

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in Regular Session at 6:00PM in the Annex Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Donald Binkley and Charles Chesak present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner President Don Binkley at 6:33PM due to the lateness of the County Council Meeting. Commissioner Kathy Norem was absent from the meeting.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OFFICE'S COPIER CONTRACTS

County Extension Officer, Julia Miller, appeared before the Board and presented a package of paperwork approving the purchase of her officer copier. The paperwork was the agreement for the copier with Purdue University. Commissioner Binkley signed the paperwork.

EDWIN BUSWELL, KIRPC GRANT FOR ADA COURTHOUSE ELEVATOR

Edwin Buswell, KIRPC, advised he was present for a Public Hearing on the \$500,000.00 grant to purchase an ADA elevator for the County Courthouse. President Binkley announced the Public Hearing was open for comment, at 6:36PM. County Clerk, Vicki Cooley, advised the current Courthouse elevator was very difficult to use especially if you would happen to be in a wheelchair. She advised the door is difficult to move also since it is a very heavy door. Democratic Chairperson, Kenny Wallace, stated he hopes the new elevator is completely ADA friendly since the last time the elevator was repaired and he stated that wasn't that long ago, the elevator is not accessible to the disabled. Mr. Buswell advised that was the purpose of this project that the grant requirement is to meet all the ADA requirements. He also advised they need letters from the public as to why Starke County needs a new County Courthouse elevator. There were no further comments. President Binkley closed the public hearing at 6:40PM. He advised there will be two letters that need to be signed by the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting. He noted the deadline for the first application is July 7th.

VICKI COOLEY, STARKE COUNTY CLERK

County Clerk, Vicki Cooley, appeared before the Board to request the approval of the purchasing of electronic pollbooks which she advised could cost up to \$50,000.00. She stated various polling centers have already updated to the electronic pollbooks. She stated she has put that amount into her 2018 Election Department budget.

She also advised if the Early 2018 Voting would take place downstairs in the Conference Room she would need to purchase a printer/copier/fax/scanner downstairs so it was available for the Election Workers. Clerk Cooley also noted she will need to have someone check out the room for the necessary phone jacks and electrical lines for the equipment. She stated she would like to lease that copier.

Commissioner Binkley told her to have the IT Director, Mark Gourley, check out that room.

Clerk Cooley also stated she will be needing to update her upstairs copier and she showed the Board a copy of the price quote she had received by Kemp's Office Supply. The quote is showing the initial list price of the copier is \$17,135.99 but he is willing to sell the copier for \$5,165.83. She advised they are currently paying .017363 for a copy and the rate for the new copier would be .00962 thus saving her money. Commissioner Binkley inquired as to how the copier would be paid. The Clerk stated she has approximately \$2,500.00 in her budget and she thought maybe some of the other offices who will be using it could contribute toward the copier and they are Probation, Prosecutor's, Court and CASA.

Commissioner Binkley told her to ask some of the other departments if they will contribute and the Clerk should return to the next Commissioner meeting.

ASSESSOR MICHELLE SNOWDON WTH REQUEST

Assessor Michelle Snowdon appeared before the Board with a request she received from Farm & Home Publishers Limited who asked for a data extract from WTH. She noted since it is a large amount of data they will need to pull a formal WTH request form has been submitted. She advised it would be paid by Farm & Home and there will be no cost to the County. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the WTH request from Farm & Home Publishers. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it was passed with all ayes.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL REQUESTS TO BE ADDED TO COUNTY TELEPHONE

Carrie Trent of Starke County Solid Waste appeared before the Board and asked for their approval to have the Solid Waste Office attach to the County’s telephone bill to save the Solid Waste Office some money. Commissioner Cheask made a motion to approve her request to sign up to the County’s telephone. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Ms. Trent stated she did not need to ask about hooking up with the Property Software as she was told by the Treasurer there were plenty of extra ports that she could connect to.

COMMUNITY CROSSING ROAD APPLICATIONS

Highway Department Superintendent Rik Ritzler appeared before the Board. He advised he has completed his Community Crossings Grant software and it should produce approximately \$1,000,000.00 for the County. He explained one of the applications and went through its steps. He stated he will submit the applications tomorrow. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the submittal of the Community Crossings grant applications. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

AUDITOR’S BUSINESS: MINUTES, PAYROLL CLAIM, AND VENDOR CLAIM

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the payroll claims docket for the pay period ending on 6/3/17, which a pay date of 6-9-17, in the total gross amount of \$240,498.22. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it was approved with all ayes.

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the vendor claims docket in the total gross amount of \$646,034.93. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5th meeting. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it was approved with all ayes.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Binkley thanked Jail Maintenance employee, Tony Mildice, for building a building which enclosed the auger behind the Jail. He stated Tony did a real good job and has saved the taxpayers a bit of money.

Commissioner Binkley stated the position of Veterans’ Service Officer will be picked at their next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carolla Heilstedt, of the CVC Board, advised she has been working on a grant application for the Park Board in regard to a kayak ramp on the Yellow River just off Range Road north of CR50S. She stated she will bring in a copy of the grant form to the next Commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Binkley stated the next Commissioner meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5th instead of Monday, July 3rd due to the July 4th Holiday.

There being no further public comment and no further business, Commissioner Chesak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.

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<hr/> Donald Binkley, President	ABSENT <hr/> Kathryn Norem, Vice President
<hr/> Charles Chesak	<hr/> Katherine Chaffins, County Auditor & Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners