

April 21st, 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, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: NEW RIDING MOWER FOR COURTHOUSE/ANNEX

Mark Milo moved to approve the Toro LX 426 mower that Custodian Carl Goodrich had requested. Kent Danford seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes. The money is to be requested out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH

Mr. Callahan, with Callahan Development, asked for some changes in the lease. He would like the lease lengthened to 10 years, with the option of 10 additional years. He would also like the lease in the name of Callahan Development, LLC and not him personally.

IN RE: N.S.F. CHECK

Marilyn Folkers, County Treasurer, appeared before the commissioners to request charging taxes back on to a parcel where the taxes were paid with a non sufficient funds check. Kent Danford moved to approve this, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

John Norris, Interim Highway Superintendent, told the commissioners that the pug mill is up and running.

He said 5 roads are still closed due to flooding. He stated that Toto Road's flooding is deeper now than before.

He reported that highway workers are patching and berming and there are two mowers that need about \$600 worth of work.

Ziker Cleaners needs a new agreement signed for uniforms. It is actually an extension of the old contract. The commissioners asked John to check to see what it would be to add service and repairs to the uniforms.

Kent Danford said he has gotten complaints about the Eichelberg Drain. He said Mr. McCloskey filled it in and another property is being flooded because of it. The commissioners told him he should petition the drainage board to make it a legal drain. As it is now, it is a private mutual drain and would be a civil matter between property owners. They want the Pulaski-Starke Drainage Board to take another look at this.

IN RE: 300 EAST PROJECT

Jeff Larrison, with United Consulting, brought preliminary plans for the County Road 300 East Project at Culver Road. He also brought partial plans for County Road 300 East and Highway 8. He explained the plans to the board.

IN RE: LIABILITY AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Bridget Markin, with 1st Source Insurance, reported that Trident has offered us a 10% discount with a renewal. She also had a quote for worker's compensation, with a \$20,000 reduction. Mark Milo moved to approve renewing liability and 1st Source Insurance taking over the worker's compensation. Kent Danford seconded the motion, and it passed with three ayes.

IN RE: TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

Glen Luedtke, with SRI, explained the sale of tax certificates in lieu of the Commissioners' Sale, to the commissioners. Mark Milo moved to approve the certificate sale, seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes.

IN RE: G.I.S. WEBSITE PROPOSALS

Robert Bryant, with WTH, submitted the GIS website proposals. Kent Danford moved to approve the proposal, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes.

IN RE: SATELLITE OFFICES AND RECORD TRANSFERS

Rhonda Milner, County Assessor, reported to the commissioners about the Satellite Offices and the record transfers from Townships to the county assessor. She said she is still researching how the satellites will work and is waiting for answers from the Attorney General. When the township assessors turn their records over to Rhonda, she would like the commissioners to require all the boxes to be labeled as to what the contents are and then she would like to go before the records commission to see if some of the records can be destroyed. She is meeting with the township assessors next week and will see what they would like to do in regard to the satellite offices. The commissioners would like it to stay status quo. Records can be stored at the warehouse.

IN RE: FLOODING ON TOTO ROAD

Bill Runkle, Delbert Lange & Solomon Noble were present regarding the flooding on Toto Road. They said that there is a 10-foot ditch, within 8-12 feet of the water that only has 1 foot of water in it. It is not receding and is getting worse. They think the water is coming off the Rolling Dunes Subdivision. Kevin Kroft said the property owners would need to petition for a regulated drain. There were several other people in attendance in regard to this matter.

IN RE: BAD CHECK ORDINANCE

Julianne Havens, Prosecuting Attorney, presented the commissioners with a proposed bad check ordinance. The commissioners would like the collected money to be split between two funds. They would like 50% for County General and 50% for the Prosecutor, subject to council approval, if it were needed. Mark Milo made this motion, Kent Danford seconded it and it passed with three ayes.

IN RE: PART-TIME CHILD SUPPORT CASE WORKER POSITION

Julianne requested approval of a part-time child support caseworker position. She would pay them out of the incentive funds, but would like the benefits paid for out of County General. Mark Milo moved to approve a part-time person with no benefits, seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes.

IN RE: OFFICES CLOSING FOR LUNCH

Kent Danford moved to approve the office holders' request to close the county offices for an hour for lunch on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, to allow the bosses to take their secretaries to lunch.

IN RE: E.M.S.

A Pontiac is manning medic 5. Grover Goetz, the Hamlet Fire Chief would like to know where the ambulance for the north end of the county is. Mark Milo is planning to meet with Randy Abbey, EMS/EMA Director, to see how long it will take to get the transmission fixed on the ambulance. Mark Milo moved to declare an emergency to get Medic 5 fixed as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Kent Danford and passed with three ayes.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Benninghoff questioned the commissioners regarding a commissioner's statement at the last meeting about "unprecedented" bidding for culverts and also questioned his statement about bidding for engineers.

She then asked how the commissioners decided that it was intended for the “personal vehicle” transmission that was paid by the county, to be paid for by the employee who owned the vehicle. The commissioners stated that employees should have never allowed the system in the first place. (Said system being allowing employees to purchase items in the county’s name in order to get the county’s discount.) Judy further stated that the public all believes that the employee only paid for the transmission because he was caught. It was stated by a commissioner that all the evidence shows that there was no criminal intent.

Chuck Estok commended Kevin Kroft for bringing the transmission incident to attention of the board.

IN RE: MAJOR MOVES MONEY

Kevin Kroft said he would like the public to know that the commissioners should have known where the Major Moves money was deposited, but misunderstood.

IN RE: CLAIMS, PAYROLL & MINUTES

Kent Danford moved to approve the claims, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes.

Kent Danford moved to approve the payroll, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes.

Kent Danford moved to approve the April 7th minutes, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes.

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

Kevin Kroft, President Kent Danford, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member Michaelene J Houston, Auditor

