

March 18th, 2008

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, with all members present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Several resumes were received for the highway superintendent position. The commissioners asked that copies of them be made for each commissioner. If any more resumes are received, they will be accepted until the commissioners meet in executive session to review them.

John Norris has an estimate for a 25' dump trailer from Kruz in Knox for \$35,112.70. This includes federal excise tax that the county does not pay. It won't be available until 5-16-08. The decision on the dump trailer was tabled until John Norris and Sue Himes meet with the Auditor to discuss finances of the highway and the budget approved by the state.

The amount of stone needed for highway work is 3500 tons. The highway department has hauled 3 loads to date. They can do the balance in 20 more days.

The highway department is in need of more railroad stone. John Norris was advised to call Bruce Fingerhut.

It was reported that patch cost is at the same as it was in 2007.

There have been complaints that CR 800 S ½ mile east of SR 39 is full of holes. Mark Milo stated that he thought it would take a couple of thousand dollars to repair. John Norris said it could be graded down but will then be down to dirt. John Norris and Mark MacKillop reported that this is not on our road inventory, is not platted in the Auditor's Office and is not on the think map, therefore we can not take care of the problems on that road. The complainant needs to be notified of this.

It was also reported that 12 roads are still closed due to high water and that 80% of the frost law signs have been posted. CR 700 and Toto Rd. are both flooded. Water is 3 feet deep on Toto Road and 6 feet 9 inches on CR 700. There is nowhere to put this water. Range Road has pretty much dried up, but more rain is expected in the next few days and spring will be coming soon with more rain.

Kent Danford asked if CR 850W north of Toto Rd. was on the inventory and John Norris said that it was not.

The highway is patching now when possible with regards to the weather. Culverts are being put in. Kent Danford inquired about the airport road culvert and was told it had to be ordered.

IN RE: SYSCO

Van Janovic and Charles Weaver appeared before the board regarding Sysco. The bidding has been terminated and no start date has yet been set and won't be until the new Florida plant is operational and "flow-through" observed. They informed the commissioners that Sysco may farm the property purchased this year for the plant, but this will not delay the start as soybeans would be out by October or November.

IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH AND CAMPGROUNDS

Jennie Carter spoke for Rich Wieczorek. She reported that the contract was still not signed with Callahan. The commissioners told Martin Bedrock, County Attorney, to use the last lease and add that the lease amount is still \$5,000; that any costs incurred by Callahan are not the responsibility of the county, any physical improvements will be subtracted from the \$5,000 with valid proof having been submitted; the commissioners need to be contacted prior to any

repairs if at all possible (Kent Danford is over the beach); past bills will not come off the \$5,000; and any repairs to the lift station are Callahan's responsibility.

Mr. Callahan stated that any prepaid slips for 2008 will be honored if they have a receipt.

IN RE: I.T. DEPARTMENT

Bob Smith requested the commissioners' permission to obtain a key to the courthouse and one to the annex. Some work on the servers is difficult to do when the offices are open. Kent Danford moved to approve seconded by Mark Milo with 2 ayes. The Auditor is to call Carl and James and let them know to give Bob a key and Bob is to return the signed request to the Auditor.

IN RE: ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Cliff Shelhart, Animal Control Officer, asked the commissioners if he could use the old Sheriff Dept. Jeep that is sitting unused at the highway department. Mark Milo stated that Cliff is a subcontractor and this is a county owned vehicle. Insurance would be a problem as only county employees may drive county vehicles legally. Therefore, the county cannot supply subcontractors with vehicles. Cliff asked if the contract proposal he gave to Kevin Kroft approximately 3 months ago had been reviewed. Kent and Mark both stated that they had not yet seen the contract.

IN RE: C.R. 300E AND S.R. 8 PROJECT AND TOTO ROAD PROJECT

Jeff Larrison with United Consulting gave the commissioners an update on the CR 300E and SR 8 project. The preliminary designs will start next week.

Jeff gave the commissioners the updated costs on the Toto Road project. The costs are very high for one mile of road from US 35 to CR 300E. Jeff will check to see if the money is still available for this grant, since the letter was almost 3 years late.

IN RE: EASEMENT AT LARIMER'S CEDAR POINTE ADDITION

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Kipp asked the commissioners if the letter from Steve Dodge regarding the deeds to the county that were brought to the commissioners attention within the last 2 months from Weninger, Sheehan and Zapfe about riparian rights had been reviewed by Mr. Bedrock and a decision made. Mark Milo stated that this needed to be tabled until the commissioners can look at the deeds in depth.

IN RE: EMS REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE

Randy Abbey asked the commissioners if a decision had been made on the used ambulance in New York. This was approved at the last meeting per the March 3 minutes.

IN RE: TREATMENT PLANT AT BASS LAKE

Dave Singleton reported that there were no bids yet on the treatment plant at Bass Lake,

IN RE: STARKE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Ed Hasnerl submitted the financial report for the Starke Memorial Hospital "Save the Hospital" fund. Report on file in the Auditor's office.

IN RE: CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Kent Danford moved to approve the 3-17-08 claims seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

Kent Danford moved to approve payroll seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

IN RE: INDIANA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE REQUEST

Regarding the request in 2007 from Indiana Municipal Insurance, the commissioners decided in the past that if extra security at the courthouse for high profile cases is needed, it will be determined by the judge and he will make arrangements for that security per motion by Mark Milo and seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

There being no further business to come before the board Kent Danford moved to adjourn, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes.

Kevin Kroft, President

Kent Danford, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member

Michaelene J Houston, Auditor