

FEBRUARY 19, 2018

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 19, 2018, 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, Kay M. Myers. Mr. Larry Miller, President, called the meeting to order and led 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.

BRIDGES 31, 33, AND 57

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented contracts for Bridges No. 31, 33 and 57. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the contracts. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BOOTH PROPERTY

Mr. Rex Pranger, County Surveyor, presented a letter that he prepared to be sent to Mr. Print Booth regarding his property. Mr. Dennis Kratz Terry Martin made a motion to approve the letter. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Bob Murphy, Information Technology Director, introduced Ms. Becca Stoop, a Lakeland High school student who interned with him this semester. Ms. Stoop gave a presentation on Informatics, which is a branch of information engineering. It involves the practice of information processing and the engineering of information systems, and as an academic field it is an applied form of information science.

MAINTENANCE – REPAIR OF STEPS

Mr. Gary Mast, Maintenance Director, was present. He presented a quote for the repair of the steps at the County Office Building. K & M Concrete, LLC will tear out the existing steps and replace for \$1,500.00. Mr. Mast has funds in his budget to cover this. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXTENSION – COPY MACHINE

Mr. Steve Engleking, County Extension Director, requested permission to purchase a new copier for the Purdie Extension office. The one they currently are using is 9 years old. The cost is \$10,389.29 and Purdue will cover the cost with the exception of \$3,000.00. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 towards the copier out of the Rainy Day fund. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY- SOFTWARE

Mr. Randy VanWagner, Highway Superintendent, requested to purchase a software program called T-Rax. The program will assist the Highway in tracking assets, inventory, permits, signs, etc. Steuben County has used the program since 2012. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 towards the copier out of the Rainy Day fund. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENGINEER – COUNTY JUSTICE BUILDING

Ms. Sarah Farlow, County Engineer, presented floor plans for the County Justice Center. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the floor plans as part of Phase 1. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION PLATS

The following subdivision plats were presented for approval:

T & L Mullins Subdivision

There is one lot in this subdivision, in VanBuren Township, located at 500' +/- east of the intersection of County Road 600 W and County Road 750 N, on the south side of County Road 750 N. Section 18, Township 38N, Range 9E. The owners are Tim and Lori Mullins. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the plat. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Walnut Grove

There is one lot in this subdivision, in Johnson Township, located at 4640 S 600 E. Section 13, Township 36N, Range 10E. The owners are Stewart and Linda Caldwell. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the plat. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mrs. Kathy Hopper, Chief Deputy Auditor, presented a request for up to 3 weeks of leave for an employee. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Mrs. Kay Myers, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Terry Martin reported on the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste and the LaGrange County Regional Utility District.

Mr. Larry Miller reported on the Plat Committee meeting.

Mr. Dennis Kratz reported on the Stroh Community League.

MINUTES

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the February 5, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the memorandum for the February 14, 2018 meeting. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Weights and Measures – January 16 – February 15, 2018 report

Veteran’s Headstone Project – Thank you letter for support

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Public Comment – proposed air permit, Rock Run Industries, LLC. 087—39468-00072

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:

Kay M. Myers
LaGrange County Auditor