

January 21st, 2008

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 3:45 p.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: MINUTES & PAYROLL

Kent Danford moved to approve payroll claims, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes.

Mark Milo moved to approve the January 7th, 2008 minutes seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes.

IN RE: LETTER FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY REGARDING YELLOW RIVER

The Commissioners would like Martin Bedrock, County Attorney, to send a letter to the Senator and State Representative supporting action to stop the Yellow River from diverting into the Kankakee River. Trees and other debris are clogging the river. Mark Milo moved to approve said letter, seconded by Kent Danford, and it passed with three ayes. Martin is going to meet with Mark MacKillop, County Surveyor, regarding this.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

It was mentioned that there are several "sink holes" in 1100 East, between 150 North and 300 North. The commissioners would like Pete Stanojevic, County Highway Superintendent, to check into it.

The commissioners would like Pete to check on "Old U.S. 30" and present an assessment on it.

Al Zabinski reported that there is a house at 5674 South and County Road 210 where the street drains onto a lady's property and floods her house. The commissioners want Pete to check this out.

IN RE: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The committee asked the commissioners to pass a policy that requires all county offices to go through Bob Smith, County Information Technology Coordinator, when they are disposing any equipment that has sensitive information stored in it. This would include computers, back up tapes, etc. Bob will then take whatever measures needed to remove data. Mark Milo moved to approve the policy, seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes. (Policy on file in Auditor's Office)

Bob informed the commissioners that the Emergency 911 recorder was not functioning properly. He had received a quote for \$17,269.52. Bob felt that he could maybe get it \$1,000 cheaper by buying locally, rather than through Embarq. He had four quotes in hand. Two were more than said quote and one was lower. The lower quote did not include maintenance and Bob felt that \$17,269 would cover the job. Mark Milo moved to approve with an additional appropriation request from the E-911 fund. This was seconded by Kent Danford and passed with three ayes.

IN RE: SHERIFF AND JAIL

Oscar Cowen, County Sheriff, requested monies for two patrol cars. He requested \$27,000 for one car to be paid from the Cumulative Capital Development fund and \$27,000 for one to be paid from the County General fund. Kent Danford moved to approve these requests, subject to council approval.

Oscar also requested \$5,000 from the Cumulative Capital Development fund for jail maintenance. The commissioners told him he will need to go to the council requesting a new line item in the Cum Cap fund, to cover this.

IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH

Rich Wiczorek asked the commissioners to do something about the sewer treatment plant at the lake. He said it is a mosquito hatchery. David Singleton, County Sanitarian, said septic company has been unable to get to it due to three dogs and equipment blocking it. Rich suggested they hold a public auction to sell it to scrappers.

Rich told the commissioners that they are being sued by the Conservancy District for nonpayment.

Rich stated that the Bass Lake Steering Committee had requested a "one day a week free entrance" for all Starke County residents. The commissioners said they can not expect someone to do that, if they are leasing the property.

The commissioners requested that the Spiewaks, current Bass Lake Beach lessees, remove the "junk cars" and clean up the property. They also want them to provide a certificate of insurance by Friday. If they do not have the certificate of insurance by the end of the week, the lease will be terminated and they will have 30 days to vacate the premises. Mark Milo made this motion, seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes.

Mark said to file with the state and ask them to take back the beach. No motion was made to this effect.

Someone in the audience said he does not feel the Spiewaks are good business people. He said the NIPSCO was shut off due to lack of payment.

There being no further business to come before the board Mark Milo moved to adjourn, seconded by Kent Danford with three ayes.

Kevin Kroft, President

Kent Danford, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member

Michaelene J Houston, Auditor