

# ATTN: THIS IS A DRAFT--NOT YET APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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

The meeting was called to order.

## IN RE: PAYROLL CLAIMS

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the October 30, 2010, payroll seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

## IN RE: MINUTES

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the November 1, 2010, minutes seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

## IN RE: 2011 HIGHWAY BIDS

County Attorney, Martin Lucas, opened the highway bids. They are as follows:

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>WHERE LOCATED</u>
1	Central Paving, Inc.	Logansport, IN
2	Asphalt Materials, Inc.	Warsaw, IN
3	Good Oil Co., Inc.	Winamac, IN
3	Country Mark-Starke County Co-op	Hamlet, IN
3	Petroleum Traders Corporation	Fort Wayne, IN
3	Petroleum Traders Corporation-alternate bid	Fort Wayne, IN
4	Good Oil Co., Inc.	Winamac, IN
4	Country Mark-Starke County Co-op	Hamlet, IN
4	Petroleum Traders Corporation	Fort Wayne, IN
4	Petroleum Traders Corporation-alternate bid	Fort Wayne, IN
5	Rock Industries, Inc.	Peru, IN
6	Vulcan Construction Materials	Francesville, IN
6	Rock Industries, Inc.	Peru, IN
6	Hanson Material Service	Francesville, IN
7	Rock Industries, Inc.	Peru, IN
8	Central Paving, Inc.	Logansport, IN
9	Debco Metal Culverts	Francesville, IN
9	St. Regis Culvert, Inc.	Indianapolis, IN

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

## IN RE: OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

Ted Bombagetti, EMA Director, submitted a proposed ordinance regarding open burning. Kathy Norem would like County Attorney, Martin Lucas, to compose an ordinance based on the state's ordinance as the commissioners would like to adopt the same ordinance as the state.

Mr. Lucas stated that Bloomington's Ordinance just states that they are adopting the state's ordinance and sites the code. He stated that in this way all updates would automatically be incorporated into the ordinance.

Jennifer Davis stated that this way we would be able to enforce the ordinance. Dan Bridegroom stated that this does not stop people having a barbecue; it just stops people burning tires and other hazardous items.

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Mr. Bombagetti stated that I.D.E.M. has too much on their plate to enforce the ordinance at the state level and that we need local enforcement.

Mr. Lucas stated that since it imposes penalties and fines there needs to be a public hearing.

The discussion continued and the commissioners asked Mr. Lucas to prepare an ordinance keeping it short and sweet and the same as the state's. They would like him to get with Mr. Bombagetti on this. It is to be advertised for a public hearing.

## **IN RE: COUNTY POLICE SHOOTING RANGE**

Sheriff Oscar Cowen came before the commissioners to request approval to move the firing range from the highway garage to private property that is already certified by the National Rifle Association. The owner of the property would like to remain anonymous. Oscar showed the commissioners pictures of the site. It is approximately ¼ mile from the road. Ten people at a time could be qualifying. The safety backdrops have also been certified by the N.R.A. The range is set up for high powered weapons. Oscar contacted our insurance carrier and we would be covered. The risk advisor for the insurance stated that this site would be better than the highway garage. Oscar stated that all county police departments would be able to qualify there and they would assist other counties if needed. Kathy Norem moved to approve the change of location seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

## **IN RE: HAMLET INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

Charles Weaver, Economic Development Director, is requesting permission to close out the grant for the Hamlet Infrastructure. Everything is complete and if this gets done early and under budget, it gives us a better standing for a third grant. This will also allow us to get the rest of the grant money they are holding back. This would also close the state portion of the grant. Kathy Norem moved to approve seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

## **IN RE: NORTH JUDSON INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Charles Weaver, Economic Development Director, reported that the sewer lines at the North Judson Industrial Park are going well.

## **IN RE: C.R. 300 E PROJECT**

Charles Weaver, Economic Development Director, stated that for grant purposes, C.R. 300E from Culver Rd. to Division Rd. is classified as a rural minor collector and needs to be reclassified as a rural major collector. He stated that it would also be good, at this time, to classify it from Division Rd. to State Road 8 as well. He further stated that Culver Rd. from U.S. 35 to C.R. 300E should be reclassified, but that would also take City approval. Mr. Weaver submitted the application for the commissioners' review. Kathy Norem moved to submit the application to reclassify all these seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

## **IN RE: ROADWAY STUDIES AND CLASSIFICATIONS**

Charles Weaver, Economic Development Director, reported that he attended a meeting with K.I.R.P.C. and they are going to do a study of all the counties' roadways and classifications that are in their region. They are working on who should be on the committee—road superintendents, school superintendents, fire departments, police, E.M.S., etc.

## **IN RE: HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY**

Tom Morin stated that on Sept. 28 his 11 year old granddaughter was adopted by her stepfather and when they went to the courthouse, they found only two handicap parking spaces, neither of which was wide enough to allow them to easily get his wife in her wheelchair. When they went into the courthouse, they found that the elevator was not working and his son-in-law had to carry his wife up two flights of stairs to get her to the courtroom. He is requesting that the commissioners make the courthouse more handicap accessible.

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Kathy Norem stated that while the elevator was out, the judge had stated that he would come down if needed or reschedule hearings.

Dan Bridegroom stated that the parking spaces are the city's as they own the road. Mr. Morin stated that the spaces are also too far from the entrance. Dan stated that he would go talk to the mayor about the parking.

Mr. Morin also stated that any public entity with more than 50 employees is required by federal law to have an A.D.A. coordinator and this should be posted so people know who to contact. The commissioners stated that they will work on this.

## **IN RE: CANNABINOIDS ORDINANCE**

Jenny Carter asked about the hearing for the Cannabinoids Ordinance. The hearing will be at the commissioners' meeting which begins at 9 am on December 6, 2010. The ordinance has been advertised in the Leader.

## **IN RE: POT HOLES AT C.R. 350S & C.R. 750E**

Terry Turner reported that there are at least 20 potholes at C.R. 350S and C.R. 750E, some of which are really deep. Dan Bridegroom stated that he will call Steve Siddall at the highway.

## **IN RE: DOCTOR'S BUILDING ON PEARL ST. IN KNOX**

Terry Turner feels that someone needs to negotiate with Dr. Parker about her office building on Pearl St. for use by the Prosecutor or move out the extension office and let the Prosecutor use those rooms. Kathy Norem stated that we need to get back on board with the C.A.M.S. Project and then they can address these issues.

## **IN RE: 2011 HOLIDAYS**

Kathy Norem moved to approve the following holidays for 2011 seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

(JANUARY 1, 2011 IS ON THE 2010 SCHEDULE AS DECEMBER 31, 2010)

APRIL 22, 2011 (FRI)	GOOD FRIDAY
MAY 30, 2011 (MON)	MEMORIAL DAY
JULY 4, 2011 (MON)	INDEPENDENCE DAY
SEPTEMBER 5, 2011 (MON)	LABOR DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2011 (FRI)	VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 24 & 25, 2011 (THURS & FRI)	THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 23 & 26, 2011 (FRI & MON)	CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS

## **IN RE: STARKE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER**

Dr. Walter Fritz, the Starke County Health Officer, is resigning as of December 31, 2010. The Health Board has appointed Dr. Theresa Alexander to take his place on January 1, 2011. The commissioners need to approve this and certify it to the state.

Dan Bridegroom stated that someone needs to inform her of the duties and responsibilities and make sure everything is clear.

Jennifer Davis stated that she would like to see the Health Board meeting minutes for the past 3 months. Kathy Norem said we should request the entire 2010 minutes.

Kathy Norem stated that per I.C. Code the Health Board appoints the Health Officer and the commissioners have to approve this and then certify it to the state.

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Jennifer Davis is contacting Dr. Alexander to ask her to come to one of the commissioner meetings in December.

## **IN RE: F.M.L.A. FOR JAIL EMPLOYEE**

The commissioners took no action on an F.M.L.A. for a jail employee as there was no paperwork available on this.

## **IN RE: KOONTZ LAKE DREDGING PROJECT**

Kathy Norem reported that she attended a meeting with the Environmental Enhancement Committee of Koontz Lake. Representatives from Joe Donnelly's office and Army Corps of Engineers were present as well as members of the committee. They are requesting commissioner support on the state and federal project of dredging Koontz Lake. She stated that in the 1930s Marshall County dredged the Pontias ditch and that drained sediment into Koontz Lake. She stated that Koontz Lake is actually a glacial lake. This would not cost the county anything or obligate them to anything; they just want commissioner support for the project. They have been working on this since the 1960s and want to put it back on the front burner.

Jennifer Davis moved to support their proposal seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

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

Dan Bridegroom read a letter received in support of no camping on the lake side of Bass Lake and no mobile homes. Dan stated that mobile homes were never requested to be put anywhere.

Mr. Clyde Haniford stated that the letter was voted on at the property owner's meeting and represented 800 property owners.

## **IN RE: MIDDLE SCHOOL REQUEST FROM WOLCOTT, INDIANA**

A middle school in Wolcott, Indiana, requested information and permission to tour our courthouse. Dan Bridegroom will give the letter to Jim Shilling.

## **IN RE: SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS FOR THE JAIL**

The commissioners discussed the bids received at the last meeting for surveillance cameras at the jail. The differences come down to warranty and the brand of camera. The commissioners want to table this until the next meeting and discuss it with Bob Smith and the vendors. Bob's recommendations were for Communications Co. Option 2 and Vermillion. Kathy Norem moved to table seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes. Jennifer Davis moved to consider the two recommended by Bob seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

## **IN RE: C.A.M.S.**

Jennifer Davis asked when they were going to have a C.A.M.S. meeting. The commissioners are going to schedule one for January.

## **IN RE: WATER PROBLEM AT C.R. 400N AND C.R. 1100E**

Mitch Semans reported that the ditch is backing up on people's property at C.R. 400N and C.R. 1100E. Kathy Norem stated that this would be the 4-County Drainage Board and she will contact Dennis Estok, County Surveyor, to check this out and bring it up at the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, Kathy Norem moved to adjourn seconded by Jennifer Davis 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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Dona Hoban, Auditor Pro Tem