

MARCH 4, 2019

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 4, 2019, 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, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Larry Miller, President, called the meeting to order and led in saying 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.

NUISANCE ISSUE – GENE NEELY 3445 S 1145 E, LAGRANGE, INDIANA

Mr. William Wismer, former Code Enforcement Officer, reported that he has reviewed the nuisance issue of Gene Neely, 3445 S 1145 E, LaGrange, Indiana. The property is not in compliance as of today.

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to reinstate the fines of \$4,200.00 and continue the fines at \$200 per week until the property is in compliance. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Dennis Kratz voting no.

ENGINEERING

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, discussed the permit issues and outlined some of the procedures. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to grant Mr. Terry Martin the power to grant, deny, or postpone any right of way or driveway permit as long as the engineering position remains vacant, including the hiring of any outside engineering assistance if necessary. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to advertise for the position of County Engineer until March 31, 2019. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PLAT COMMITTEE

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to appoint Mr. Randy VanWagner, Highway Superintendent to the Plat Committee. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2019 TAX SALE

Ms. Jamesi Lemon, Treasurer, presented an addendum to the contract with Government Utilities Technology (GUTS) for the 2019 tax sale. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve and authorize the president to sign the addendum. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Mr. Bob Murphy, Information Technology Director, requested permission to purchase three new iPad pros and cases for the County Commissioners in the amount of \$3,876.63; to be paid for out of his budget. The cost for the cellular service will be approximately \$30.00 per month per iPad. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION PLAT

The following subdivision plat was presented for approval:

Vaughn Creek

There are two lots in this subdivision, in Clay Township, located on the northwest corner of County Road 400 W and County Road 200 N, LaGrange. Section 08, Township 37N, Range 9E. The owner is Harley Schrock. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the plat. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the Accounts Payable Vouchers. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

FEBRUARY 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending February 28, 2019, in the amount of \$24,549,425.00 and investments of \$20,754,000.00. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the report. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2019 meeting. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the memorandum for the February 27, 2019 meeting. Mr. Terry Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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COUNTY JUSTICE BUILDING

Mr. Jason Boggs, Building Commissioner, gave an update on the County Justice building. Mr. Terry Martin made a motion to approve the stainless steel / gray electrical receptacles. Mr. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Treasurer – February 2019 report

LaGrange County Weights and Measures – February 16 – March 15 2019 report

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of decision to issue a final permit, permit notice No.: 2019-2C-Final

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, River Woodworking, Registration Administrative Amendment, Permit Number 087-41064-00074

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:

Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor