

April 7th, 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: ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUND REPORT

Kent Danford moved to approve the report, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes. (On file in the Auditor's Office)

IN RE: EXTENSION CONTRACT WITH PURDUE FOR EDUCATORS

Kent Danford moved to approve the contract, seconded by Mark Milo with three ayes. (On file in the Auditor's Office)

IN RE: CLAIMS, PAYROLL & MINUTES

Kent Danford moved to approve the March 18th minutes, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes.

Kent Danford moved to approve the March 28th payroll, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes.

Mark Milo moved to approve the April 7th claims, seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes.

IN RE: E.M.S./ E.M.A.

Mary Lynn Ritchie reported the write offs for the elderly were \$1,444.82. Kent Danford moved to approve, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes. Kent Danford moved to approve the deceased, no insurance or co pays write offs in the amount of \$2,446.65. Mark Milo seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

She also reported they received \$517.97 from small claims and \$352.41 from collections.

Due to the rain and flooding, EMA will be keeping the roads at a level 3.

Randy submitted bids he received for a new ambulance. The bids are:

1. Marque \$98,238.00
2. Wheel Coach \$105,200.00

He also received a proposal of \$60,000 if a decision is made to do a remount instead of buying a new vehicle. Mark Milo moved to take all of this information under advisement, seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes. After more discussion, Mark Milo moved to approve the remount, seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

John Norris, Interim Superintendent, reported the trucks were parked on the 1st of April and no truck drivers or mechanics are permitted to drive the county vehicles home. It was discussed that if a highway employee gets called out on Highway business after hours, they will use their own vehicle, and possibly be paid the going mileage for doing so. No decision was made at this time.

There are still eight roads closed, due to flooding. John reported that the pug mill is coming along as expected. He also reported they are patching roads.

John checked Mrs. Bailey's drain. The commissioners are going to have the county attorney look into it, but they are sure you can't block someone's drainage.

The finances of the Highway Department's fund were discussed at length.
IN RE: CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Annette Ohman submitted, and Ruth Matsey read the proclamation. Mark Milo moved to approve and proclaim April, Child Abuse Prevention Month. Kent Danford seconded the motion, and it passed with three ayes.

IN RE: PROSECUTOR

Julianne Havens, Prosecuting Attorney, explained the Bad Check Ordinance and the purpose of it. The ordinance will be advertised in the Pilot legal section, Thursday, April 10th. The commissioners will vote on this at the next meeting.

Julianne also requested an upgrade to the prosecutor's telephone system. The upgrade would be \$6,600.00. The commissioners would like this advertised out of three funds, Cumulative Capital Projects, E-911, and County General. It will be decided later where to pay this from. Kent Danford moved to approve, seconded by mark Milo, with three ayes.

IN RE: COUNTY ASSESSOR

Rhonda Milner, County Assessor, explained what she knew about HB 1001, which is new legislation effective July 1, 2008. The Township Assessors' office duties will be transferred to the County Assessor.

She also reported that reassessment will start July 1st, 2009.

IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH

Rich Wieczorek appeared with Richard Callahan, of Callahan Company LLC. They went through the lease. He said they are going to start work on the sewer and water. They would like permission to do some work on the beach area but the permit is expired. Mark Mac Killop, County Surveyor, said they would have to re-apply for a new permit. Mr. Callahan will have his attorney look over the lease. If their attorney wants changes made, the commissioners want them to be taken to the County Attorney.

Rich reported that David Singleton, County Sanitarian, took samples of the water and sent them to the state. The commissioners want proposals for the removal of the old abandoned sewer treatment plant.

IN RE: COURTHOUSE LAWN

Carl Goodrich, Courthouse Custodian, submitted four proposals for a new lawn tractor. (On file in Auditor's Office). The commissioners want Carl to determine where he gets the best service. Mark Milo moved to have Carl research and give the commissioners his ideas at the next meeting. Kent Danford moved to advertise the amount of the highest proposal out of Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Mark Milo seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

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

Kevin Kroft, President

Kent Danford, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member

Michaelene J Houston, Auditor