

Monday, October 20, 2014

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

President Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Commissioner Kathy Norem was absent.

BASS LAKE BEACH & CAMPGROUND MONTHLY REPORT

Richard Callahan, the leasee of the contract with the County in regard to the Bass Lake Beach and Campground, and his attorney, Dave Wallsmith, appeared before the Board. Attorney Wallsmith advised the Campground restroom tiling project had been completed. Mr. Callahan advised the end of the season will be October 31. President Davis noted since the Park Board has been created and they will soon be holding their organizational meeting, they will now be handling the Bass Lake Beach and Campground. Mr. Wallsmith stated he would like to be notified by Marcia Bedrock when the meeting is scheduled. Both Commissioners Danford and Davis advised they had not recently received any complaints on the beach or campground, and President Davis advised them they would not need to present a report in November. She requested Mr. Callahan send her a copy of the letter, the notice he had sent to his campers. He advised he was operating under the same notice as last year.

AUDITOR BUSINESS: VENDOR CLAIMS, PAYROLL CLAIM, MINUTES, MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Danford made a motion to approve the vendor claims in the total gross amount of \$445,344.43. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Commissioner Danford made a motion to approve the payroll claim for the pay period ending on 10/11/14 with a pay date of 10/17/14, in the total gross amount of \$180,447.36. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. President Davis advised the minutes of the October 6th meeting could not be approved and will be tabled until the next meeting as Commissioner Danford was absent from the 10/6/14 meeting. President Davis advised there was a request for keys for the new Deputy Auditors, Jill Rhoda and Sara McCarty. She signed the authorizations. Auditor Chaffins advised all departments had submitted their monthly financial reports and supporting documentation on time, and were all in compliance.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

President Davis gave a brief update in regard to a complaint reported by Darrell Hester at the September 15th meeting in regard to barking dogs. She advised Sheriff Cowen had sent an Officer to investigate the situation and reported everything was being done properly with regard to the neighbors' dogs. President Davis noted she also spoke with Frank Lynch of the Health Department but there wasn't anything that could be done by the Health Department either. She noted the only remedy appeared to be through civil law as was suggested earlier by County Attorney Lucas.

President Davis advised the Election Board had received a contract from the Koontz Lake Regional Sewer District which would allow for the use of their building as a polling location for the November 4th election. Commissioner Danford made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed with all ayes and the contract was signed by Commissioner Davis.

President Davis advised they have not yet received any applicant to fill the open position on the Health Board.

Veterans' Service Officer, Terry Turner, submitted his monthly report. A copy of the report is on file in the Auditor's Office.

With there being no public comment and no further business Commissioner Danford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed with all ayes, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

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Jennifer Davis, President

Kent Danford, Vice-President

ABSENT _____
Kathryn Norem

Katherine Chaffins, Auditor &
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners