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May 17, 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:

IN RE: MINUTES

The minutes for the May 3rd meeting needed some corrections so were not approved at this time.

Kathy Norem moved to approve the May 10, 2010, minutes seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 2 ayes (1 abstaining JD as she was not there).

IN RE: PAYROLL CLAIMS

Kathy Norem moved to approve the payroll claims for pay ending 5-1-10 seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

IN RE: E.M.S.

Lisa Burger, E.M.S. Director, received three quotes for repairs needed to the E.M.S. bases at Grovertown and North Judson. The commissioners discussed the pros and cons of all three quotes.

Kathy Norem moved to accept the quote from Doug Allen Concrete and Construction as the lowest and most responsible quote at \$13,800 seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

IN RE: G.A.S.B. 34

We received the contract from Mike Nielsen for the 2010 fixed asset report required by the G.A.S.B. 34 law. Kathy Norem moved to approve seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

IN RE: G.I.S. DATA SHARING

We received a request from Pitney Bowes Software, Inc. for G.I.S. Data Sharing. Kathy Norem moved to approve seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

IN RE: HAZARDOUS "SHARPS" DISPOSAL FOR HEALTH DEPT.

Frank Lynch, County Health Nurse, submitted a contract with American Medical Waste Professionals, LLC. This is for disposal of the medical waste at the health department such as used needles. A 4.5 cubic foot box with red bag liner would be approximately \$40 with a 3 box minimum. A fuel surcharge will be assessed when diesel reaches \$3.50 a gallon. Kathy Norem moved to approve the contract seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

Frank is looking at the possibility in the future of providing a community drop for medical waste for a small fee to help defray the cost as "community" pickup is more expensive.

IN RE: COUNTY ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

As Jennifer Davis is the commissioners' representative to K.I.R.P.C., Kathy Norem asked her to check with K.I.R.P.C. about codifying our ordinances and resolutions.

IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH AND CAMPGROUNDS

Lee Nagai brought in the plans for the Bass Lake Beach project for the commissioners to see as the commissioners wanted to be kept informed as to what was going on. Lee thinks that if this is approved by the Indiana State Department of Health, the project would be completed by July 4th. There was discussion regarding where the six sites were going to be and the possible negotiations on the plans.

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The commissioners want to contact Dave Singleton to see if Callahans are doing the required water samples.

IN RE: PIER AT KOONTZ LAKE

Dan Bridegroom stated that the closest he can come to anyone owning the problem pier at Koontz Lake is that it is someone somewhere in Chicago. No one around the area claims to own it and it is on the county's right of way. It was suggest to post a sign that anyone claiming the pier should contact the commissioners within so many days or the pier will be removed. Dan said that the pier is not usable. The neighbor offered to remove and dispose of the pier. The commissioners agreed to let him remove it.

IN RE: TOTO ROAD STRIPING

As soon as weather permits, they will be doing the measuring for the center striping for Toto Road.

IN RE: C.R. 300E PROJECT

Kathy Norem asked about having a meeting on the CR 300E Project to decide what we are going to do about it. She wants the three commissioners and Charlie Weaver, Economic Development Foundation Director, to sit down and go over everything step by step.

IN RE: RAILROAD BALLAST TO BE USED AT HIGHWAY

Martin Lucas, County Attorney, had checked with the State Board of Accounts at the commissioners' request about the legality of using railroad ballast from the abandoned railroad at the Highway Dept. The state said it was a unique opportunity to save the taxpayers money.

IN RE: COUNTY PHONE ANSWERING SYSTEM

There was discussion about complaints from people who were calling the offices and only getting the answering system. The Auditor explained that for the last 2-3 weeks, since the tax statements went out, the lines of customers have been out the door in the Auditor's and Treasurer's offices and it has been impossible to answer phones. The Auditor stated, that in her office the girls were staying after hours to return phone calls IF a message was left leaving a phone number. Most were hang-ups and there is nothing we can do if the caller ID is blocked as some were.

The commissioners also discussed shortening the phone greetings on the answering system as they are too long and drawn out.

IN RE: INVALIDATED TAX SALE PROPERTY

Martin Lucas, County Attorney, informed the commissioners that there was a court order invalidating the sale of a property on tax sale that occurred several years ago and the prior owner had already claimed the substantial surplus which is allowable by law. Martin wanted the commissioners to know he is working on this.

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

Dan Bridegroom, President

Kathy Norem, Vice President

Jennifer Davis

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and
Secretary to the Commissioners