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February 16, 2009

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, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: MINUTES

Kathy Norem moved to approve the January 27 and the February 2, 2009, minutes seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

IN RE: PAYROLL

Mark Milo moved to approve the payroll seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 3 ayes.

IN RE: DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION

Kathy Norem moved to appoint Dave Pearman from Washington Twp. to the District Planning Commission seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Bridge #156 on Range Road is a historical bridge and needs to be the starting point for bridge repairs and replacements. It is possible that it could be on the "untouchable" historic bridges list. We will find out for sure at road school.

A situation arose at the highway regarding someone being released for return to work, but he is on oxygen. The D.O.T. suggested that they have a D.O.T. doctor check him out.

The surveyor had an additional in front of the council for a new vehicle or repairs on the old one which was withdrawn because the commissioners offered to replace his vehicle with one from the highway in order to save the county money. Mark Milo moved to approve the surveyor switching vehicles with the highway garage seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

Sue Himes, highway clerk, reported that we are seven bridges behind on our bridge schedule going into 2009.

Jeff Larrison stated that a draft of the bridge inspection should be back by the next meeting.

It was reported that due to the cold conditions, four culverts across the road are sinking. There is some asphalt at the highway that could be ground up and used for this if the commissioners decide to go that route, but they would have to return in the spring to clean up the added material. It would also cost money to hire someone to grind up the asphalt. The commissioners decided not to do this at this time.

IN RE: TAX SALE CONTRACT WITH S.R.I.

Mark Milo moved to approve the tax sale contract with S.R.I. seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

IN RE: STATE NETWORK FOR NEW "800" SYSTEM

Oscar Cowen, Sheriff, received a letter that we were approved to be on the state network for the new "800" radio system. Kathy Norem moved to approve seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

IN RE: REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR JAIL

Mark Milo moved to approve a letter from the commissioners to Congressman Joe Donnelly requesting consideration for appropriations to upgrade the Starke County Jail seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 3 ayes.

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IN RE: PRIVATE OFFICE FOR TREASURER

Dan Bridegroom brought up the previous request made by the Treasurer to move the IT department out of the old private office of the Treasurer so that the Treasurer could have it back. The commissioners said not at this time, but are looking into it.

IN RE: JAIL MAINTENANCE

Kathy Norem requested that the county attorney, Martin Lucas, write up a retainer contract with a plumber for the jail. Mark Milo feels that they need to request people to come forward and see what needs done. Mark Milo moved to have Martin Lucas write up specs for a request for proposals for a maintenance contract for plumbing at the jail seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 3 ayes.

IN RE: RECORDED SURVEY FOR RAILROAD TOWNSHIP

Torenga Surveying notified the commissioners that he had recorded a survey in the Recorder's Office on a piece of property in Railroad Township.

IN RE: STARKE COUNTY'S SISTER COURTHOUSE IN OHIO

Jim Shilling presented all three commissioners with a disk of information on our "sister" courthouse in Ohio.

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 and
Secretary to the Commissioners