

**STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in Regular Session at 6:00PM, in person at the Starke County Annex Building, Knox, Indiana, with, Charlie Chesak, Bryan Cavender, and Mark Gourley 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 directly at 6:00PM.

HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT

Surveyor, Bill Crase came before the Board of Commissioners to give the Starke County Highway Department Monthly Report. He advised they have been getting ready for their spring work. The chipper work has been repaired by Southwest and will be delivered back to the highway department this week. They are still working on their boom mower. However, the prices of the parts to fix the boom mower have been coming in higher than expected. He advised Bridge 7 early coordination meeting will be scheduled within the next month and for Bridge 137 they have received the PE funding from INDOT and they have sent out the Notice to Proceed to BFS. On Bridge 59 they have receive 6 design proposals, he anticipates having those scored this week. He stated that for the current Community Crossings grant they did not score in the first round but sometimes it goes back and forth. Sometimes we do not get approved for the first round but we get approved for the second round. In the projects they had applied for hot mix on 700 E. When the second round opens on July 1st they will resubmit and keep working on the projects they have selected. Surveyor Crase advised they have made the first round of patch this year, they have been out patching potholes getting ready for their summer work. They have also made their first round of pug as well. They will be laying some wedges in North Bend Township soon. He advised after they get that done they have some Community Crossings money that has to be used up. They will be going to 600 E North of Hamlet to County Line, this road will be paved with hot mix. Surveyor Crase stated they have had 2 new mowers and truck drivers starting on May 10th. They have been seeing more applications coming in. They have training coming with the boom truck, this will be May 6th at 6:00 AM. Other than that they have been just getting ready for spring and summer work. The advised they will also be changing a culvert on 300 E and 600 N.

OCRA PROCUREMENT

Commissioner Chesak advised they receive two quotes for the grant administration services. One was from KIRPC in the amount of \$6,250. The second quote was from NCIRPC in the amount of \$7,500. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to accept the KIRPC quote in the amount of \$6,250. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

AUDITOR BUSINESS

Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the vendor claims docket for a total in the amount of \$328,891.20. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Gourley made a motion to approve the payroll docket in the amount of \$255,758.14, including deductions in the amount of \$78,065.87 for the pay period ending on 04/17/2021 and pay date of 04/23/2021. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the minutes from April 19th, 2021. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve annex 2 keys for Gwen. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Commissioner Chesak presented the Petition for Vacation from Argento LLC that the Board of Commissioners have received. At that time Mr. DeCola was not present in person or online. Attorney Lucas had reviewed the Petition for Vacation. He advised this is similar to the previous petition Mr. DeCola had filed on behalf of Argento, LLC. At that time the board denied the petition. He advised that denying or approving this type of petition is purely at the discretion of the board. However, Attorney Lucas stated that although this Petition is in proper form and he agrees with Mr. DeCola that notices to

neighboring properties would not need to be sent, it still should be published in the newspaper pursuant to IC 5-3-1. Attorney Lucas advised he does not believe this could come to a hearing today as it was not published. Auditor Oesterreich will be contacting Mr. DeCola about getting the Petition published. Commissioner Gourley presented a bill from the fire suppression system for the annex building. Commissioner Gourley made a motion to pay for the bill from Cumulative Capital Development. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Pearman advised that the EMA Advisory Board will be interviewing a potential EMA Director Candidate soon and will come back to the Board of Commissioners with that report. He also advised that EMS Director Clary was appointed as Chairman of the LEPC Board. With there being no further public comments and no further business, Commissioner Gourley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

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Charlie Chesak, President

Bryan Cavender, Vice-President

Mark Gourley, Member

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