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April 19, 2010

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:

Dan Bridegroom called the meeting to order and welcomed Commissioner Davis to her first regular meeting.

IN RE: PAYROLL CLAIMS

Kathy Norem moved to approve the 4-3-10 payroll of \$161,929.98 seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 2 ayes 1 nay (JD's first meeting and had not reviewed).

IN RE: MINUTES

Kathy Norem moved to approve the March 25, March 31 and April 5, 2010, minutes seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 2 ayes 1 abstaining (JD as she wasn't a commissioner at the time of these meetings).

IN RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS

Kathy Norem moved to approve the annual report of the Congressional School Funds for submission to the state seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH & CAMPGROUNDS

Richard Callahan submitted a request to add his son Brian Callahan to the lease for the Bass Lake Beach and Campgrounds. County Attorney Martin Lucas didn't feel that was necessary as the lease is in the name of their company and since Brian is a part of the company he would already be on the lease. But he did suggest they check with their attorney as well.

Dan Bridegroom asked Mr. Callahan what was going to be done to correct the state violations at the beach and campgrounds. Mr. Callahan stated that he is working with the state to correct the problems. Martin Lucas said he would like to see in writing from the state the results of the next inspection.

Mr. Callahan hired Lee Nagai, an engineer who has been approved by the state, to plan the changes and repairs.

Dan Bridegroom stated that the commissioners are adamant about no camping on the beach side without state approval of the plans and commissioners' approval. Martin Lucas wants a "certified" copy of the plan.

IN RE: ARROWHEAD CLAIM VOUCHER

Kathy Norem moved to approve the claim of \$500 to Arrowhead that was being held awaiting information from Arrowhead (which has been received) seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 3 ayes.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT TO ARROWHEAD BOARD

Kathy Norem moved to appoint Jennifer Davis to the Arrowhead Board seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 3 ayes.

IN RE: FIRST RESPONDER CERTIFICATION AND PROTOCOLS

Kris Rannells and Charlie Collins submitted a contract for first responder training. This would be a two year certification. Kathy Norem moved to approve the First Responder Class contract seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

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Kris presented a list of the protocols that they came up with to present to the committee for approval.

IN RE: CLAIM FOR PRINTING AND MAILING TAX STATEMENTS

Kathy Norem moved to approve the \$3,518 payment to Proforma for printing and mailing the tax statements pending finding out why the Treasurer or the company can't let us know sooner—not at the last minute. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS' DAY

Kathy Norem moved to allow the offices to close for 1 ½ hours for lunch on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 in order to allow the office holders to take their employees to lunch for Administrative Assistants' Day seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes. The Auditor had meetings in Kokomo on Wednesday and the commissioners told her she could take her employees on Thursday.

IN RE: COURTHOUSE OUTSIDE STEP REPAIRS

Ed Reiss who is working on the outside stairs at the courthouse is afraid there is a liability issue if the stairs are put in without a rail. Kathy Norem feels it is a greater liability the way it is now and the insurance agent agrees with Kathy. Martin Lucas, County Attorney, will check this out and get back with the commissioners on whether or not all four sides of the courthouse require handrails. The courthouse is on the historic registry and there weren't handrails before. Kathy Norem moved to approve fixing the step on Monday and to do the rail later seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes and pending Martin Lucas' opinion.

A proposal and sketch was submitted by Jim Shilling to Kathy Norem for free standing steel hand rails on three sides of the courthouse at a cost of \$2500.

Kathy Norem moved to pursue getting firm quotes for three handrails for the courthouse seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

IN RE: ON DEMAND HOT WATER HEATERS FOR COURTHOUSE

There is a proposal to install 3 on demand hot water heaters on the third floor of the courthouse in the amount of \$437.26 and a cost of \$398 each for the 3 hot water heaters. Kathy Norem moved to approve the heaters and installation out of Cum. Capital Development seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

IN RE: VIOLATION OF COUNTY BURN ORDINANCE

Patrick Boyle, 1580 W. Toto Rd., North Judson appeared before the commissioners regarding a violation of the burn ordinance. Kathy Norem informed them that the Solid Waste office has called the state and reported their neighbors for burning tires. Kathy also took our burn ordinance to the sheriff and reported the issues with illegal burning and told Oscar to issue citations if they are called for. She is also giving copies to both the city and county judges and asking them to fine those ignoring the ordinance.

Jennifer Davis told the Boyles that if they are harassed regarding this that they should file a complaint with the Prosecutor. Kathy also suggested that they call the fire department if the ordinance is ignored again and to bill the perpetrator.

IN RE: ENGINEERING FIRM

Mike Strang with Bonar Group attended the meeting in order to meet the new commissioner, Jennifer Davis.

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Clyde and Sara Haniford thanked the commissioners on behalf of themselves and the Bass Lake Property Owners. They further stated that they appreciate what the Callahans have done at the beach and campgrounds other than the camping in front of their house and are glad that this will change.

IN RE: VETERANS' MEMORIAL

Terry Turner stated that he believes the V.F.W. put in the memorial at the courthouse and he thinks it needs three more names added. Terry doesn't know who would pay to place the additional names on the monument.

IN RE: COUNTY BRIDGE REPORT FROM I.N.D.O.T.

The bridge report for the highway was received from I.N.D.O.T., LaPorte District. We were approved for \$743,600 for bridge #156. On April 28th, Dan Bridegroom is going to Indianapolis to see if the state awards us the money.

IN RE: FENCE ON COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY

It was suspected that John Belork's fence was on county right of way. Steve Siddall, County Highway Superintendent, checked this out and the fence is in our right of way. The commissioners want him to move the fence. Martin Lucas is to send him a letter and if he doesn't move it, the county will remove it.

IN RE: STRIPING OF TOTO ROAD

County Highway Superintendent, Steve Siddall, got one bid for striping Toto Road. The cost is \$22,890.68 (\$47,000+ for thermoplastic). This would need to be maintained every 2 or 3 years. Then when the road is chip sealed it would need to be striped again. Just a middle of the road stripe would be between \$10,000 and \$11,000.

IN RE: STARKE COUNTY LANDFILL

The commissioners are in receipt of a preliminary study on the Starke County Landfill from Weaver & Boos.

IN RE: STELREMA/GETTIG PROPERTY

Charlie Weaver called and told Dan Bridegroom about the ongoing bankruptcy with Stelrema/Gettig and that the form needed to file is in the Treasurer's Office. Martin Lucas, County Attorney, will see about getting the paperwork from the Treasurer.

IN RE: COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

Chuck Estok had complained to the Auditor's office that his married daughter could not be removed from his county health insurance. Dan Bridegroom called and found out that per a ruling in July of 2007, a married child can remain on your insurance until they are 24 and as of September of this year the age will be 26. Therefore, Chuck's daughter will remain on the county's health insurance.

IN RE: LAWN REPAIRS

The commissioners received a letter from Rayburns commending Louis Sommerfield's repairs on their lawn due to snowplow damage.

With no further business to come before the board Jennifer Davis moved to adjourn seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

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Kathy Norem, Vice President

Jennifer Davis

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and
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