

**September 15<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: CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

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

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

**IN RE: SEX OFFENDERS & VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRATION FEE**

Sheriff Oscar Cowen requested approval of a resolution on Sex Offenders and Violent Offenders Registration fee. Kent Danford moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mark Milo with three ayes. Kent Danford moved to approve a \$50 yearly fee and a \$5 change of address fee, to be paid for by the offender. Mark Milo seconded the motion, and it passed with three ayes.

**IN RE: STARKE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REPORT**

Ed Hasnerl submitted the Starke Memorial Hospital report. (On file in Auditor's Office)

**IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

John Norris, Interim Superintendent and Sue Himes, Highway Secretary, discussed the 2009 budget with the commissioners.

The heater and air conditioning unit at the garage is not working in the office areas. The commissioners told John to call someone to fix it.

It was discussed to charge the other offices that use the Highway Department's mechanics.

The commissioners discussed changing the Highway employees' hours to a 35-hour workweek of three 9-hour days and one 8-hour day.

There is a levy on the river that is in jeopardy of breaking. The state will not get involved in this, as there are no homes there, it is just a personal field. The highway department will be sending someone from the department to look at it at 6:30 AM. The property is on 50 East, North of 700 North.

**IN RE: ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT**

Mark Chesak with Starke County Farm Bureau submitted the annual statistical report.

**IN RE: I.T. DIRECTOR TRAINING**

Bob Smith, IT Director, requested permission to take a training course. He does not have enough money in his budget to pay for the course, but requested a transfer from another line in the same category. The transfer request was for \$2,500. The commissioners denied the request, at this time.

**IN RE: COMMENT ABOUT SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> MINUTES**

Leon Kipp said that the September 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes stated that he was involving DNR in the two deeds and he said that is not what he is doing.

The Commissioners' Meeting recessed for an Executive Session.

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in executive session at 5:00 PM in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

I, Michaelene J Houston, do hereby certify that nothing other than what was posted was discussed and no action was taken. Witness my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008.

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Michaelene J Houston, Auditor

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

The regular session Commissioners' Meeting reconvened.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

Kent said the commissioners need to address two wash outs on County Road 210. Kent Danford moved to approve the highway fixing the two wash outs and purchasing the stone at \$15 a yard from Mark Milo. Kevin Kroft seconded the motion and it passed with two ayes, and one abstaining vote (MM).

Kevin Kroft moved to approve a 35-hour workweek, with the employees working 4 days a week, three 9-hour days and one 8-hour day. This would start Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, subject to change if it is not working out for the highway. Mark Milo seconded the motion and it passed with two ayes, and one nay (KD).

Kent Danford moved to approve the termination of the part time position at the Highway Department, as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Mark Milo seconded the motion, and it passed with three ayes.

**IN RE: RADIO TOWER**

Mark Milo moved to approve accepting bids for the E-911 radio tower, seconded by Kent Danford with three ayes.

**IN RE: SAN PIERRE FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING SQUAD CAR**

The San Pierre Fire Department requested a used squad car for training purposes. Kent Danford moved to approve, 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.

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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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Michaelene J Houston, Auditor