

**Monday, April 20, 2015**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 7:09PM in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Kent Danford and Don Binkley present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

President Danford called the meeting to order. Commissioner Kathy Norem was absent.

**IT DIRECTOR'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CENTURY LINK AGREEMENT**

IT Director, Joe Short, appeared before the Board to request approval on the Products & Services Agreement between CenturyLink Sales Solutions and Starke County. Director Short advised the agreement was for the 911 Department at the new County Jail. County Attorney Marty Lucas advised he had reviewed the document but had a question in regard to the fees schedule. Director Short advised of an annual fee of \$1,431.54, and a monthly maintenance fee of \$5.75. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by President Danford. The motion passed with all ayes.

**AUDITOR BUSINESS: VENDOR CLAIMS, PAYROLL CLAIM, MINUTES**

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by President Danford. The motion passed with all ayes. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the Claims Docket in the total amount of \$120,373.99, seconded by President Danford. The motion passed with all ayes. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the Payroll Claims Docket for the pay period ending on April 11<sup>th</sup>, with a pay date of April 17<sup>th</sup>, in the total gross amount of \$197,256.94. President Danford seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS**

**MEMORIAL DAY, VETERANS' FLAG**

In regard to the topic of the County reimbursing the local American Legion Posts for Memorial Day flags and grave markers, Commissioner Binkley advised he was never able to make contact with the Knox American Legion Commander. He advised he had stopped in at the Post; he had called and left messages for Commander John Everage, but Commander Everage never got back in touch with Commissioner Binkley. He asked that Auditor Chaffins mail the letter to Commander Everage. Commissioner Binkley stated he had spoken though with Keven Kroft and asked Mr. Kroft about obtaining lists of the deceased veterans in Washington Township and California Township. He stated Mr. Kroft had advised that they just walk the cemeteries looking for the veterans' graves. Debbie Mix inquired if possibly the Media could get out the word if any families wanted to make sure their relatives' gravesites were so decorated for Memorial Day to contact the closest American Legion Post in the County. The media agreed to put the word out to the public.

**REQUEST FOR A COUNTY DOG/NOISE ORDINANCE**

Dennis Showers advised the Board of his frustrations in dealing with a neighbor with noisy/barking dogs. He advised the Sheriff's Department has responded to his complaints but their hands are tied in what he can do since there isn't a County Ordinance in place addressing this issue. Attorney Lucas stated in the past he has drafted several proposals in regard to dog/animal issues but not one that specifically dealt with a noise problem. He did advise Mr. Showers though that he could possibly pursue civil action for this nuisance but it would depend on how extensive barking is defined. Attorney Lucas also noted a proposed ordinance would need to include penalties for the dog owner as a remedy. Mr. Showers offered his assistance in the matter and gave the Board his file of research he had compiled.

**VETERANS' OFFICER'S EMAIL ADDRESS**

Commissioner Binkley stated he had received comments in regard to the local Veterans' Officer not using the standard email in the same format as other surrounding counties. He noted they aren't able to locate that information when searching for it. Starke County Veterans' Officer Terry Turner advised he was currently using his own personal email. IT Director Short stated he would assist Officer Turner with this issue.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

With there being no Public Comments and no further business, Commissioner Binkley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Danford. The motion passed with all ayes, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36PM.

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Kent Danford, President

ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Norem, Vice-President

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Don Binkley

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Katherine Chaffins, Auditor &  
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners