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March 15th, 2010

During the joint Council/Commissioner meeting at 5:00 p.m., the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: OWNER OCCUPIED REHABILITATION PROGRAM GRANT

Cathy Miller appeared before the council explaining the grant, and that it requires a 10% county match. The grant maximum is \$250,000, which means the commissioners would be responsible for up to \$25,000.

The Commissioners said they would like to use the Commissioners' EDIT money for the match. Kathy Norem talked about what plans the commissioners have for their portion of the EDIT Funds.

Cathy Miller explained the process to the council, as she did for the commissioners at their meeting on March 1st. County Attorney, Martin Lucas read the ordinance that the commissioners need to approve and submit for the grant. Kathy Norem moved to approve Resolution 2010-05, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with two ayes.

Cathy said she will e-mail more information she has for the commissioners and council.

IN RE: STARKE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The handbook was discussed, and some corrections were made since the draft was sent out. Kathy Norem moved to approve The Starke County Employee Handbook-2010 General Edition, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with two ayes.

There being no further business to come before the board, Judy Benninghoff moved to adjourn.

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with all members present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: PAYROLL AND MINUTES

Kathy Norem moved to approve the 3/06/2010 payroll, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with two ayes.

Kathy Norem moved to approve the 3/1/2010 minutes, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with two ayes.

IN RE: KOONTZ LAKE REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT APPOINTMENT

James Buza resigned from the Koontz Lake Regional Sewer District, and the board recommended Thomas Vild. Dan Bridegroom moved to appoint Thomas Vild, seconded by Kathy Norem, with two ayes.

IN RE: KOONTZ LAKE FIRE TRUCK GRANT

Marty Lucas submitted the status of site control for the Koontz Lake Fire Truck Grant Application.

Edwin Buswell, with KIRPC had Resolution #2010-06, authorizing the grant application for the Koontz Lake Fire Truck. Dan read the resolution. Kathy Norem moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with two ayes.

IN RE: LANDFILL

The commissioners received a letter from Superior Environmental about comments made at the last commissioners' meeting. They noted the receipt.

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The commissioners received a proposal from Weaver Boos Consultants for Landfill Compliance services. (Proposal on file in the Auditor's Office) Their scope of work could be completed for approximately \$4,500. Marty talked to IDEM this weekend and he feels the proposal meets IDEM's requests. Dan said Michael Aylesworth with IDEM said he is willing to work with the county on this. Marty said IDEM has a problem with our "inconsistency". Kathy Norem moved to approve the proposal from Weaver Boos, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with two ayes.

Kathy asked Marty to send a letter to Superior Environmental. She wants the letter to tell them not to do anything else at this time, and if IDEM contacts them to tell IDEM to contact the commissioners.

IN RE: COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Kathy has been in contract with David B Duvall, Historical Architect, with the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology. They will need to let the county know what it will take to preserve the courthouse. Kathy Norem moved to approve them doing an analysis, at no cost to the county, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with two ayes.

IN RE: LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Commissioners asked the Auditor to send a letter to local insurance companies requesting a brief resume stating their qualifications, number of years in business, product lines, number of municipalities they've worked with (with referrals), what types of products they have worked with, and references. The commissioners want this information before March 31st.

IN RE: ASSESSOR'S REQUEST TO USE FLOATER

Rhonda Milner requested to use the floater as she is in the process of becoming compliant with Phase 2. She said she needs her as much as possible from now until the time of certification.

IN RE: HAMLET PROJECT

Edwin Buswell submitted claims for the commissioners to sign, so they can be reimbursed for various expenses for the Hamlet project. He also submitted the quarterly report. Kathy Norem moved to approve the vouchers and reports as presented, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with two ayes.

IN RE: TOTO ROAD

Edwin asked if the county had any issues to discuss with INDOT. The commissioners said they would like to be able to stripe Toto Road, change the county stop signs to be reflective, create rural major collectors, and help with the CR 300 East Project. Edwin said he will check on all of those things.

IN RE: COURTHOUSE STEP BROKEN

Kathy said she talked to Ed Reiss and he said the replacement is ready and he is going to Bedford to pick it up. Then he will begin the repairs.

IN RE: JAIL GRANT

Kathy reported that the county did not get the jail grant, which was supported by Joe Donnelly. The Ways and Means Committee rejected it.

IN RE: COUNTY ROAD 300 EAST PROJECT

The commissioners asked Marty to look into creating a sinking fund for the CR 300 East project. They would like to know what they need to do to create this.

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IN RE: C.A.M.S.

The CAMS grant was denied; making the approximate cost to proceed about \$50,000.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS' E.D.I.T. FUND

The commissioners would like to pare back the use of Commissioner EDIT money, so it can be put back for larger projects. They are going to discuss this with the Highway Department, and let them know what can and cannot be used for the Highway.

IN RE: HOT WATER PROBLEM AT COURTHOUSE

Carl submitted estimates for "on demand" hot water heaters at the courthouse. There would need to be ten total, in the courthouse. Dan suggested starting with one or two, to see how it works, starting with the judge's floor. Kathy Norem moved to approve trying two of the water heaters, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with two ayes.

IN RE: F.M.L.A.

The Commissioners received word that Jim Coldiron will be able to return to work after he gets a DOT physical.

IN RE: MARK MILO'S TRIAL

The commissioners received an impact statement that they were asked to fill out, and include whether or not they will go after remuneration for the backhoe.

IN RE: AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT PROJECT/NORTH JUDSON MONTEREY TRAIL

Walsh & Kelly Inc. was apparently the lowest bidder for the North Judson Monterey Trail. Kathy Norem moved to accept the contract for 6 ¼ miles from 100 West to US Highway 35 on the former line of the Erie & JK Line. Dan Bridegroom seconded the motion, and it passed with two ayes.

The commissioners discussed crushing down stone and old railroad ballast from the right of way on the North Judson Monterey Trail. The county will remove it per a partnering agreement with the Hoosier Valley Rail Museum. They will equally share the crushed stone between them. A memorandum agreement is on file in the Auditor's Office. The commissioners tabled their decision until they have a chance to check this out more thoroughly.

IN RE: EMPLOYEE KEY

Kathy Norem moved to approve a key for Kasey Clark, Deputy Treasurer. Dan Bridegroom seconded the motion, and it passed with two ayes.

IN RE: TAX SALE

The commissioners signed the SRI Inc. agreement.

IN RE: MAP TRADING AGREEMENT

Kathy Norem moved to approve the Map Trading Agreement for GIS, with First American, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with two ayes.

IN RE: SERVER

The commissioners want to discuss the server proposals with Bob, so they decided not to act on it at this time.

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IN RE: ENERGY GRANTS

Kathy is going to a meeting Wednesday on this. The county is entering round two.

IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH

The commissioners want a letter sent to Mr Callahan asking that upon his return he come to a meeting to discuss his plans for the new season at the Bass Lake Beach and Campground.

IN RE: VETERANS

Terry Turner told the commissioners that there are three or four veterans who are not on the monument of Starke County residents who died in Viet Nam. Dan sent a letter to Joe Donnelly asking what we could do to get them on there. Mary Lucas said we need to find out who owns it, as it is on public grounds. The commissioners plan to work on this.

There being no further business to come before the board, Kathy Norem moved to adjourn.

Dan Bridegroom, President

Kathy Norem, Vice President

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Michaelene J Houston, Auditor