

OCTOBER 21, 2019

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, October 21, 2019, 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. Larry N. Miller, Mr. Terry A. Martin and Mr. Dennis H. Kratz; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Larry Miller, President, called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NUISANCE ISSUE – GENE NEELY 3445 S 1145 E, LAGRANGE, INDIANA

Mr. Bill Stewart, Code Enforcement Officer, reported on the condition of the property of Gene Neely, 3445 S 1145 W, LaGrange. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to continue to monitor the property for three months and review again on January 20, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Terry Martin voting no.

TOWN OF WOLCOTTVILLE NUISANCE AGREEMENT

Mr. Jason Boggs, Town of Wolcottville Board member, explained that the Town of Wolcottville is to pay LaGrange County \$4,988.88 annually for services contracted under the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for nuisances. Since the County has been without a Code Enforcement Officer for a period of time, the Town is requesting that the fee for the third quarter of 2019 be waived. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to waive the fee for the third quarter for the Town of Wolcottville. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNTY ROAD 1075 EAST – TURKEY LAKE

There is a gate and fence going across the public right-of-way, on County Road 1075 east. The gate blocks access to the public right-of-way. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to write a letter requesting removal of the fence. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ON AGING – TRANSPORTATION GRANTS

Mrs. Cheri Perkins, Council on Aging Executive Director, presented the approved 2020 Section 5311 & PMTF Operating Assistance Grant and the approved 2020 Section 5339 Capital Assistance Grant for signature. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the voucher and authorize the President sign it. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNTY SHERIFF – PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS

Mr. Jeff Campos, County Sheriff, requested permission to purchase two traffic control signs, one for Mongo and one for Stroh, for \$4,000.00 each. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNTY SHERIFF – 1995 GMC TRUCK

Mr. Jeff Campos, County Sheriff, requested permission to send the 1995 GMC plow truck to auction on December 19, 2019. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRISONER REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Jeff Campos, County Sheriff, explained that he would like to amend the Prisoner Reimbursement Ordinance to include items for the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to draft an amendment to the Ordinance. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNTY JUSTICE BUILDING

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Mr. Jeff Campos, County Sheriff, explained that there needs to be partitions in the security area in the County Justice Building. He has money in his budget for this expense. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EMPG EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT

Mr. Don Wismer, Emergency Management Director, requested permission to apply for the EMPG Emergency Management Performance Grant for his 2019 salary reimbursement, in the amount of \$22,500.00. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PLAN COMMISSION – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mrs. Robbie Miller, Zoning Administrator, explained that she has a direct conflict of interest for a petition that is being brought before the Plan Commission this month. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - REORGANIZATION

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented an organizational chart for the County Highway Department. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the reorganization. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to appoint Mr. Ben Parish as the Highway Supervisor, effective November 1, 2019. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – VEHICLE TRADE IN

Mr. Jeff Campos, County Sheriff, requested permission to trade in a 2003 Chevrolet Impala towards the purchase of a new vehicle that has been approved. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the trade in. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the Accounts Payable Vouchers. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the memorandum for the October 16, 2019 meeting. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Receipt of Air Permit Application – Hochstetler Woodworking, 6551 W 300 S, Topeka, Indiana, Permit ID Number: 087-41992-00706

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, ANR Pipeline Company – LaGrange Compressor Station, 2255 W US 20, LaGrange, Indiana, Permit ID Number: 087-41610-00004

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Rock Run Industries LLC, 11635 W 600S, Millersburg, Indiana, Permit ID Number: 087-41881-00072

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US Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice – To construct road improvements at the intersection of SR 26 and CR 200 E,
Hartford City East, Indiana

ADJOURNMENT

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

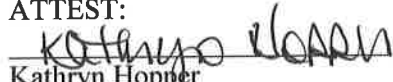


Larry N. Miller

Terry A. Martin

Dennis H. Kratz

ATTEST:



Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor