

ATTN: THIS IS A DRAFT--NOT YET APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS

May 8th, 2009

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in special session at 12:00 p.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Mark Milo absent, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: FEDERAL FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY BRIDGES

Steve Siddall, Starke County Highway Superintendent, reported that applications for federal funding can be made by May 21st, 2009 for five bridges, and submission is free.

There are only three bridges in Starke County that meet the criteria. Those bridges are Bridge 126 (Range Road), Bridge 36 (25 North), and Bridge 50 (1150 East).

After the first phase is done, the county may apply for two more bridges in the fall.

Kathy Norem moved to ask Butler, Fairman & Seufert to submit an application to INDOT for the federal bridge project, by May 21st, 2009. Dan Bridegroom seconded the motion and it passed with two ayes. Steve said he will contact Ken Minett with BF&S immediately following the meeting, and let the commissioners know his response.

IN RE: MARSHALL/STARKE COUNTY LINE ROAD

Kathy was contacted about a problem on the county line road, and consulted Martin Lucas about it. KRPC does not have funds to assist the complainant, but Kathy found information online regarding help through USDA for 75% funding and 25% due by the landowner. Landowners must make application at the USDA office with a county commissioner as a sponsor. Kathy said she will present this at a future commissioners meeting. Sponsorship does not include any financial help from the county.

IN RE: RAILS FOR TRAILS

Dan Bridegroom stated that they need to sign sponsorship papers for the Rails to Trails Project. The commissioners need to sign as sponsors, with no financial obligation. Kathy Norem made a motion for the commissioners to sign as sponsors, with Dan Bridegroom as a central contact. Dan Bridegroom seconded the motion, and it passed with two ayes.

There being no further business to come before the board Kathy Norem moved to adjourn, seconded by Dan Bridegroom with two ayes.

Dan Bridegroom, President

Kathy Norem, Vice President

ABSENT

Mark Milo, Member

Dona Hoban, Auditor Pro Tem