

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019

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 Charlie Chesak and Bryan Cavender present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner President Charlie Chesak at 6:35PM due to the lateness of the Starke County Council and Starke County Commissioner joint session.

AUDITOR'S BUSINESS: MINUTES, VENDOR CLAIMS DOCKET, PAYROLL DOCKET

Commissioner Chesak asked for a motion to approve the vendor claims in the amount of \$380,763.79. Commissioner Cavender made the motion, Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the Payroll Claims Docket for the pay period ending on 06/29/19 with a pay date of 07/05/19, in the total gross amount of \$261,162.33. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion, the motion passed with both ayes. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with both ayes.

FMLA EXTENSION REQUEST

Commissioner Chesak presented an FMLA extension request from county employee Terry McDaniel. He is requesting an additional 30 day extension of his current FMLA. Commissioner Cavender made the motion to accept and approve the FMLA extension request. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

RAILROAD CROSSING INSURANCE POLICY

Commissioner Chesak presented the insurance policy for the railroad crossing that the Board of Commissioners own. Commissioner Cavender asked SCEDF Larry Wickert if the Board of Commissioners accepts this insurance policy would it be paid for by the businesses who pay for the rail car fee. Director Wickert explained that the businesses pay \$10 per car per use right now and they also pay an additional fee at the end of the year for all of the expenses that are incurred for maintenance of the crossing. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to accept the General Liability Insurance Policy as presented for the railroad crossing right-a-way in the amount of \$14,523 annually. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

J & K SERVICE CONTRACT

Commissioner Cavender made a motion for payment of the six month contract for J & K Communications to be paid from the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$18,904.59. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sheriff Dulin came before the Board of Commissioners for their approval regarding a grant application. Sheriff Dulin explained they are part of a Justice System Response Training Group. This group addresses the needs of opioid addiction and opioid addiction training for Starke County. He explained the Starke County Court Services has applied for grant funding through the SIM (Sequential Intercept Model), which is a planning approach designed to enhance collaborative partnerships between our local justice system and behavioral health care providers, to address Opioid Use Disorders/Substance Use Disorders. It identifies each of the stages an individual might encounter from an initial 911 call, to release from probation or parole.

Sheriff Dulin explained with the Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant, if selected, we will have the opportunity to receive funds (\$60,000) per year for two (2) consecutive years, toward multiple improvement strategies and projects in the community; including the creation of a part-time "Re-entry Coordinator" pending funding, personnel training for an MRT program at Hope Restored, and collaboration efforts, and potential cross-training with Health link's Mobile Response Team. He stated approximately \$25,000 would be allocated to part-time re-entry coordinator position, \$5,000 would be allocated to subsidize training costs for MRT program, for program staff at Hope Restored, and the

Mobile Response Team would include an “on-duty” LEO. Funding would assist with overtime costs associated with being called out. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve and proceed with the grant application and the part time re-entry coordinator. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes

After no public comment Commissioner Cavender made a motion to adjourn at 6:51 PM. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

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ABSENT

Charlie Chesak, President

Kathryn Norem, Vice-President

Bryan Cavender

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