

January 18, 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:

IN RE: COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Kathy Norem stated that the county health insurance was on the council's agenda at the commissioners' request. She gave the council some background on their research and the quotes received. Brian Liechty with TCU Insurance who is our current carrier submitted a quote approximately \$398,000 less than 2009 with some changes which is a 24% decrease.

The Healy Group/Anthem did not originally give a firm quote and there were differences in the coverage. When they resubmitted with a firm quote from CIGNA, it was a level funding (partially self funded) plan.

Kathy stated that Mark Milo had asked Brian Liechty to review the Healy plan to make sure it had the same coverage. She further stated that the commissioners have to approve the contract, but they want the council's input and perspective in order to establish better government.

Both insurance companies explained their plans which are on file in the Auditor's Office.

Kathy feels that the \$125,000 lesser amount from Healy Group is too big a savings to ignore. Mark Milo feels that it may be short term gratification. Dan Bridegroom feels that if the Healy Group could come back having cut over \$100,000 today, why couldn't they do that three weeks ago. Dan also has concerns with the fact that on the Healy Program, the state also requires council approval.

Dan Bridegroom moved to stay with Brian Liechty with TCU Insurance and Consumer Life seconded by Mark Milo with 2 ayes 1 nay (KN).

IN RE: MINUTES

Kathy Norem moved to approve the December 21st, 2009, 12:45 pm insurance meeting minutes seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 2 ayes (MM not present).

Kathy Norem moved to approve the December 21st, 2009, 1:50 pm CAMS meeting minutes seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 2 ayes (MM not present).

Kathy Norem moved to approve the December 21st, 2009, 7 pm regular meeting seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

Kathy Norem moved to approve the December 31st, 2009, 9 am insurance meeting minutes seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 2 ayes (MM not present).

Mark Milo moved to approve the January 4th, 2010, 9 am regular meeting minutes seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

IN RE: PAYROLL CLAIMS

Kathy Norem moved to approve the 1-9-10 payroll but notes again that the overtime issue with EMS is a problem and has not changed seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 3 ayes.

IN RE: COUNTY BRIDGES #9, 62 and 156

Steve Siddall, Highway Superintendent, and Ken Minett, with BF & S, discussed the three bridges--#9, 62 & 156—for FA3. All three qualify for federal funding at 80/20. Claims are submitted in arrears. \$626,100 would be our 20% of the three bridges. Ken feels that they

will look favorably on our request. Kathy Norem moved to approve as presented and sign the federal forms for the bridges seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

Ken stated that another stimulus project is coming soon, but there are no details released at this time other than that it will again be through INDOT.

IN RE: I.T. DEPARTMENT

Bob Smith, I.T. Director, submitted his work schedule as completed per the commissioners' request. This was discussed.

Bob also submitted two contracts—one for Microvote and one for CSI. Both are for the Clerk's office and need commissioner approval.

Kathy Norem moved to approve the CSI contract at \$5956 seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

Mark Milo moved to approve the Microvote contract at \$9500 seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

IN RE: RAILS TO TRAILS PROJECT

Bruce Fingerhut reported that he had applied through the stimulus program for grants in order to move forward on the rails to trails project. The county could be required to pay 5% of non-covered costs which would be approximately \$60,000.

Bob Aloï with Territorial Engineering stated that the county would not be billed for anything and even if they were, the contract is not with the county for the contractor or the engineer so the county would not be legally obligated. Bob Aloï is doing his portion at no cost, not to say the Trail Committee might not pay him at a later date if they could.

Bruce said that the commissioners would not be obligated, not to say that they might not come back later and ask for help, but the commissioners could still say no.

Martin Lucas, County Attorney, said that we would not be obligated for anything. Kathy Norem wants to make sure the county would not be obligated for any funding and would not be responsible for maintenance on the trail.

Mark Milo moved to approve the application for the grant seconded by Dan Bridegroom with reservations as he wants them to make sure everything is in order. Motion passed with a vote of 3 ayes.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATE SALE

The commissioners discussed whether or not to have the sale through the internet or on site. Kathy Norem moved to have a regular certificate sale removing item # 4 on page 3 of the contract and an on-site sale—not internet seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

SRI is to submit a new contract for the commissioners' signatures.

IN RE: APPOINTMENTS

Mark Milo moved to retain Jack Hudgens on the BZA board seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

Mark Milo moved to reinstate the Starke County Visitor's Board as is seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

IN RE: EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Kathy Norem stated that she wants to get the employee handbook completed.

IN RE: PLANNING COMMISSION FEES

Kathy Norem stated that last year the Planning Commission increased fees, saying that they didn't need commissioner approval for that. She wants Martin Lucas to check why they wouldn't need commissioner approval.

IN RE: CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE CONTRACT

Kathy Norem moved to approve the contract with Purdue for the Co-operative Extension Office Educators seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

IN RE: ANNEX KEY FOR NEW FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE

Kathy Norem moved to approve a key to the annex for Robin Lattimer who is now the full time deputy for the Treasurer's Office seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

IN RE: COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION

Kathy Norem moved to approve the Covered Bridge Certification for the State declaring no covered bridges in Starke County seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

IN RE: PORTER STARKE SERVICES

The commissioners asked that Bob Franko with Porter Starke Services attend their next meeting to explain the contract that he wants the commissioners to sign.

IN RE: KOONTZ LAKE SEWER

There is a public notice on file from the Planning Commission regarding a hearing for the Koontz Lake Sewer.

IN RE: FINANCIAL REPORT

Dan Bridegroom gave the financial report received from the County Treasurer. It is on file in the Auditor's Office. Kathy Norem moved to accept the report as submitted seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 3 ayes.

IN RE: STARKE COUNTY LANDFILL

Superior Environmental assured the commissioners that they will meet the extension deadline for the Sanitary Landfill.

IN RE: ISLAND SUBDIVISION AT KOONTZ LAKE

Don Johnson from Island Subdivision at Koontz Lake appeared regarding the bridge to the subdivision. He submitted information on the deterioration of the bridge. The road is not on the county road inventory and the Auditor informed him that the plat of the subdivision dedded the roads to the lot owners.

IN RE: LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY AT SAN PIERRE

The commissioners were informed that the demolition of Little Company of Mary at San Pierre began today.

IN RE: ROUND LAKE CEMETERY

Mark Milo stated that he went out and looked at Round Lake Cemetery and he doesn't see a problem with them plotting out the cemetery. Steve Siddall, Highway Superintendent, doesn't see a problem either. Mark Milo moved to allow them to plat the cemetery seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

There being no further business to come before the board Mark Milo moved to adjourn seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

Dan Bridegroom, President

Kathy Norem, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor &
Secretary to the Commissioners