

**MARCH 2, 2020**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 2, 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. Larry N. Miller, and Mr. Dennis H. Kratz; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Terry A. Martin was absent. Mr. Larry Miller, President, called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Ms. Octavia Yoder, LaGrange County Community Foundation Executive Director, was present. She was present at the last meeting and explained that the LaGrange County Community Foundation (LCCF) would like to support a new county-wide comprehensive plan and will contribute \$100,000 toward the project, through the Lilly Endowment initiative. Most plans cost between \$150,000 to \$250,000. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to issue a letter of support not to exceed \$100,000 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PARK – PURCHASE OF LARIMER PROPERTY**

Mr. Thomas Miller, Park Director, explained that the Park Board is preparing to purchase property on the east side of Cedar Lake. The two appraisers that they would like to have appraise the real estate are Stephanie Young with Caldwell Appraisals, Inc. and Jerry Stanner, Stanner Appraisal Service, Inc. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the appraisers. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PARK – VEHICLES**

Mr. Thomas Miller, Park Director, explained that he received approval to purchase a new truck at the February 17, 2020 meeting. He would like to trade in the 1998 Ford truck and the 20020 Chevrolet truck towards the purchase of the new truck. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the trading of the vehicles. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PARK – REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT**

Mr. Thomas Miller, Park Director, requested permission to apply for a grant from LaGrange County REMC. The grant is for \$3,500 and would be used to eradicate invasive species. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the quote. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PARK – ATWOOD BEACH**

Mr. Thomas Miller, Park Director, explained that the Park Board would like to sell the property known as Atwood Lake Beach. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to move forward with the process of selling the property. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT – REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT**

Dr. Alfredo Garcia, Health Administrator, requested permission to apply for a grant from the Indiana State Department of Health. The grant is for \$25,000 and would be used to purchase items and/or services that will assist to increase immunization rates. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the filing of the grant application. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**SURVEYOR – VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Mr. Zach Holsinger, County Surveyor, presented three quotes for a 2020 pickup truck. The lowest quote is from Max Platt Ford-Lincoln in Kendallville, Indiana, in the amount of \$33,057.53. The truck will be purchased out of the Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation Fund. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the quote from for \$33,057.53. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS**

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

**COUNTY ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the 2019 County Annual Financial Report. Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the February 17, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MEMORANDUM**

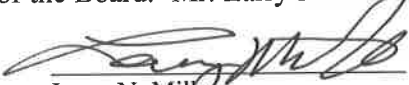
Mr. Dennis Kratz made a motion to approve the memorandum for the February 26, 2020 meeting. Mr. Larry Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Notice of Public Hearing – Scott Pairan, 6875 S 650 W, Shipshewana, Indiana  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Response to Review Request No. 087-42550-00682, Excel  
Furnishings, LLC, 4510 W 200 N, LaGrange, Indiana


**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 and it carried unanimously.

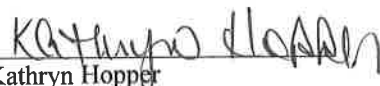
  
Larry N. Miller

Absent

Terry A. Martin

  
Dennis H. Kratz

ATTEST:

  
Kathryn Hopper  
LaGrange County Auditor