

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Thursday, August 4, 2011

The Starke County Board of Commissioners meet in a special executive session, at 9:30AM, in the Annex meeting room, Knox, IN and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to discuss a personnel issue in the County.
I can attest, the only issue discussed at this meeting was the county's personnel.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM.

Katherine Chaffins, Auditor &
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners

**SPECIAL SESSION
Bridge 156 Project Bids**

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Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in special session at 11:00AM in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Dan Bridegroom, Kathy Norem, and Jennifer Davis present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

President Dan Bridegroom called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting is the opening of bids for: The construction of the replacement of County Bridge 156, carrying Range Road over Robbins Ditch. The work includes pile driving, concrete work, beam placement, asphalt and guardrail work. County Attorney Marty Lucas opened the four bids that the Commissioners had received. The bids received were as followed:

| Bidder: | Total Bid: |
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| Gariup Construction Co. Inc. Gary, IN. | \$256,400.00 |
| LaPorte Construction Company, Inc. LaPorte, IN | \$277,919.90 |
| Tonn and Blank Michigan City, IN | \$255,300.00 |
| Wirtz & Yates Construction Inc. Kentland, IN. | \$326,672.43 |

Lee Nagai inquired as to the cost of the box beams which would be needed for the bridge project. A discussion followed regarding the cost of the box beams. Steve Siddall, County Highway Dept. Superintendent, advised the beams are already on order from the Debco Company and will be at a cost lower than their annual beam bid. He advised the beams are scheduled for delivery in mid September. Ken Minett, of Butler, Fairman, & Seufert advised the bridge should be open for traffic 82 days from today.

Commissioner Norem made a motion to take the bids under advisement, to recess the meeting to review the bids, with the intention of reconvening the meeting and awarding the bid today. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, and it passed with all ayes.

The meeting was recessed at 11:30AM, and scheduled to reconvene at 12:00PM.

The meeting reconvened at 12:10PM. Commissioner Davis could not attend the second portion of the meeting. Commissioner Norem made a motion to award the bid for the construction of Bridge 156 to Tonn & Blank Construction, of Michigan City. Commissioner Bridegroom seconded the motion and it passed with two ayes.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:13PM.

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Dan Bridegroom, President

Kathy Norem, Vice President

Jennifer Davis

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