

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018

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 Kathy Norem and Donald Binkley 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 6:20PM due to the lateness of the Starke County Council meeting. Commissioner Charlie Chesak was absent from the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS TO KOONTZ LAKE CONSERVANCY BOARD

Commissioner Norem stated they had received letters of interest from six candidates for appointment to the Koontz Lake Conservancy Board but only four spots need to be appointed. She stated they had received letters from Greg Mundt, Dan Pisarek, Marty Wolf, Steve Troike, Robert McVicker and Gene Fleming. She advised that Marshall County is appointing one position, the Director for Area 1 and that position will have an expiration date of Feb. 2019. Commissioner Norem advised Starke County needs to appoint Area 2 which is property located next to the Lake, Area 3 which is property located away from the Lake and two At Large Directors. Commissioner Norem made a motion to appoint Greg Mundt as the Area 3 Director with a position expiration date of Feb. 2020, Gene Fleming as the Area 2 Director with an position expiration date of Feb. 2021, Steve Troike and Marty Wolfe as At Large Directors and both have position expiration dates of Feb. 2022. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

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

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the Minutes of the 7/2/18 meeting. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the Payroll Claim for the pay period ending on 6/30/18 with a pay date of 7/6/18 in the total gross amount of \$249,261.86. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem brought up a couple of claims that were included in the Vendor Claims Docket. She advised both claims were for mileage. She disagreed that the mileage claims needed to have a Mapquest mapping and then mileage of the shortest route is taken as the mileage to that specific location. She stated they should approve a mileage claim with the amount of miles as stated on the claim. The claim being discussed had taken that person an additional 15 miles to return home. Commissioner Norem stated she disagreed; that the Auditor should not have the authority to reduce the claims filed without bringing it to the attention of the Commissioners who approve the claims. She stated the Clerk had experienced a road detour and that is what took additional miles. The Auditor stated if that was the case that should have been stated on the mileage claim so it was properly explained and documented. She stated if the SBOA pulls that claim in an audit no one will remember that the Clerk had a road detour on that trip. Commissioner Norem stated she was making a motion to approve both mileage claims listed to be paid in full which would give Clerk Cooley an additional \$7.22 and Prosecutor Bourff an additional \$14.82, so the total amount of the Vendor Claims Docket would be \$432,543.28. Commissioner Binkley stated he agreed with the mileage and seconded the claim approval. The motion passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the Supplemental Vendor Claims Docket in the total amount of \$32,720.00. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Auditor Chaffins stated she would like to update the computers in her department and the price quote she had received from IT was for \$5,308.00 and also purchase new desks for the four Deputies in her department. The desks cost approximately \$400.00 each. She stated the purchases would be paid from the Auditor's Transfer Fee Fund which currently has a balance of \$42,069.00 and those are proper purchases to be made from that Fund. Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the purchases. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem stated she owed an apology to Commissioner Charlie Chesak, County Attorney Marty Lucas, Auditor Chaffins and the Press for their attendance to the Elevator Bid Opening Meeting that was scheduled for July 12th. She advised she had received an email saying the meeting was changed to July 18th at 2PM because a company had asked for more time to prepare their bid, but she failed to forward out the notice. She stated at the time she first read it she was waiting for documentation to verify it was being changed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no public comment and no further business, Commissioner Norem made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

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Donald Binkley, President

Kathryn Norem, Vice President

Charles Chesak

Katherine Chaffins, County Auditor
& Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners