

**MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in Regular Session at 6:00PM in the Annex Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Kathy Norem, Donald Binkley, and Charlie Chesak present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner President Don Binkley at 6:22PM due to the lateness of the Starke County Council meeting.

**REPORT BY COMMISSIONER NOREM**

Commissioner Norem advised she had Office Hours that day and had met with Maintenance Director Jim Coad. She stated he had presented a price quote from Simplex in regard to a fire department connection assembly in the Annex 2 Building. She said Simplex had discovered this during the inspection they had performed on that building. She also noted that Director Coad had the 5 Year Inspection Contract approved with a price of \$2,000.00 but she noted he was able to negotiate with Simplex down to a price of \$1,300.00 for the inspections. Commissioner Norem stated the price of the repair would be \$2,225.00. Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the price quote. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem then stated Director Coad had spoken to Knox City Clerk Jeff Houston in regard to doing the curb work in front of the Annex 2 Building. He stated he was told by Mr. Houston was that the City is only working on sidewalk 50/50 projects this year. Director Coad advised he will ask for price quotes from private individuals for the curb work in case the Board would want the work to be completed this year. She also advised in regard to the repair work in the Auditor's Office due to the sprinkler system leaking, there is money left since the cost was less than expected. She stated the carpeting in the Surveyor and Auditor's private offices will also get the new carpeting.

Commissioner Norem noted that Director Coad has not been able to contact Tennis Reiss in regard to the fencing around the air conditioning exterior unit at the County Courthouse. She stated he had received a price quote from Tim Miller but noted he was two months behind in his schedule. She stated Mr. Coad will get another price quote and will present the quotes at the next Commissioner meeting.

**SCEDF MONTHLY REPORT**

Starke County Economic Development Foundation Director Larry Wickert appeared before the Board and presented to the Board his monthly written report. He then advised the Board he hoped the County would be interested in participating in the Stellar Community Program. He advised it would apply also to unincorporated areas such as San Pierre, Bass Lake and Koontz Lake. He stated that this program helps an entity make plans that could possibly qualify for grants.

**AUDITOR'S BUSINESS: MINUTES, VENDOR CLAIMS DOCKET, PAYROLL DOCKET**

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the Payroll Claims Docket for the pay period ending on May 5, 2018 with a pay date of May 11, 2018 in the total gross amount of \$241,740.39. Commissioner Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Binkley had a question in regard to the Vendor Claims Docket. He asked why there was a check made payable to the Treasurer from the EMS Department. Auditor Chaffins advised the check is payable to the Treasurer but is receipted to the Highway Department for the amount of labor on equipment belonging to the EMS Department. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the Vendor Claims Docket in the total gross amount of \$405,424.15. Commissioner Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS**

The form of the Request for Keys of County Employee Juliana Budd, IT Assistant, was signed by Commissioner Don Binkley.

The 2018 Covered Bridge Certification was presented to the Board for approval. Starke County is reporting zero covered bridges. The report is required by the State and is due by June 30, 2018. Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the certification. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. All three Board members signed the Certification.

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the agreement with Peterson Consulting Services in regard to their reporting the Starke County Capital Assets for 2018. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The total cost of the agreement is \$2,200.00.

Sheriff Bill Dulin appeared before the Board. He advised he was appearing to talk about the CAD System and the possibility of the division of the cost to County entities that benefit from the service. He noted the costs of the CAD System would be based on the percentage of call that entity receives from dispatch. He stated he would like to have a Commissioner present at the meetings. Commissioner Norem advised she believes it should be the Commissioners asking and not the Sheriff. There was a brief discussion about the fire departments and area police departments using our IT Department for such problems as with their mobile radios. Commissioner Norem suggested the IT Department be notified that he needs to contact the Sheriff when he hears from a fire department or a town. She also noted that the Probation Department may be able to contribute some of their grant money that could be used for the cost of a new CAD System. The Sheriff stated he would like to meet with the President of the Council, the Knox Mayor, a representative from the North Judson and Hamlet administrations. But he would like to meet together first with a Commissioner, IT Director, Richard Franks, and County Attorney Marty Lucas. They scheduled the first meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6PM at the Jail Conference Room.

Commissioner Binkley inquired if the Sheriff was able to check into another CAD supplier. The Sheriff said he had but was not impressed with their system. Commissioner Binkley reminded him he will need another price quote for the County Council.

Commissioner Norem reminded Attorney Lucas that a Redevelopment Committee Meeting needs to take place this year and she also stated there will be a Building Corporation Meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kenny Wallace inquired in regard to the condition at the Bass Lake Beach and talked about the condition of the Beach.

Anita Goodan, of WKVI, stated she supports Starke County becoming involved in the Regional Stellar Program. She advised she is aware that Marshall County is involved in that program this year and she noted that is a valid program.

There being no public comment and no further business, Commissioner Norem made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:54PM.

**May 21, 2018**

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Donald Binkley, President

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Kathryn Norem, Vice President

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Charles Chesak

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Katherine Chaffins, County Auditor  
& Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners