

**May 5, 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: VOTER RADIO TOWER**

Phil Kyle with ERS stated that it would cost more to lease a tower over the years than to put one in of our own. He submitted a quote for a 100-foot tower at \$27,950. Kevin Kroft moved to purchase a 100-foot tower and to put it out to bid seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

Phil also submitted a quote of \$10,825 for upgrades and repairs to the radio system. Kent Danford moved to approve seconded by Kevin Kroft with 3 ayes.

The commissioners want both things advertised for additional out of both Cum. Cap. Dev. and E-911 and let the council decide which one to take it from.

**IN RE: EMS/EMA**

Mark Milo moved to approve \$4537.75 in write offs seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

Mary Lynn Ritchie reported receipts of \$100.68 from small claims and \$473.14 from collections.

Kent Danford moved to appoint Mary Lynn Ritchie as the County's Administrator for the Medicaid web site seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

Randy Abbey submitted the work orders for doing the remount on the ambulance. Mark Milo moved to approve with a cost of \$59,716 seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

Randy reported that the state qualified Starke County for FEMA.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

John Norris reported on the roads that are still closed due to flooding.

John informed the commissioners that oil for mixing pug is \$1.361 per gallon and it takes 22,500 gallons to do a mile of road. It costs approximately \$1700 per mile for aggregate.

Sue Himes submitted the quote on the uniforms' repair service. It would be 3 cents per garment, which would be 33 cents per employee. There are 24 employees with uniforms. Mark Milo moved to approve seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes. Kent Danford moved to allow Kevin to sign the contract seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

John reported that they are patching right now. He further reported that Al Eckert quit, but that they could wait until fall to replace him.

Sue Himes submitted the year-end report for the highway. The commissioners will look it over and sign it at the next meeting.

The Toto Road flooding which is in the vicinity of 5800 E Toto Rd. is a private ditch. The commissioners want John to ask the property owner to open the culvert as a first attempt to solve the flooding problem.

#### **IN RE: COUNTY ASSESSOR AND SATELLITE OFFICES**

Rhonda Milner, County Assessor, reported that 7 of the 9 trustee assessors are interested in running a satellite office. The Council attorney said that the commissioners had to set it up. Rhonda informed the commissioners that the trustees would be willing to do the satellite office for the same pay they received as township assessor, only they would now be deputy assessors.

Mark Milo moved to establish 7 satellite offices seconded by Kent Danford with 2 ayes 1 nay (KK). Kevin wanted to wait until a ruling came back from the Attorney General's office before establishing anything. Mark Milo moved to rescind his motion and Kent Danford moved to rescind his second and they will wait until they get the ruling.

The commissioners requested that the county attorney, Martin Bedrock, get with the council's attorney, Martin Lucas, and do some brainstorming to come up with a plan.

#### **IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH & CAMPGROUND**

Mr. Callahan asked if he could buy some sand off the county to fill in around the trees on the beach that are about to fall into the lake. The county will need to apply for a permit to "reclaim" the property. Mark Milo moved to apply for a permit to "reclaim" seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes. The commissioners told Mr. Callahan to go through the Surveyor.

Mr. Callahan reported that the conservancy pumps are broken. He further stated that the NIPSCO transformers there were faulty and that there was a very good possibility that these faulty transformers caused the breakdown and could be causing problems with property owners' appliances along the way.

Mark Milo moved to approve the Bass Lake lease with the changes seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

Mark Milo moved to value the beach side building at \$100,000 for insurance purposes seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

Dave Singleton reported that the water in the water treatment plant at Bass Lake was tested. The tests showed that the water could be dumped.

Mark Milo moved to allow Adam Ulanicki to remove the treatment plant for \$1500 seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes and to pay it out of the commissioners' other services in their budget.

#### **IN RE: C.R. 300 E PROJECT**

Jeff Larrison with United Consulting reported that the engineers are working on the application for the C.R. 300 E project.

#### **IN RE: MINUTES**

Kent Danford moved to approve the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 minutes seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

#### **IN RE: G.A.S.B. 34**

Mark Milo moved to approve the 2008 contract with Mike Nielson for GASB 34 in the amount of \$1750.00 seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

#### **IN RE: COMMUNITY SERVICES OF STARKE COUNTY**

A letter was received from Joan Haugh about the \$7000 that the commissioners had in their budget for Community Services of Starke County. The commissioners are holding all such donations until the budget is approved in case their

needs to be cuts made.

**IN RE: PAYROLL AND VENDOR CLAIMS**

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

Kent Danford moved to approve the vendor claims seconded by Kevin Kroft with 3 ayes.

**IN RE: BAD CHECK ORDINANCE #2008-06**

Kent Danford moved to approve ordinance #2008-06, which is the bad check fee ordinance from the Prosecutor seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP**

Mark Milo moved to approve the highway quarterly report from Superior Environmental on the highway environmental cleanup 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 3 ayes.

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Kevin Kroft, President Kent Danford, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member Michaelene J Houston, Auditor