK Animal Rescue & Adoption, Inc. contract. The amendment extends the contract to December 31, 2025, and amends the quarterly payments to \$33,750. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the amendment and to authorize the president to sign the amendment. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NUISANCE PROPERTIES

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that there are nuisance properties that have delinquent taxes due. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to authorize the County attorney and the County Auditor to work on these properties. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

KIMMERLE ENGINEERING – INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented an Independent Contractor Agreement for construction services engineering between LaGrange County and Kimmerle Engineering for remodeling the basement of the LaGrange County Justice Center Building. 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.

TECH SOLUTIONS – TERMINATION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that the Sheriff and Information Technology Director would like to change security systems and terminate the services of Tech Solutions. Mr. Bachman presented a contract with Security Automation Systems in the amount of \$385,341. Mr. Bachman presented the following Ordinance for consideration:

COUNTY OF LAGRANGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-11-18-A

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR VARIOUS COUNTY BUILDINGS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code (“IC”) 5-22-4-5(a), the purchasing agency for a political subdivision is the person designated by law or by rule of the governmental body;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Public Purchasing Rules Adoption Ordinance (Ord. 2024-01-16-A), the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange, Indiana (“Commissioners”) is the purchasing agent on behalf of LaGrange County, Indiana (“County”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 36-1-4-6, a unit may use, improve, develop, insure, protect, maintain, lease, and dispose of its interests in property;

WHEREAS, the County has experienced critical deficiencies in the communications response times with the current security systems vendor;

WHEREAS, rather than replacing all of its current security devices at great expense, the County would rather retrofit the existing equipment to a new vendor’s compatible equipment, systems, and technology;

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WHEREAS, Security Automation Systems, Inc., an Indiana corporation (“SAS”), supports all major brands of security systems equipment and does not use its own proprietary software;

WHEREAS, SAS has presented three proposals (collectively, the “Proposal”) that would deliver and install security cameras, card readers, and electronic jail security devices (collectively, “Equipment”) as may be reasonably necessary to enable the County to carry out its mission and to keep its employees, inmates, and the public safe;

WHEREAS, the cost of the Proposal, which is attached to this ordinance as Exhibit B, is Three Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$381,525.00);

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 5-22-7 and -9, a purchasing agent that desires to make a purchase of supplies over \$50,000 must create a related invitation of bids or proposals;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 5-22-10-1, notwithstanding IC 5-22-7 and -9, a purchasing agent of a unit may make a purchase, as authorized under that code chapter, without soliciting bids or proposals;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 5-22-10-8, a purchasing agent may make a special purchase when the compatibility of equipment is a substantial consideration in the purchase and only one (1) source meets the using agency’s reasonable requirements;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 5-22-10-13, a purchasing agent may award a contract for a supply when there is only one (1) source for the supply and the purchasing agent determines in writing that there is only one (1) source for the supply *and*

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined that they are able to make the findings necessary to establish a special purchase under Indiana law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAGRANGE, INDIANA THAT:

SECTION I – RECITALS

The foregoing recitals, including all defined terms, are hereby incorporated into this ordinance and found to be true, accurate, and correct.

SECTION II – PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

- A. Findings. The Commissioners hereby adopt the Special Findings in Exhibit A concerning the purchase of the Equipment. The exhibit is attached and incorporated by reference to this ordinance as if fully set out herein.
- B. Authorization. The Commissioners hereby approve and authorize the purchase of the Equipment from SAS. The President, Sheriff, and IT Director are hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary or helpful to implement the purchase of the Equipment and related title transfers.
- C. Appropriation. The purchase of the Equipment is subject to the appropriation of funds.
- D. Records. The Auditor shall maintain the contract records of the findings and purchase on file for at least five (5) years.
- E. Title. Title to the Equipment shall be acquired in the name of LaGrange County.

SECTION III – MISCELLANEOUS

- A. References.
 - 1. Except where a specific version or edition is given, reference to another section of this ordinance or to another law, document, fund, department, board, program, public servant, or public office, shall extend and apply to the same, as may be subsequently amended, revised, recodified, renamed, reappointed, or renumbered from time to time.

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2. Reference in this ordinance to a law, document, fund, department, board, program, public servant, or public office, either generally or by title, without reference to another jurisdiction, shall be construed as though it were preceded or followed, as appropriate, by the words “(of) LaGrange County (Indiana).”
 3. Should a provision of this ordinance require an act to be done which, by law, an agent or deputy may do instead of the principal, the requirement is satisfied by the performance of the act by an authorized agent or deputy.
- B. Conflicts. No part of this ordinance shall be interpreted to conflict with any local, state, or federal laws, and all reasonable efforts should be made to harmonize the same.
- C. Severability. Should any section or part thereof of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, nor any other portion thereof, and for this purpose the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.
- D. Exhibits. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated herein by reference.
- E. Incorporated Materials. Two (2) copies of all materials incorporated by reference herein shall be on file in the office of the Auditor for public inspection.
- F. Promulgation. The Auditor is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to take all action necessary or proper to authenticate, record, publish, promulgate, and/or otherwise make this ordinance effective.
- G. Codification. As this ordinance concerns a one-time special purchase, the codifier of ordinances shall omit codification of this ordinance.
- H. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to proceed with terminating the agreement with Tech Solutions. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RECORDER – FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES AGREEMENT

Mrs. Sheila Getz, County Recorder, presented agreements with Fidlar Technologies, for media conversion in the amount of \$73,304.93 and for scanning documents in the amount of \$12,750.20, which will be paid out of the Recorder’s Perpetuation Fund. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion approve the agreement and authorize the president to sign it. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARK – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, explained that they have pledged, \$24,600 for Christmas lights for Delt Church Park. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve spending up to \$30,000 for Christmas lights out of donations received for that purpose. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PURDUE EXTENSION EDUCATIONAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Ms. Brittany Gilger, County Extension Director, presented the 2025 educational contract for the Purdue Extension, in the amount of \$135,255, for consideration. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the agreement and to authorize the President to sign the agreement. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – APPROVAL OF SERVERS

Mr. Marc Peterson, Information Technology Director, presented a quote from Van Ausdall & Farrar, for servers in the amount of \$19,735.47. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion approve the quote as presented. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY – PERMISSION TO DECLARE ITEMS AS SURPLUS

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, requested permission to declare two snowplows as surplus and to scrap the items as they are of little value, a master cool refrigerant charger, and some radios, which will be auctioned. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMPOST FACILITY

Mr. Terry Martin explained that the compost site will reopen at the LaGrange County Fairgrounds. They will work on cleaning up the site and getting permits from IDEM. There will be specific hours for when the site will be open, a limit on the type of materials that can be dumped. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to reopen the compost site with improvements. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Martin presented two quotes for fencing at the compost site. The lowest quote was from Quality Fencing in the amount of \$31,140. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the quote from Quality Fencing. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE

Mr. Terry Martin explained that several years ago a committee was formed to oversee improvements and renovations at the Courthouse. He would like to dissolve the committee to allow the Commissioners to have control over any remodeling or improving that is done at the Courthouse. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to dissolve the committee. Mr. Peter Cook 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 November 4, 2024 regular session meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memorandum for the November 13, 2024 staff meeting. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Clerk of the Circuit Court – October 2024 report
NIPSCO – Project 2024 NIPSCO Steel Structures Inspection/Restoration Project
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Four Woods Laminating, Inc, -
Plant 2, Significant Source Modification No. 087-48253-00065
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Rock Run Industries LLC,
Significant Permit Revision No. 087-48252-00072
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, Hubbard Feeds Incorporated,
Permit Modification No. 087-47865-00698
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, FESOP Administrative Amendment,
428 Hawpatch Drive, Topeka, Indiana 46571, Permit Number 087-48248-00082
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Registration Permit,

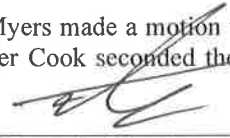
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7040 W 200 S, Topeka, Indiana 46571, Permit Number 087-48241-00740

ADJOURNMENT

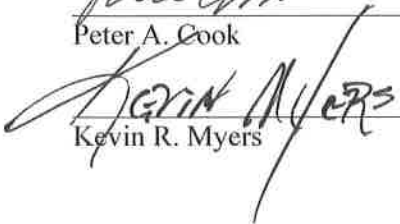
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



Terry A. Martin



Peter A. Cook



Kevin R. Myers

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor

