

DECEMBER 30, 2020

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LAGRANGE CITIZEN DRAINAGE BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to appoint Mr. Ben Taylor, Mr. Freeman Miller, Mr. Steven Cords, and Mr. Eric Knepp to the LaGrange County Citizen Drainage Board. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

OFFICIAL BONDS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented 2021 individual bonds for the Treasurer and Clerk of Courts, and the blanket bond for approval. Mr. Larry Miller made a motion to approve. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mrs. Jaclyn Medford, Deputy Auditor, explained that the Wellness Committee is wanting to implement an Employee Assistance Program for County Employees. She presented two options that are available. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the program for full time and permanent part time employees for \$4,484.40 per year, which included 2 mental health workshops, which will be part of the wellness program class. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PURDUE EXTENSION – PURCHASE OF A DESK

Mr. Steve Engleking, County Extension Director, presented two quotes for the purchase of a desk. The lowest quote is from Shipshewana Furniture Co., in the amount of \$3,858.10. Mr. Larry Miller made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MALINOWSKI CONSULTING INC.

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented a proposal for the preparation of the annual County cost allocation plans for 2020-2022. The cost per year is \$5,200.00. Mrs. Hopper has reviewed the proposal and is recommending the approval of it. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the proposal and have the President sign it. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

INCARCERATED OFFENDERS PROVIDER AGREEMENT

Mr. Jeff Campos, County Sheriff, presented an Incarcerated Offenders Provider Agreement. The agreement provides for making Medicaid available to cover eligible offender who are incarcerated. The term of the agreement is from February 15, 2021 to January 31, 2024. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the agreement and have the President sign it. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – RADIO PURCHASE

Mr. Tracy Harker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, requested permission December 21, 2020, to purchase portable radio and in car radios for their vehicles. The cost is approximately \$104,000. \$56,000 would be paid out of the Sheriff's budgets and \$48,000 would be paid with the CARES Act reimbursement. Mr. Harker explained that the radios have increased in price and an additional \$6,000 is needed out of the CARES Act reimbursement. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the additional funding. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the Accounts Payable Vouchers. Mr. Larry Miller made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Construction, in the amount of \$31,846. Quotes for materials were presented with the lowest quotes from Big C Lumber in the amount of \$3,662.24 for materials, from Creekside Saw Mill in the amount of \$1,947.00 for a log structure, and Romtec in the amount of \$4,949.82 for a toilet vault kit. Mr. Larry Miller made a motion to accept the quotes. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements from Travis Hostetler and Carl Schmidt. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to accept. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Larry Miller made a motion to appoint Mr. Ken Hunn, Ms. Kathy Miller, and Mr. David Gunter to the LaGrange County Regional Utility District. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to appoint Mr. Joe Billman, and Mr. Aaron Bontrager to the LaGrange County Health Board. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Larry Miller made a motion to appoint Lynn Bowen, DDS to the LaGrange County Plan Commission. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY PLAT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to appoint Mr. Terry Holsinger to the LaGrange County Plat Committee. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Larry Miller made a motion to appoint Mr. George Bachman, Mr. Robert Bond, and Mr. Dennis Kratz to the LaGrange County Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried with Mr. Dennis Kratz abstaining.

LAGRANGE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Larry Miller made a motion to appoint Mr. Dennis Kratz to fill the remainder of Mr. Kurt Perkins term on the LaGrange County Economic Development Commission. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried with Mr. Dennis Kratz abstaining.

CONVENTION, VISITORS, RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to appoint Mr. Brian Lambright, Mrs. Jessica Linder, and Mrs. Cheri Perkins to the Convention Visitors Recreation. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to appoint Mrs. Jennifer Beechy and Mrs. Debra Notestine to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

LAGRANGE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Larry Miller made a motion to appoint Mr. Charles Ashcraft to the LaGrange County Public Defender Board. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, 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 and Mr. Dennis H. Kratz; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Larry Miller attended virtually. Mr. Terry Martin, Vice President, called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Larry Miller made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REORGANIZATION

Mr. Larry Miller made a motion to have Mr. Terry Martin serve as President for 2021. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - CERTIFICATION PAY

Mr. Mark Shaver, Building Inspector, began employment on March 2, 2020 and has not received his certification pay. Mr. Larry Miller made a motion to pay Mr. Shaver certification pay, retroactive to March 2, 2020. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES MATCHING GRANT AGREEMENTS

Mr. Tony Manns, County Attorney, presented Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreements between the Indiana Department of Transportation and LaGrange County. One agreement is for Bridges 73 and 76, and one agreement is for County Road 250 North. Both projects are Community Crossing projects. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion approve and sign the agreement. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT – BUTLER FAIRMAN & SEUFERT

Mr. Tony Manns, County Attorney, presented a General Engineering Service Agreement for the 2020 Community Crossings Matching Grant award for the County Road 250 North project. The Agreement is with Butler Fairman & Seufert, in the amount of \$29,500. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion approve and sign the agreement. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – RADIO DISPATCH SYSTEM

Mr. Tony Manns, County Attorney, requested permission for their firm to work with the Information Technology department to prepare Requests for Proposals for a dispatch radio system for the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion approve. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) - TRANSITION PLAN

Mr. Tony Manns, County Attorney, presented a proposal from Butler Fairman & Seufert, in the amount of \$10,000, for updates to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) self-evaluation plan. Mrs. Jennifer Miller, ADA Coordinator, will work with them in the preparation of the plan. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion approve. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to appoint Ms. Tharon Morgan as the Highway Engineer, effective January 4, 2021. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PARK - AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PROJECTS

Mr. George DeWald, Park Superintendent, presented quotes for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects at the County Parks. He presented three quotes for construction, with the lowest quote being from Dallas Lake

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MINUTES

Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 regular session meeting. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the memorandum for the December 23, 2020 meeting. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Crossroads United Way – Letter announcing new name

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Forest River, LaGrange Complex, 290 West Dutch Drive, LaGrange, Indiana 46761, Permit Number 087-43324-00685

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Highland Ridge RV, Inc, 3195 N State Road 5, Shipshewana, Indiana 46565, Permit Number 087-43535-00679

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Excel Finishings LLC, 4510 W 200 N, LaGrange. Indiana 46761, Permit Number 087-43088-00682

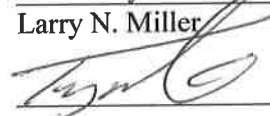
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, ANR Pipeline Company, LaGrange Compressor Station, 2255 West U.S. 20, LaGrange. Indiana 46761, Permit Number 087-43537-0004

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment, ANR Pipeline Company, LaGrange Compressor Station, Part 70 Operating Permit Renewal No.: T087-42922-00004

ADJOURNMENT

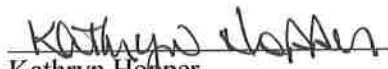
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Terry A. Martin

Larry Miller /s/
Larry N. Miller



Kevin Myers

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor