

**JANUARY 13, 2020**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 13, 2020, 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, Charles F. Ashcraft, Jeffrey L. Brill, Peter A. Cook, Harold D. Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen, and Michael G. Strawser; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Ryan J. Riegsecker was absent. Mr. Peter Cook brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**REORGANIZATION**

Mr. Steve McKowen made a motion to retain the current officers, with Mr. Peter Cook being the President and Mr. Mike Strawser being the Vice President. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to appoint Mr. Joe Billman to the LaGrange County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**BUDGET ASSIGNMENTS**

The following list of Council budget assignments was presented:

Department	Department Head	Ashcraft	Brill	Cook	Gingerich	McKowen	Riegsecker	Strawser
Assessor	Pat Monroe						X	
Auditor	Kathryn Hopper	X						
Building	Jason Boggs							X
Circuit Court	Judge Walz						X	
Clerk	Bonnie Brown					X		
Coroner	Kenneth Myers				X			
Cumulative Bridge	Ben Parish	X						
Emergency Management	William Wismer				X			
Extension	John Emerson							X
GIS	Deb Naylor		X					
Health	Alfredo Garcia		X					
Highway, Landfill	Ben Parish		X					
Information Technology	Bob Murphy						X	
Maintenance	Gary Mast							X
Parks & Recreation	Mike Metz					X		
Plan Commission	Robbie Miller			X				
Prosecuting Attorney	Greg Kenner				X			
Recorder	Jennifer McBride		X					
Sheriff / E911	Jeff Campos			X				
Soil & Water Conservation	Martin Franke		X					
Superior Court	Judge Bowen-Slaven						X	
Surveyor	Zach Holsinger		X					
Treasurer	Jamesi Lemon	X						
Veteran's Service Officer	Allen Connelly	X						

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Weights & Measures	Stephen Scharf			X				
Women, Infants & Children	Michelle Tennant	X						

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the assignments. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

The following list of Council appointments was presented:

Council on Aging Board	Charles Ashcraft
Economic Development Corporation	Charles Ashcraft
Edit Committee	Charles Ashcraft
	Peter Cook
Emergency Management Agency Advisory Board	Peter Cook
Extension Board	Mike Strawser
Health Board	Charles Ashcraft
Insurance: Liability Insurance & Vehicle	Mike Strawser
Judicial Committee –(includes :Sheriff & both Judges)	Peter Cook
	Mike Strawser
LaGrange County Community Foundation Finance Committee	Charles Ashcraft
Major Moves Committee	Jeff Brill
	Steve McKowen
Northeast Indiana Solid Waste District	Harold Gingerich
Park Board	Steve McKowen
Plan Commission	Peter Cook
Region 3 A	Peter Cook
Sheriff Merit Board	Peter Cook
Soil & Water Conservation	Peter Cook
Tax Abatement Review Committee	Peter Cook
	Steve McKowen
Human Resources / Personnel / Health Insurance	Ryan Riegsecker
	Mike Strawser
	Charles Ashcraft
Personnel Handbook Committee	Ryan Riegsecker
	Harold Gingerich

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion for the assignments to remain the same. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**JAIL COMMISSARY REPORT**

Mr. Jeff Campos, County Sheriff, presented the Jail Commissary report for 2019. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE**

The following Amendments to the Salary Ordinance were presented:

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2020

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BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the following changes be made in the LaGrange County Salary Ordinance for the year 2020:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<b><u>COUNTY GENERAL – SHERIFF</u></b>	
1000-005-01-1012 Patrol Sergeant	Up to \$27.04 / hour
<b><u>STATEWIDE 911</u></b>	
1222-000-01-1007	0/ hour
Delete 2 Asst. IDACs positions	
1222-000-01-1005	
IDACs Coordinator position	Up to \$21.60/ hour
1222-000-01-1010	
Dispatcher	Up to \$20.54 / hour

Mr. Jeff Brill made a motion to approve the amendment to be effective January 13, 2020. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Harold Gingerich 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 2020:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>
<b><u>COUNTY GENERAL – BUILDING</u></b>	
1000-025-01-1004 Building Inspector	Up to \$21.63 /hour

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the amendment to be effective January 13, 2020. Mr. Jeff Brill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to waive the requirement for second reading. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS**

Mr. Peter Cook read the following Resolution to Transfer Funds:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the following increases and decreases be made in order to meet the expenses of the units of government for the year 2020.

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<b>1159 HEALTH</b>		
1159-000-01-1020 Health Nurse	500.00	
1159-000-01-1510 Extra Hours / Overtime		500.00

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4920 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT		
4920-000-04-4010 Computer Equipment	1,069.96	
4920-000-02-2040 Uniforms		1,096.96

Mr. Charles Ashcraft made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL CLAIMS

Mr. Harold Gingerich presented the legal claims in the amount of \$15,281.25 for November 2019 from Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to approve. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Mike Strawser made a motion to approve the December 9, 2019 regular session minutes. Mr. Steve McKowen 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. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

  
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Charles F. Ashcraft

  
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Jeffrey L. Brill

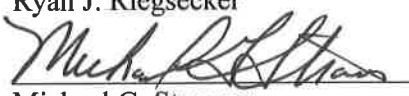
  
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Peter A. Cook

  
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Harold D. Gingerich


  
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Steven E. McKowen

Absent

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Ryan J. Riegsecker

  
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Michael G. Strawser

ATTEST:

  
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Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor