

December 17th, 2007

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

Kent Danford moved to approve the December 17th claims, seconded by Mark Milo with three ayes.

IN RE: JAIL NURSE AGENCY CONTRACT

Julia Pudlow with Health Professionals presented the commissioners with a three year contract for the jail nurse. Mark Milo moved to approve the contract, seconded by Kent Danford with three ayes.

IN RE: COUNTY ROAD 300 EAST PROJECT

Jeff Larrison presented a letter to the commissioners that required a signature to proceed on the CR 300 E project. Kent Danford moved to approve the letter, seconded by Mark Milo with three ayes.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Kent Danford moved to approve the December 3rd, 4th, and 7th Commissioners' meeting minutes. Mark Milo seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

IN RE: RESOLUTION TO ALLOW REBATE TO PAY BACK TAXES

Kent Danford moved to approve the resolution to allow rebates to pay back taxes. Mark Milo seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes. (Resolution on file in Auditor's office.)

RE: PAYROLL

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

IN RE: CHARGE FOR JAIL MEDICAL RECORDS

Kent Danford moved to approve a \$0.25 charge per page for medical records from the jail. Mark Milo seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Pete Stanojevic, Highway Superintendent, and the commissioners discussed an ordinance to keep mailbox faces five feet off of the road. It was discussed at length, but no action was taken at this time.

Pete and the commissioners also discussed levels of road usage during bad weather/road conditions. They discussed the possibility of grading the roads under bad conditions to be a level three with no traffic at all or a person would be ticketed. A level two would mean travel is permitted for food, prescriptions or back and forth to work only. A level one would simply advise people to be cautious because roads are hazardous. No action was taken at this time.

IN RE: VACATING A ROADWAY

Bill Caldwell came before the commissioners to talk about vacating part of a public roadway. Kevin opened the hearing and opened the floor for public comment. It was brought up that there is a utility easement there. The commissioners stated that the utility company would need to be notified and approve this. Kent Danford moved to continue the public hearing until the utility company has been notified and approved this, seconded by Mark Milo with three ayes. They will continue on January 7th, at the next commissioners' meeting.

IN RE: COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Brian Liechty, KL Benefits representative, submitted figures and proposals for next year. (These figures are on file in the Auditor's office.)

IN RE: DRAINAGE PROBLEM

The commissioners discussed the drainage problem of Donald Koopman with Pete. The commissioners want a letter sent to Donald telling him to address the problem at a Starke County Drainage Board meeting.

IN RE: FEDERAL AID

Jeff Larrison with United Engineering gave Pete the schedule for federal aid applications.

IN RE: F.M.L.A.

It was said that the commissioners would need to clarify on the FMLA stipulations. After taking time for FMLA, you will then move your anniversary date forward the length of time you took off for the leave. Kent Danford moved to approve this, seconded by Mark Milo with three ayes, subject to federal law. Mark Milo moved to amend the employee handbook to state this. Kent Danford seconded and it passed with three ayes.

IN RE: PERSONAL PURCHASES

It was discussed that no county employees are permitted to make any personal purchases or place any personal orders in the name of the county or county office. This holds true even if they are planning to pay cash for these items. If this happens, the employee will be subject to criminal charges and/or termination. The commissioners would like a letter sent to all county offices stating this. Kent Danford moved to amend the employee handbook with this included. Mark Milo seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

There being no further business to come before the board of commissioners, the meeting adjourned.

Kevin Kroft, President Kent Danford, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member Michaelene J Houston, Auditor

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