

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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: PAYROLL**

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

**IN RE: KEY FOR EMPLOYEE**

Kent Danford moved to approve a key for Carolyn Hildebrandt, who works in the Starke County Extension Office. Mark Milo seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

**IN RE: E.M.S.**

The new contract with Able Disposal, for garbage pickup at the Knox Base, is \$3,960. The commissioners requested quotes from Key Waste and Richard's Disposal.

Mark Milo moved to approve the write off in the amount of \$1,293.10. Kent Danford seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

They received \$1,143.67 in collections and \$267.80 & \$182.61 in small claims.

Randy Abbey, EMS director, requested an executive session for Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4PM.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

John Norris, Interim Highway Superintendent, told the commissioners that the pug mill is ready to go.

He reported how much salt would be needed for 2009, estimating 600 tons.

John reported that the water has risen back up on Toto Rd and that they have actually put “High Water” signs on three roads, again.

John is to find out what the surcharges are for setting.

Paul Zieba was in the drainage board earlier and then came before the commissioners to report problems on his property. Chuck Hinshaw filled in the roadside ditch and it is now causing problems on Paul’s property. The commissioners gave him three options including creating a regulated drain, contacting the highway superintendent, and working with his neighbors to fix the problem.

### **IN RE: BASS LAKE**

Mark Milo moved to approve resubmitting a DNR permit for Bass Lake for approval, seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes. The permit they are resubmitting is to reclaim the sand from the lake in order to restore the beach.

David Singleton, County Sanitarian, reported that the treatment plant is gone. It has been leveled down and scrapped out. He said they left the main drain to the ditch in tact.

David also reported there is some kind of algae caused from a severe weed kill in Bass Lake. It is causing an excess of iron in the lake. It needs to be cleaned up all around the lake.

### **IN RE: 300 EAST PROJECT**

Kent Danford moved to approve accepting the draft for the 300 East Project. Mark Milo seconded the motion, and it passed with three ayes.

The project requires two phases for the grant.

There was an application and letters of support submitted.

### **IN RE: I.T. DIRECTOR GOING FULL TIME**

Mark Milo moved to approve the IT director position full time request to go before the council. Kent Danford seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

### **IN RE: NEW EMBARQ CONTRACT**

Bob Smith, IT Director, presented the commissioners with a new Embarq Contract. The new plan will save the county approximately \$150 per month. Mark Milo moved to approve the three-year contract, seconded by Kent Danford with three ayes.

#### **IN RE: ROADSIDE GUARDRAIL REQUEST**

Don Allen appeared before the commissioners with a letter that he had previously sent them. He would like a metal guardrail put up in front of his home on County Road 1150 East. He said people keep hitting his fence. The commissioners told him they could not do that because they would then become liable. They told Mr. Allen that he could do something to protect his fence such as putting in telephone poles, blocks, etc. The commissioners have already had signs posted.

#### **IN RE: FLOATER POSITION STATE CERTIFICATION**

Rhonda Milner, County Assessor, requested the County Floater be certified for assessing. Due to HB1001, she feels the floater needs to be certified. Mark Milo moved to approve, Kent Danford seconded and it passed with three ayes.

#### **IN RE: KIRPC**

Edwin Buswell, with KIRPC appeared before the commissioners regarding a grant for Starke United for construction in order to renovate their building (the old post office.) Mark Milo moved to approve, contingent on Washington Twp.'s grant request, seconded by Kent Danford with three ayes.

Edwin said the state was beginning to wonder about the Sysco grant.

#### **IN RE: TAX SALES**

Glen Luedtke with SRI came before the commissioners with an update of the certified property list of county owned property. He would like to have a Commissioners' Sale & Certificate Sale combined on January 28<sup>th</sup>. There will need to be a public hearing in December. At the first commissioners' meeting in December 2008, they can set a minimum bid price.

#### **IN RE: KRIVIC ROAD**

Nick Amelio brought pictures to show that the road is now all mud and wanted to show the commissioners that the road needs work and this is the opportune time to do it.

**IN RE: OLD GAS STATION ON HWY. 421**

David Singleton reported that he had been in touch with the owner of the old falling down gas station on 421. The owner has guaranteed it will be down within a month.

**IN RE: N.I.P.S.C.O. DAMAGES**

There was a \$1200 claim due to damages done from a road being marked wrong by NIPSCO. They are now saying that it was not marked wrong and they want the county to pay the \$1200. The commissioners want the county attorney to see how much they would settle for.

**IN RE: MAIL**

The commissioners were in receipt of a letter from the DNR regarding a National Flood Insurance Program. They gave the letter to Martin Bedrock, County Attorney, to see what they need to do.

There was a letter received by the Prosecutor wanting the county to test the jail building for asbestos and mark the locations where it is found. Kent Danford is looking into this.

**IN RE: PART TIME HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE**

Mark Milo stated that we had a part time highway employee who is a mower that he had heard lost his license due to a D.U.I. and was seen driving a county truck. The commissioners are going to look into this.

**IN RE: CLAIMS**

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

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, the commissioners recessed until Wednesday, immediately following the scheduled executive session.

**June 4, 2008**

The executive session was cancelled. Kevin Kroft called the regular meeting back to order.

**IN RE: STARKE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Mark Milo moved to approve payment of the \$7,000 in the 2008 budget for the Starke County Community Services seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

**IN RE: FLOOD PLAIN DEFICIENCY**

County Attorney, Martin Bedrock, did not have time to find out anything regarding the flood plain deficiency.

**IN RE: ALLEGED ASBESTOS AT THE STARKE COUNTY JAIL**

Kent Danford was going to check with the gentleman about the alleged asbestos at the jail and what they wanted the county to do, but Kent was unable to get hold of him.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

Mark Milo had heard that a part time highway mower did not have a license and that he had driven one of the county trucks. He came to the meeting and stated that he had a couple of minor traffic infractions and that he has had no DUIs. He also stated that the only time he ever drove a county vehicle was when he moved one on county property during environmental day and never left county property. He submitted a print out of his driving record for the board to review.

John Norris, Interim Highway Superintendent, wanted to know if he could buy oil to make pug. It takes 22,500 gallons for a mile of road at \$1.361 (\$30,662.50). Kent Danford moved to use what stone is on the ground at the garage to mix into the pug up to 9 miles seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

Mark Milo moved to purchase two miles of wedging stone (#9s) seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

There being no further business to come before the board, Kent Danford moved to adjourn seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

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April 21, 2003

Kevin Kroft, President Kent Danford, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member Michaelene J Houston, Auditor