

**STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in Special Session at 9:00 AM, in person at the Starke County Annex Building, Knox, Indiana, with Charles Chesak, Bryan Cavender, and Mark Gourley present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner President Charles Chesak directly at 9:00 AM.

**INTERVIEW FOR SUPERINTENDENT**

An interview was conducted by the Board of Commissioners with candidate Karl Swihart.

**AUDITOR BUSINESS**

Commissioner Gourley made a motion to approve the claim pay out to GIE in the amount of \$175,000.00. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**EMA POSITION STATUS**

Auditor Oesterreich advised the Board of Commissioners that currently we are not in compliant with ADA standards. To be fully compliant we would need the following items along with a trained ADA Coordinator: submit an updated goals & accomplishments report for Starke County's existing Title VI Implementation Plan. The last update INDOT has received was in 2018 when the plan was adopted. Develop and implement the self-evaluation portion of Starke County's ADA Transition Plan. This is understandably a time-consuming process and a hurdle for communities made more difficult due to Coronavirus, but every community needs to have this in place. Keep coordinator information updated, public, and disseminate relevant information to the County's constituents (via website, newsletters, papers, etc. Stay in contact with INDOT's compliance liaisons and your district liaisons. The more information and lines of communication an LPA has with INDOT Compliance, the easier it is to justify that a community's good faith effort to comply with requirements while deficiencies remain is in fact legitimate. Auditor Oesterreich advised that the Board of Commissioners need to appoint an individual to begin this process. Commissioner Chesak asked if the additional funding would be added to the EMA budget. Commissioner Gourley advised the council will not be approving additional funding they are just looking to expand the position from part time to full time with these added duties. After further discussion Commissioner Gourley made a motion to appoint the EMA Director as the ADA Coordinator and to upgrade her job description to full time. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Gourley made a motion to recess for 20 minutes. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**INTERVIEW FOR SUPERINTENDENT**

An interview was conducted by the Board of Commissioners with candidate Daniel Dipert.

The Board decided they will continue their discussions regarding the candidates interviewed by email and will choose the next Superintendent during their next meeting on June 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

With there being no further public comments and no further business, Commissioner Gourley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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Charlie Chesak, President

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Bryan Cavender, Vice-President

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Mark Gourley, Member

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Rachel Oesterreich, County Auditor  
& Secretary to the Bo