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BY COMMISSIONERS**

September 20, 2010

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 7:00 PM in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with all members present. The following proceedings were held to wit:

**IN RE: KOONTZ LAKE SEWER BIDS**

Contract No. 1 - Wastewater Collection System	
POTENTIAL BIDDERS	BID AMOUNT
Niblock Excavating	7,043,973 <sup>00</sup>
Selge Construction	5,624,021 <sup>90</sup>
Joel Kennedy Construction	
Veolia Water Technologies	6,632,309 <sup>68</sup>
Rothenberger Construction	6,795,958 <sup>44</sup>
GE Marshall, Inc	
Reynolds, Inc.	7,988,694 <sup>30</sup>
InfraSource	7,918,387 <sup>60</sup>
Woodruff & Sons, Inc	8,347,472 <sup>00</sup>
Kamphuis Pipeline Co.	
C&E Excavating	

Contract No. 2 - Clean Water Plant	
POTENTIAL BIDDERS	BID AMOUNT
Bowen Engineering	2,168,500 <sup>00</sup>
Thieneman Construction	1,962,681 <sup>00</sup>
RE Crosby	2,281,758 <sup>22</sup>
Hasse Construction	2,608,900 <sup>00</sup>
Michiana Contracting	LATE
Grand River Construction	2,571,691 <sup>00</sup>
WG Brudney	
InfraSource	

Kathy Norem moved to take all bids under advisement seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

Wightman Petrie will review the bids and make recommendations to the commissioners on Wednesday afternoon.

**IN RE: SHERIFF'S SALES**

Cindy Edmiston from S.R.I. submitted information to the commissioners on Sheriff's Sales and what they can do on behalf of the county for these sales. Their fee is \$100 per property. The county's fee is \$200 now--\$100 of which now goes to the Sheriff's pension fund and \$100 to County General. The Auditor has to set up a support line and SRI will match the Sheriff Sale properties against the tax sale list to make sure properties won't be sold at both sales.

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The contract would be automatically renewed but can be canceled at any time with a 30 day notice.

Martin Lucas, County Attorney, will look over the contract and the resolution and the commissioners will make a decision at the next meeting.

## **IN RE: ENERGY GRANT CONTRACTS**

David Pickett with Midwest Lighting stated that he cannot sign the contract as submitted due to a couple of typos that the state had made on the contracts in describing fixtures that were not bid on or are not available. He bid from the procurement form which is correct—it is the paperwork from the state that has the typos.

Mr. Pickett contacted Greg Scarpone at the state to get this corrected. The commissioners need to also contact Mr. Scarpone in order to get this straightened out.

Also in the contract, is the time of completion. This should not pertain to him as he is not the contractor. He is just the supplier of materials.

A Banner Construction representative was also there and he stated that they would like to get started by November 1<sup>st</sup> in order to have the job completed by the state's deadline.

Martin Lucas, County Attorney, stated that he can get the contracts done by Friday if he gets clearance from the state.

Mr. Pickett stated that he also needs voltage amounts on the exterior fixtures he will be supplying materials for. He needs to know whether they are 120 or 277 volts.

## **IN RE: STARKE COUNTY LANDFILL**

Weaver and Boos Consultants were at the meeting to discuss the landfill.

Martin Lucas, County Attorney, stated that he received a letter from the landowner's attorney and they are agreeing to access to the property for the program.

Weaver and Boos submitted a draft regarding the approval of the methane monitoring plan FP 75-01, Starke County Landfill (Closed), Starke County and a proposed gas probe schedule and a proposed landfill gas release plan. All three are on file in the Auditor's office. Brian Horvath, PE, Senior Project Manager, for Weaver Boos Consultants, explained the process and stated that the cost would be approximately \$23,000.

Mr. Lucas stated that the landowners want to be notified of what is going on and requested that they do so.

I.D.E.M. requests quarterly monitoring and if we have two years of clean data, the monitoring can stop. If it is not clean, the county has 60 days to remedy it.

Kathy Norem moved to proceed seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

Weaver and Boos will send the information to Mr. Lucas and he will forward it to the landowners.

## **IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH AND CAMPGROUNDS**

Richard Callahan and his attorney, David Wallsmith, came before the commissioners and suggested that the tenant should fill out a claim with invoices attached toward the lease rental payment, which he has two prepared to submit. As there has been no established policy for this, the commissioners agreed that there should be an established procedure. Mr. Wallsmith submitted the two claims. The Auditor is to scan the claims and send them to the commissioners

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for approval. The approved claims are to be put on an ongoing spreadsheet prepared by the Auditor.

Mr. Callahan and Mr. Wallsmith submitted a report from the state on the recent inspection conducted. This is also on file in the Auditor's office.

They received a denial for a permit for a new pier from the state. They will reapply after they correct the exceptions.

Mr. Callahan has procured new liability and property insurance for the beach and campground through Farm Bureau Insurance. He submitted a paid receipt and an insurance binder which will be kept on file in the Auditor's office. The certificate of insurance will be sent to the county by Farm Bureau.

Mr. Callahan and Mr. Wallsmith requested that the commissioners reconsider the plans and specs for the six additional camp sites. The commissioners are not prepared to make a decision at this time. Dan feels he is not ready to approve them as it has only been two weeks since the last major meeting. He would like business practices to continue and them to keep compliant before they make a decision. The other two commissioners agree with this.

Mr. Callahan submitted proposed repairs for the commissioners' approval.

The commissioners stated that Mr. Callahan is no longer in default of his lease.

Mr. Callahan reported that the beach and campgrounds were voted #1 Beach in Starke County and #1 Campground in Starke County.

## **IN RE: ANIMAL CONTROL**

Tom Bazant, Knox City Animal Control Officer, appeared before the commissioners at the commissioners' request. He reported that he charges Knox a pick up fee of \$12 per animal and a \$4 transport fee. The commissioners would consider a transport fee of 40 cents per mile not less than \$4 per transfer due to the mileage in the county. He could have to go from Koontz Lake to San Pierre and \$4 would not cover his fuel.

The contract would be only for domesticated animals on the loose throughout the county and they would be dropped off at the humane society. This would exclude the incorporated areas such as Knox, Hamlet and North Judson.

The commissioners will discuss this with the Humane Society. Martin Lucas, County Attorney, and Dan Bridegroom will work on this and get back with Tom.

## **IN RE: DETOURED TRAFFIC FROM US HWY 35 CULVERT PROJECT**

Lee Nagai complained that the road is getting beat to death with the traffic from the detour. He stated that the commissioners need to enact a temporary ordinance to prohibit truck traffic on the local detour. The county attorney will look into this.

## **IN RE: COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE RECIPIENTS**

Kenny Arnett spoke to the commissioners regarding the commissioners and council receiving the county's health insurance and the cost of this to the county when, he stated, they are all only part time employees. He stated that the cost is approximately \$59,000 a year. The commissioners stated that this will be duly noted.

## **IN RE: PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER**

Bruce Williams reported that he received a letter from a citizen making some serious allegations against a Planning Commission member. This member is a commissioner appointment. The county attorney, Martin Lucas, will give the commissioners a written opinion on what they will be able to do.

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Bruce also reported that the Planning Commission is now recognized by the state to perform building inspections.

## **IN RE: OVERTIME PAY FOR TERMINATED EMPLOYEE**

The commissioners received a claim for overtime pay from an employee who no longer works for the county. She stated that she accumulated 44 ¼ hours while in the employ of the county treasurer that she was never paid for. She submitted back up information with the claim.

The commissioners stated that comp time should be taken within the same pay period and Kathy and Dan had both previously told the employee, while she was still in the employ of the treasurer, that there is no comp time.

The commissioners will be going to the treasurer to get her side and the county attorney will look into this as well. Jennifer will speak to the treasurer Wednesday afternoon.

## **IN RE: JAIL ROOF REPAIRS**

The commissioners received a quote of between \$500 and \$1000 for repairs to the jail roof.

## **IN RE: COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL PLAN INVOICE**

Kathy Norem moved to pay the invoice to Umbaugh for the Comprehensive Financial Plan out of the EDIT fund seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

## **IN RE: MINUTES**

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the September 7, 2010, minutes. The motion died for lack of a second.

Kathy Norem made a motion to recess the meeting until Wednesday at 4 pm as the electric had been out for an hour. Jennifer Davis seconded the motion with 3 ayes.

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Dan Bridegroom, President

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Kathy Norem, Vice President

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Jennifer Davis

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Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and  
Secretary to the Commissioners