

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in Regular Session at 7:18PM, due to the extended Joint Council Commissioner Meeting, in the Annex Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Bryan Cavender and Charles Chesak present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner President Charles Chesak at 7:18PM.

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTION**

Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the Local Resolution Approving the Starke County Comprehensive Plan; PL-18-016. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with both ayes.

### **VIGIL CHILD ABUSE MONTH-PROSECUTOR REQUEST**

Prosecutor Leslie Baker and Crystal Bradley from DCS came before the Board of Commissioners to request a vigil for child abuse prevention month. She advised they are requesting permission to utilize the courthouse lawn on April 1, 2020 for a vigil in representation of child abuse awareness month. They would like to put out the blue pinwheels in honor of the child abuse month. She also advised throughout the month they will be partnering with, my office, Department of Child Services, and one of their community partners to put together a family fun fair. This will take place on April 18, 2020, they will be inviting kids and families all throughout the county to come and participate. They will also be doing a walk-a-thon throughout the funfair. She advised they are still looking to solidify a location but more than likely it will be at one of the schools here in Knox. She stated that one of their goals throughout the month of April is that they are going to be doing a food drive. They are asking organization throughout the county to assist us with this and bring food donations to the event. They will also have locations throughout the county where food donations can be dropped off. The good will then be split amongst all the food pantries throughout the county. Commissioner Cavender asked if they had spoken with the Judge about utilizing the courthouse lawn. Prosecutor Baker advised she has not yet, she wanted to start with the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Cavender stated he is in favor of this event but advised to notify the Judge about the use of the courthouse lawn on April 1, 2020. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the request as presented for April being Child Abuse Prevention month. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

### **AUDITOR'S BUSINESS: MINUTES, VENDOR CLAIMS DOCKET, PAYROLL DOCKET**

Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the Payroll Claims Docket for the pay period ending on 01/11/20 with a pay date of 01/17/20, in the total gross amount of \$270,877.11 and deduction amount of \$82,110.12. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the Claims Docket in the total gross amount of \$686,732.60. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cavender made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Starke County Community Corrections Advisory Board:

Crystal Bradley – Director, Department of Children and Family Services  
Lorie Bailey – Victims Advocate  
Samantha Piper – Ex-offender  
Annette Warkentien – Probation Officer

With there being no further business or public comment to come before the board Commissioner Cavender made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

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Charlie Chesak, President

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Kathryn Norem, Vice-President

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Bryan Cavender

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Rachel Oesterreich, County Auditor  
& Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners