

**August 4<sup>th</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: MINUTES, CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

Kent Danford moved to approve the July 21<sup>st</sup> minutes, seconded by Mark Milo with three ayes.

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

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

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

Mary Lynn Ritchie, with EMS, submitted the write offs for the elderly in the amount of \$1,149.12. Mark Milo moved to approve the write offs, seconded by Kent Danford with three ayes.

They received three checks from the clerk, \$72, \$59.40 & \$65. A check was also received from Ohara for \$172.

Randy Abbey, EMS/EMA Director, submitted a letter for The Region 14 Public Safety Communication Plan of the FCC. Mark Milo moved to approve the letter, seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes.

Randy spoke to the commissioners about an employee on FMLA. She has gone past her 12 weeks and has not contacted Randy.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

John Norris, Interim Highway Superintendent, submitted the FEMA report, reported on oil prices and availability, and roadwork.

John received a request for a speed limit sign on CR 1000 E of 10 MPH. He reported that the counter is down. The commissioners said they normally get a count done before changing the speed limit, but they do feel that 45 MPH would be warranted. Kent Danford moved to approve the sign at 45 miles per hour, seconded by Mark Milo with three ayes.

A pin wore out on the Tiger Mower. They are going to try to weld it. To replace the part, it would be \$711 and \$106 for the cylinder. John said he received a proposal from Northern Equipment but no other company got back to him with a proposal. He stated he needs three more tractor tires for the mowers and the commissioners told him to get them.

John submitted the ad requesting quotes for supplies, etc. Carl Goodrich was the only department head that submitted his list to the highway.

Kent told John we need to fix County Road 210 where it is washing out.

The commissioners discussed the road stone at \$35 a ton versus stone that Mark Milo sells at \$7.50 a ton. The commissioners want to save money and stated that if legal counsel has no problem with it, and Mark files a conflict of interest, they will approve the cheaper stone.

**IN RE: FINANCIAL COVERAGE FOR LANDFILL**

Sammy Sirhan with Superior Environmental appeared before the commissioners regarding financial coverage for the landfill. If there is methane there, they have to be more precise and send more samples to the lab. The approximate cost of the clearing would be \$100,000-\$300,000. Mark Milo moved to proceed with the testing, Kent Danford seconded

with three ayes. They want him to sit down with John Norris and discuss what the highway employees can do to help with this. A landfill cap needs set and they also need to discuss the possible methane.

#### **IN RE: UNSAFE BUILDINGS COMPLAINT**

Pastor Allen appeared before the commissioners and was upset about an article that was in the paper stating that his church building is unsafe. He asked why he wasn't contacted about this. He said he had two engineers check out their church construction and they both told them that the construction was fine as it was. The commissioners stated they did not incite this and they would pass it to the Planning Commission. They also suggested that he write a letter to the editor with his side.

#### **IN RE: COURTHOUSE AND ANNEX PHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE**

Bob Smith, IT Director, said that Embarq had misquoted the contract and it would cost quite a bit more than what was expected. He said he feels the benefits are not worth the \$22,000.

#### **IN RE: PROSECUTOR'S COPY MACHINE**

Kent Danford moved to take the Prosecutor's old copy machine from storage and give it to the highway department as theirs no longer works. Mark Milo seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

#### **IN RE: BASS LAKE PUBLIC ACCESS SITE**

Dee Dee Francis and Roberta Bartek appeared before the commissioners stating that they own property at Bass Lake and would like to inquire about the public access site by the old state park. They have people mooring their boats there and in front of their property blocking their dock. They asked the people to leave and they were "drunk and abusive." The commissioners explained the county's policy that a boat can be there but a pier cannot. None of the public accesses are designated per se as a boat launch.

#### **IN RE: WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION DOCTOR**

The Commissioners would like Dona Hoban, Deputy Auditor, to call and find another doctor to handle workman's compensation because the current doctor is only open a few days a week for the summer.

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

Leon Kipp returned to the commissioners complaining that the county attorney had not rendered an opinion in the 4-½ months that he has been pushing this issue. Attorney Steve Dodge brought in documentation and Martin Bedrock, County Attorney, was to render an opinion based on this added documentation. Mark Milo moved to have Martin review and render an opinion to the commissioners based on all information submitted. Kent Danford seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes. Mr. Kipp would like this decision within two weeks, or good reason why he does not have a decision.

Mr. Kipp stated that there are stairs on the easement. The commissioners said the highway department needs to remove them, in that case.

#### **IN RE: ASBESTOS CHECK**

They still need to have an asbestos check done at the prosecutor's office and file the report with the state. Kevin Kroft moved to approve up to \$1500 to have the asbestos check done, Mark Milo seconded and it passed with three ayes.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Mark Milo moved to adjourn, seconded by Kent

Danford, with three ayes.

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Kevin Kroft, President

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Kent Danford, Vice President

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Mark Milo, Member

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