

FEBRUARY 9, 2015

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Council met in Regular Session on Monday, February 9, 2015 at their meeting room, County Office Building, 114 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, IN 46761, at 8:30 a.m., with the following present: Council Members: Peter Cook President, Charles F. Ashcraft, George Bachman, Harold Gingerich Steven E. McKowen, Michael Strawser Vice President and Ben Taylor; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kay M. Myers. Mr. Peter Cook brought the meeting to order and lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2015 TAX LEVY – JAIL LEASE RENTAL FUND

Auditor Kay Myers presented the 2015 tax levy for the Jail lease rental fund for approval. Auditor Myers stated the advertised amount is \$800,002.00 with a tax rate of 0.0410%.

**COUNTY OF LAGRANGE
RESOLUTION 2015-02-09**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND TAX RATE FOR THE
LAGRANGE COUNTY JAIL LEASE RENTAL FUND**

WHEREAS, that when the LaGrange County Council adopted its 2015 budgets, tax rates, and tax levies, it erroneously adopted a property tax levy for \$0 for its Jail Lease Rental Fund.

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2015, the LaGrange County Council hereby adopts a property tax levy of \$802,000 and a tax rate of \$0.0410 for its Jail Lease Rental Fund for 2015.

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall become effective upon promulgation according to law.

Mr. Charles Ashcraft motioned to approve; Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion, motion carried. Mr. Mike Strawser motioned to waive seconded reading. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion, motion carried.

PROSECUTOR OFFICE PURCHASE

Prosecutor Greg Kenner presented request to purchase a new vehicle for investigator along with a bullet proof vest and badges for consideration. Prosecutor Kenner request to form a committee to review use of deferral funds. Council members Mike Strawser, George Bachman, and Commissioner Terry Martin will be on the Committee. Prosecutor Kenner suggested using \$20,000.00 of deferral funds for new security system @ courthouse and county building. Prosecutor Kenner stated he would like to keep car for victims assistance advocate to use. Mr. Mike Strawser motioned to approve requests. Mr. Charles Ashcraft seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2015 BUDGET

Mr. Peter Cook informed the Council the budget will need to be reduced by \$363,682.00. Auditor Myers suggested the utilities and canteen services at the jail to be paid out of the CAGIT fund. Mr. Charles Ashcraft motioned to approve the change. Mr. Ben Taylor seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Mike Strawser reported on the liability insurance meeting.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Mr. Peter Cook read the following resolution to transfer funds:

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 2015.

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>COUNTY GENERAL – SHERIFF</u>		
1000-005-03-3018 Building Equipment & Repair	450.00	
1000-005-03-3045 Snow Removal		450.00
1000-005-02-2010 Office Supplies	935.98	
1000-005-04-4010 Equipment		935.98
<u>COUNTY GENERAL - PROSECUTOR</u>		
1000-008-03-3054 Deposition Expense	2,000.00	
1000-008-03-3004 Vehicle Maintenance		2,000.00

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<u>EXTRADITION & SHERIFF'S ASSISTANCE</u>		
1155-000-04-4010 Extradition Equipment	5,000.00	
1155-000-03-3005 Extradition		5,000.00

Mr. Mike Strawser motioned to approve the transfer of funds; Mr. George Bachman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Mike Strawser motioned to approve the January 12, 2015 regular session minutes. Mr. Harold Gingerich seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

LEGAL CLAIMS

Mr. Peter Cook presented the legal claims in the amount of \$7,157.00 for August from Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin. Mr. George Bachman made a motion to approve. Mr. Mike Strawser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNCIL iPADS

Mr. Peter Cook informed the council the iPads are ready for pick up and would like to have a training session with those individuals who are not familiar with them.

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. George Bachman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Charles F. Ashcraft

Michael G. Strawser

George Bachman

Peter Cook

Ben Taylor

Steven E. McKowen

Harold Gingerich

ATTEST:

Kay M. Myers
LaGrange County Auditor