

FEBRUARY 10, 2025

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, February 10, 2025, 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, Karen S. Eagleson, Harold D. Gingerich, Ryan J. Riegsecker, Michael G. Strawser, and James R. Young; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Jeffrey L. Brill was absent. President, Mr. Jim Young brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

The following Amendment to the Salary Ordinance were presented:

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2025

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2025:

<u>DEFERRAL PROGRAM</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>
4916-000-01-1003 Deputy Prosecutor Supplemental Effective: 01/02/2025	Up to \$99.50/ Biweekly

Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2025:

<u>PUBLIC DEFENDER</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>
1000-039-01-1020 Clerk	Up to \$22.58/ hour Up to 35 hours/ week
1000-039-01-1021 Paralegal	Up to \$27.14/ hour Up to 35 hours/ week
1000-039-01-1022 Paralegal	Up to \$27.14/ hour Up to 35 hours/ week
Effective: 02/10/2025	

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the increase for the Clerk position and to approve one (1) paralegal. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker 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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mrs. Sherri Johnston, LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation Chief Executive Officer, and Ms. Emillee Buller, Vice President of Community Devotement and Engagement presented what the Corporation is working on for 2025.

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TAX ABATEMENT APPROVAL

Mr. Jim Young presented Compliance with Statement of Benefits on Real Estate Improvements for AJ's Furniture, LLC and recommended approval for them. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNTY ENGINEER – 2026 ROAD PROJECTS

Mrs. Tharon Morgan, County Engineer, explained that she will be applying for a Community Crossing Grant for a road resurfacing project from the Town of Topeka to county Road 1100 E. The estimate for the project is \$5,399,983.44. The grant would fund \$1,500,000 if awarded. She would need to apply for the grant in March.

Mrs. Morgan would like to improve the intersection of County Road 700 South and State Road 3. The estimated cost of the project is \$231,250. The work would be performed in 2026.

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to table the matter until March. Mrs. Karen Eagleson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the 2024 Annual Report of the LaGrange County Economic Development Commission. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENCUMBRANCES

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the fund encumbrances, carrying funds from 2024 into 2025. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Mr. Jim Young read the following Resolution to Transfer Funds:

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – 911</u>		
1000-038-01-1002 Dispatch Supervisor	6,000.00	
1000-038-03-3050 Department Maintenance		6,000.00
<u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</u>		
1138-000-04-4003 Capital Outlays	250,000.00	
1138-000-04-4054 Public Defend. Office Build out		250,000.00
<u>PARK & RECREATION</u>		
1219-000-04-4053 Power Tools	100.00	
1219-000-04-4063 Equipment		100.00

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the Resolution to Transfer Funds. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL CLAIMS

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$21,268.50 for December 2024 from Beers Mallers. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve. Mr. Jim Young seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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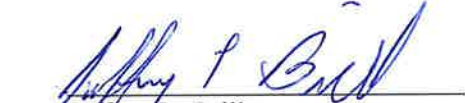
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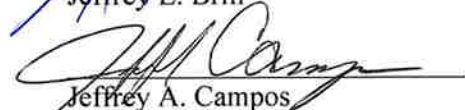
Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the December 9, 2024 regular session minutes. Mr. Jeff Campos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

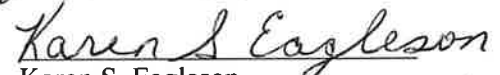
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mrs. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



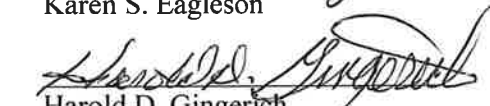
Jeffrey L. Brill




Jeffrey A. Campos



Karen S. Eagleson



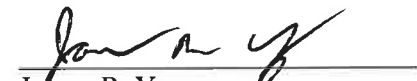
Harold D. Gingerich



Ryan J. Riegsecker


ABSENT

Michael G. Strawser



James R. Young

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor

