

ATTN: THIS IS A DRAFT--NOT YET APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS

June 30, 2010

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in reconvened session at 1:00 PM in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Dan Bridegroom, Kathy Norem, and Jennifer Davis present. The following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: 2011 COMMISSIONERS BUDGET

Budgetary needs were discussed by the Commissioners for 2011. A draft was completed and submitted to the Auditor in keeping with requirements.

IN RE: THE HEALY GROUP

The commissioners heard a presentation from Tony Nyers and Charlie Bushkill from the Healy Group regarding 2011 employee health insurance. They will be preparing a list of items needed that will allow them to quote on the Health insurance.

With no further business to come before the board Kathy Norem moved to adjourn seconded by Jennifer Davis with 3 ayes.

Dan Bridegroom, President

Kathy Norem, Vice President

Jennifer Davis

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and
Secretary to the Commissioners

July 6, 2010

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Dan Bridegroom absent and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: MOMENT OF SILENCE

Kathy Norem called for a moment of silence in honor of Bill Crase's daughter, Brittany. Bill is an employee of the Starke County Highway Department.

IN RE: MINUTES

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 22 and 28 minutes seconded by Kathy Norem with 2 ayes.

IN RE: PAYROLL AND VENDOR CLAIMS

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the payroll claims seconded by Kathy Norem with 2 ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the vendor claims seconded by Kathy Norem with 2 ayes.

IN RE: E.M.S.

Mary Lynn Ritchie submitted the E.M.S. write offs in the amount of \$1200.71. Jennifer Davis moved to approve seconded by Kathy Norem with 2 ayes. She also reported collections of \$428.58 from the collection agency, O'Hara, and three checks from small claims totaling \$3311.00.

Mary Lynn submitted reports on the E.M.S. operations and financials, which are on file in the Auditor's Office.

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Lisa Burger reported on the Base repairs at North Judson and Grovertown. They will be completed as soon as the windows come in and are installed.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Steve Siddall asked when the highway employee handbook would go into effect and was told it went into effect July 1st. The handbook is on the county website.

The commissioners requested that some culverts be repaired and some potholes fixed. Steve stated that they were already taking care of it.

At C.R. 210 and C.R. 450 there are some decks being built up to the road. Steve said that the planning commission is to go out and issue a stop order as sand is filling up the ditch because of it and it will need to be cleaned out. Steve will check to see if Bruce Williams has pursued this.

IN RE: PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCES WIND ENERGY AND BUILDING

Martin Lucas, County Attorney, stated that he felt the ordinances were well drafted. Kathy Norem said that the wind ordinance references an appendix A and that it is not attached. Kathy Norem questioned the F.A.A. laws governing this and Bruce Williams replied that those laws overrule ours and answered all her questions.

He reported that public hearings were held and that there was no opposition. Kathy further stated that she appreciated that the I.C. codes were sited and attached as exhibits. Section 16 refers to stop work orders and section 19 for appeals. Kathy would like to see the planning commission adopt local steps for appeals with the courts as a last effort to appeal. Bruce stated that he would need a separate board for this. Martin Lucas sees no reason that it couldn't be the B.Z.A.

There was more discussion regarding the ordinances. June 16th was the public hearing where the ordinances were approved. The hearings began in May and were continued due to language changes that the planning commission board requested. The commissioners tabled both ordinances until the next meeting when Dan Bridegroom is back as he is the commissioner representative on the planning commission board.

IN RE: ELECTION BOARD AND VOTING SITE CHANGES

Evelyn Skronski and Jim Henriott of the Election Board would like to relocate the Center Township voting sites for precincts 1 through 4 to the Community Building in Knox in order to decrease costs. They submitted a detailed report on this which is on file in the Auditor's Office.

There will be two voting machines for each precinct and the same number of clerks. There will only be one inspector and fewer sheriffs. There will be two sections with precincts 1 and 2 on the west side and precincts 3 and 4 on the east side. If this works, they will be working on combining other precincts as well.

Jennifer Davis stated that she was not in favor of reducing the election board compensation but is in favor of trying the plan.

The election board would like to have a commissioner on the H.A.V.A. board. They only have one meeting which is before the election. Jennifer stated that she would like to be on the board.

IN RE: LIABILITY INSURANCE AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Bridget Markin, our insurance agent, discussed the comparison spreadsheet on the companies who submitted proposals for our liability insurance and our worker's compensation insurance. Our current company's rates are going up.

She discussed the differences in coverage and Downey only has a separate umbrella limit that could be used up on one claim and their worker's compensation had no rating. Bridget and Kathy Norem both feel Burnam and Flower for the general liability and Bliss

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McKnight for the worker's compensation are the lowest and best proposals. Jennifer Davis moved to go with Burnam and Flower and with Bliss McKnight seconded by Kathy Norem with 2 ayes.

IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH AND CAMPGROUNDS

Richard Callahan stated that he was very disappointed in the letter he received from the county attorney regarding the Bass Lake Beach and Campgrounds. Kathy Norem stated that she feels he hasn't paid enough attention to what the commissioners asked him to do, which was to follow the I.C. codes. Kathy said his "offense" of the letter is duly noted and she's sorry, but wants the I.C. codes followed.

Mr. Callahan reported that the inspection report's items # 1 and 2 regarding the rescue tubes and ring buoy with attached rope were there just not where the state wanted them and he has corrected that.

Item # 4 locations of the line buoys were farther apart than 25 feet in some areas. That has also been corrected.

Item # 7 states that the hot water in the bathrooms, per law, needs to be between 90 and 120 degrees Fahrenheit. He showed the commissioners a picture of the heating element showing it at 100 degrees. If the inspector turned the water on, he didn't wait for it to get hot.

Item # 8 stated that the dumpsters didn't have lids. He showed pictures proving that they did and stated that Richard's Disposal does not even have lidless dumpsters.

Item # 9 states that there are potholes in the road and parking lot of the beach property. He stated that it is graded weekly to correct and is due largely to the storms.

Item # 5 states that lake water samples were not taken two weeks prior to opening the beach with weekly samples following. Mr. Callahan stated that he has made arrangements to do all of that and that copies of the reports will be sent to Dave Singleton who is to pass them on to the commissioners.

Kathy Norem informed Mr. Callahan that as long as he follows the rules and regulations and as long as the commissioners do not get letters from the state that we aren't compliant, everything will be fine.

Mr. Callahan asked permission to use T.E.C. Media Method Lab. The commissioners want Dave Singleton to approve the company as well. Mr. Callahan submitted a Hoosier Microbiological Sample Submission form and is sending the lab testing to I.D.E.M.

Martin Lucas, County Attorney, expressed his concern at the Department of Health listing Mr. Callahan as the agent for the county and wanted to clarify that the county represents its own interests and did not designate an agent. Mr. Callahan will file a correction with the state and send the commissioners a copy. He also stated that he would follow the requirements for the water sampling.

IN RE: PROPOSED ROAD VACATION AT BOA SHORES

Ray and Deb Mix along with a representative from the Boa Shores Property Owners' Association asked if the commissioners had come to a decision on their request to vacate part of road at Boa Shores. The commissioners stated that they are not inclined at this time to do so. Martin Lucas, County Attorney, stated for the record that these are not easements; they are public dedications for roadway and are not in any deeds. Jennifer Davis stated that they don't want to set precedence and start giving away land.

Deb Mix stated that the water runs down the hill to her front door and requested permission to put up a retaining wall on that road dedication. The commissioners will talk to the Surveyor about what he thinks the problem is and what can be done.

They also informed the commissioners that people park along that easement and block them from driving off their own property. The commissioners will discuss "no parking" signs for the area and will need an ordinance to do so. Boa Shores' residents will still be able to use the park area.

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The Mixes asked if they could purchase the part of the road easement in front of their house. Martin Lucas stated that as it is a dedication to the public, no deed exists. Martin will look into the matter of whether or not the property can be sold. The commissioners are looking for a compromise.

IN RE: ENERGY GRANT BIDS

Two contracts, one for the materials and one for the labor regarding the energy grant were presented. Jennifer Davis moved to approve seconded by Kathy Norem with 2 ayes.

IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH

Clyde Haniford stated that there were 800 property owners against the trailers camped on the beach area. There are also three piers that the neighbors weren't notified about. He further stated that on the campground side there are 30 tents that are not on registered campsites.

Another gentleman asked if he drives his motor home in there to spend the day at the beach and drives it away at night is that legal. The commissioners stated that this would not be considered camping. He also stated that he lives across from the beach and he feels it is very nice there.

IN RE: BOA SHORES' BUILDING PERMITS

Dale Bonnema asked if building permits were needed to build at Boa Shores as he has noticed garages being turned into living areas along with other construction. The commissioners stated firmly that building permits are required.

Mr. Bonnema further stated that he saw someone tying into the sewer system. When he approached them he was told to keep his nose out. He has discussed all this with Bruce Williams. Kathy Norem will call the highway department to go out there. Kathy also told him to call the sheriff if there were problems.

Kathy will talk to Bruce Williams about Mr. Bonnema's problem, but the commissioners have no jurisdiction over the Bass Lake Conservancy District, although this would be a health issue. She will also call Dave Singleton and Steve Siddall.

IN RE: CLOSED SANITARY LANDFILL

The bill received from Weave and Boos for the landfill is to be paid out of the commissioners' discretionary line item in the EDIT fund.

There being no further business to come before the board Jennifer Davis moved to adjourn seconded by Kathy Norem with 2 ayes.

ABSENT

Dan Bridegroom, President

Kathy Norem, Vice President

Jennifer Davis

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and
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