

**MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 7:34PM due to the lateness of the Starke County Council meeting.

#### **EMS DEPARTMENT'S SOFTWARE APPROVAL**

EMS Director Travis Clary and EMS Clerk MaryLynn Richie appeared before the Board. Director Clary advised the Board had already approved the EMS software from HealthEMS and now he has the contract for their signature. They also advised they have the figures completed on increasing the number of full time workers for the rest of 2018 and for 2019. They advised they could get by without any changes to either year's budgets. They had stated adding the extra full time employees would cut down the amount of overtime they are now facing. Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the extra full time employees for 2018 and 2019. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Now it would need to go back to the Starke County Council for their approval also.

#### **REVISED ELEVATOR CONTRACT**

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the revised Elevator Contract as presented. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The Elevator Contract is in regard to the work being done to the Starke County Courthouse Elevator. County Attorney Marty Lucas then discovered that the Board did not have the revised contract present at their meeting. He advised the motion gives them permission to sign the contract when they receive the amended contract from John Kirk of DLZ.

#### **IT DIRECTOR: CAD SYSTEM PRICE QUOTE**

IT Director Richard Franks appeared before the Board and presented a price quote for replacement of the Jail's CAD System. He advised the price of \$253,555.00 as stated on the one quote was not the complete price as the Jail Tracker price quote would also need to be included. But, he could not locate that price quote. He advised the total price of the CAD System would be \$308,000.00 and advised the company has offered a four payment plan of \$77,237.00 and no interest. He also stated there would be a yearly expense of \$23,597.00 for annual maintenance and support. Director Franks thought other departments, city, and towns could pay into this expense as everyone would benefit by this new system. He also noted that the CAD Company has stated they would refund any money back to the County if the County is to receive any grant funding for this purchase. Director Franks advised he will obtain a copy of the Jail Tracker price quote and return to the next Commissioner meeting. Attorney Lucas stated he has already reviewed the CAD paperwork but will need to get a copy of the Jail Tracker paper to review.

#### **BRIDGE INSPECTIONS CONTRACT**

Starke County Highway Department Superintendent Rik Ritzler appeared before the Board with six copies of the Bridge Inspection contract for signatures. He advised some were for INDOT and some for the Inspection Consultant. Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the signing of the Bridge Inspection Contract. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The Bridge Inspection Contractor for this year is United Consulting. Superintendent Ritzler noted that INDOT will be paying for 80% of the contracting and the County will be paying 20% of the cost.

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

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner Vendor Claims in the total gross amount of \$287,768.39. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the Payroll Claim Docket for the pay period ending on 8/11/18 with a pay date of 8/17/18 in the total gross amount of \$249,969.68. Commissioner Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Norem stated she had received a phone call from Shawn Mattraw, Director of Probation & Community Corrections, who asked that his request for a credit card be tabled for now. He advised he is still gathering information.

Commissioner Binkley advised, in regard to the curbs along the south edge of the Annex Building 2, that the work should be beginning soon. He noted they are moving forward with that project.

Commissioner Norem stated the Knox Planning Commission lost a member due to the resignation of J. Jenkins who resigned a couple of months ago. She made a motion to appoint Bruce Bennett to the Board in Mr. Jenkins position with his expiration of membership. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Commissioner Norem stated Bruce Bennett is a resident of the two mile jurisdiction outside of the City of Knox.

Commissioner Norem stated she would like to see a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony be scheduled for the Starke County Forest. She advised the Park Board had received a grant from the Starke County Community Foundation in the amount of \$15,000.00 and a County Road, CR10655E, was created within the Forest. She stated since the Park Board doesn't have any funds she would like to see the Regular CEDIT Fund to pay for refreshments in the amount of \$200.00. She stated she would like to see it scheduled for when the leaves are changing color and possibly Bruce Wakeland would agree to conduct tours of the facility. Commissioner Norem advised the Park Board should plan the event, should invite the press, invite the public, and take pictures. Commissioner Norem stated she would like to thank the Starke County Community Foundation for the grant.

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In regard to discussing the modified contract between Starke County and the Starke County Economic Development Foundation, Commissioner Norem stated she didn't believe this was an issue that could be discussed in a public meeting. She asked if she personally could meet with SCEDF Director Larry Wickert to start discussing the items in the contract. Commissioner Norem made a motion to allow her to meet with the Director of the SCEDF. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eric Wappel inquired as to what was wrong with the County's CAD System and Commissioner Binkley and Attorney Lucas explained that it is an old system and has no longer an active maintenance/service agreement and does not receives any updates. They stated it was the old system moved over to the new jail from the old jail. Mr. Wappel was under the impression it was purchased new when the new jail was built. They advised him it was well over 10 years old when it was moved.

There being no additional 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 was adjourned at 8:16PM.

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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