

September 2nd, 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: ANIMAL CONTROL

The commissioners would like to see itemized claims of everything we have paid from the animal control budget. \$5,000 has already been spent. They discussed adopting a dog tax.

IN RE: CLAIMS, PAYROLL & MINUTES

Kent Danford moved to approve the August 18th minutes, seconded by Mark Milo with three ayes.

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

Mark Milo moved to approve the September 2nd claims, seconded by Kent Danford with three ayes.

IN RE: E.M.S.

Mary Lynn Ritchie reported \$65, \$62.30 & \$41 from small claims and \$233.67 from the collection agency.

Mark Milo moved to approve \$1,802.14 in write offs, Kent Danford seconded and it passed with three ayes.

Mary Lynn also told the commissioners that they have their new ambulance and are working on getting it ready to be put into service.

IN RE: COUNTY ROAD 300 PROJECT

Jeff Larrison, with United Consulting, reported that 1.4 million dollars has been approved and he is requesting another .4 million in grant monies for the CR 300 East road project. He would like to meet with whoever is going to INDOT in LaPorte to meet with Marcia for the grant "kickoff" meeting. He wants to bring them up to date and help to prepare them for the meeting. Roads are typically 6-9% of the design cost. Mark Milo moved to approve Kent Danford going to the grant meeting. Kevin Kroft seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

IN RE: JAIL INSPECTION

Jeff Larrison submitted a proposal to do an asbestos inspection at the jail.

The asbestos check needs to be put on the council's agenda and advertised to come out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Mark Milo moved to approve the check per Jeff's proposal, subject to council approval of funding. Kent Danford seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

IN RE: FARMING ROAD SIGNS

Kelly Surma requested the commissioners' permission to put up 12 road signs in various parts of the county saying, "Take Care We're Farming Around Here." The signs would be set 2 in San Pierre, 3 in North Judson, 3 in Knox, 2 in

Hamlet and 2 in Koontz Lake on county roads. The signs would be at no cost to the county, paid for by Farm Bureau, but the Highway Department would put up the signs. Kent Danford moved to approve this, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes.

IN RE: STARKE UNITED GRANT

Kent Danford moved to approve the resolution for the Starke United Grant, to be signed by Kevin Kroft. Mark Milo seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

IN RE: BASS LAKE EASEMENT

Martin Bedrock, County Attorney, stated that Leon Kipp is getting the DNR involved in the dispute between Kipp & Bischoff. Martin feels they should not be involved as there are two deeds. One deed has restrictions and one does not. Martin feels this should be decided in court.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Mark Milo stated that there is a problem at Williams Street at Bass Lake.

Mark also stated that the state is trying to pass an administrative law regarding easements.

IN RE: SYSCO

Edwin Buswell, with KIRPC, stated that the county needs to de-obligate or “give back” the grant on Sysco as construction was supposed to be started by the end of July. There will be no problem reapplying when Sysco is ready in May or June of 2009. There would be no negative connotations unless they take it back. Mark Milo moved to de-obligate subject to information from Charlie Weaver, seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes.

IN RE: SAN PIERRE PLAN GRANT

The final hearing for the San Pierre Plan Grant has been postponed until the end of September at San Pierre’s public picnic. Edwin is working on the extension.

IN RE: HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUR GUIDES

Jim Shilling submitted the prepared thank you letters for the Harvest Festival tour guides. Mark Milo moved to approve the letters, seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes.

IN RE: STORAGE AT THE WAREHOUSE

Jim Shilling asked about the storage space at the warehouse that the commissioners promised to them a few years ago. They discussed the possibilities. Kevin would like this to be done before he is out of office at the end of this year.

The Auditor is to send a notice to all departments that anything at the warehouse that is not records or bolted down, it is going to be sold at a county auction.

Kevin Kroft moved to give the center section of the warehouse to the Historical Society, seconded by Mark Milo 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.

Kevin Kroft, President

Kent Danford, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member

Michaelene J Houston, Auditor