

MARCH 9, 2020

SPECIAL JOINT SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners and the LaGrange County Council met in Special Joint Session on Monday, March 9, 2020, at their meeting room, County Office Building, 114 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, Indiana 46761, at 8:30 a.m. with the following present: Dennis H. Kratz, Terry A. Martin; Council members, Charles F. Ashcraft, Jeffrey L. Brill, Peter A. Cook, Harold D. Gingerich, Steven E. McKowen, Ryan J. Riegsecker and Michael G. Strawser; LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Larry Miller was absent. Mr. Peter Cook brought the meeting to order.

MAJOR MOVES APPLICATIONS

Mr. Jeff Wingstrom, President of LaGrange County Trails Inc. explained that the organization would like 25% in matching funds not to exceed \$1,500,000. This would be used to help construct the Hawpatch Trail, a bike and pedestrian trail in southwest LaGrange County. The project will be completed with donations and grants from various organizations, government entities and individuals. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to award \$1,500,000 of Major Moves funding for the project. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 8 to 1 with Mr. Dennis Kratz voting no. Upon further review of the Major Moves Ordinance, the motion did not pass, as there has to be a majority vote of each body.

Mr. Larry Watson, Fire Chief of the Howe Fire Department, explained that the fire department is in need of funds to replace a 1999 E-one Engine with a 2020 Engine. The amount being requested is a minimum of \$100,000. Mr. Steve McKowen made a motion to deny the request. Mr. Ryan Riegsecker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 7 to 2 with Mr. Jeff Brill and Mr. Terry Martin voting no, therefore the motion did not pass.

Mr. Don Faust spoke on behalf of the LaGrange Communities Youth Centers, explaining that the organization has applied for \$3,000,000 of Major Moves money to be used to towards the construction of a facility. The total amount of the project is \$8,425,000 dollars. Mr. Harold Gingerich made a motion to send the project back to the Major Moves Committee. Mr. Steve McKowen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 9 to 0 to send the project back to the Major Moves Committee.

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.

Absent

Larry N. Miller



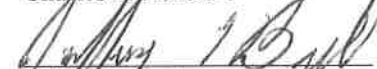
Terry Martin



Dennis H. Kratz



Charles F. Ashcraft



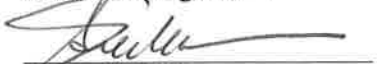
Jeffrey L. Brill



Peter A. Cook



Harold D. Gingerich



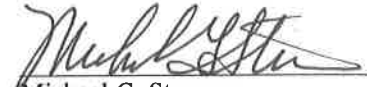
Steven E. McKowen



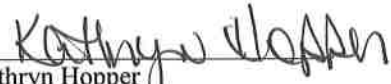
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ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor