

**Monday, September 12, 2016**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in Special Session with the Starke County Building Corporation at 6:00PM in the Annex Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Kent Danford, Kathy Norem, Ron Henigsmith, and Ben Osinski present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by President Kent Danford. In attendance for the meeting were Commissioners Kent Danford and Kathy Norem, and Building Corporation Directors Kathy Norem, Ron Henigsmith, and Ben Osinski, County Attorney Marty Lucas, Skillman Representatives Derek Anderson and Bob Chorba, and DLZ Representative John Kirk.

Derek Anderson advised during the opening of the bids at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting one of the bids was located in the bottom of his bin and was not opened at that time. He opened the bid and it was from Herman & Goetz in the amount of \$635,600.00 for # 6, Electrical, with an Alt 1: \$15,500.00 and Alt. 7: \$14,500.00.

He advised they had received bids for the Starke County Courthouse and the Former Jail Renovations Project. A total of 17 bids were received for 6 bid categories, representing an average of 2 to 3 bids per category. After conducting Pre-award conferences and reviewing each contractor’s qualifications, The Skillman Corporation recommends awarding contracts and issuing a Notice to Proceed to the following Contractors base on the lowest base bid as follows:

- 1. General Trades: Ziolkowski Construction \$1,899,000.00
- 2. Flooring: Midwest Tile & Interiors 110,899.00
- 3. Painting/Wallcovering: Oosterbaan & Sons 143,500.00
- 4. Plumbing: Griffen Plumbing & Heating 153,900.00
- 5. Mechanical: Arctic Engineering 173,200.00
- 6. Electrical/Technology: EMCOR Hyre Electric 297,800.00

Commissioner Norem inquired about Alt. # 6, the cleaning/washing on the Existing Exterior. Derek Anderson advised that was not included in any of those stated bids. The cost is a set aside allowance which is in the budget for that work.

They announced some of the work that will be completed on the Courthouse: to repair windows, tuck pointing, air conditioning, electrical, lighting changed to LED, and handicap bathroom. They also advised an asbestos abatement will begin in the next few days at the old jail which will last a week to ten days. The renovation construction of both buildings will begin at the end of this month and should be completed by the end of March, 2017.

Building Corporation Director Ben Osinski made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to accept and approve the listed bids and proceed with the construction projects.

Director Ron Henigsmith seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Building Corporation and to approve the bids as listed for the construction projects. Commissioner Danford seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem advised the Building Corporation that once construction begins and the bills start being prepared for payment the Building Corporation will begin meeting monthly for approval of those bills prior to the Commissioner’s meeting.

Mr. Anderson advised the company with the lowest bid for the asbestos abatement was Interstate Environmental Services in the amount of \$18,999.00 for the main floor of the old jail building. He advised there are some minor costs for the same abatement in the basement area. Director Henigsmith made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of the bid received from Interstate Environmental Services for a price not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the asbestos abatement of the whole jail building. Director Osinski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Commissioner Norem made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Building Corporation and to approve the asbestos abatement bid by Interstate Environmental Services not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the abatement at the whole old jail building. Commissioner Danford seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Mr. Anderson advised the bids for the asbestos abatement at the County Courthouse will be opened on September 15<sup>th</sup>. He stated he would present them to the Board of Commissioners at their meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Norem asked the Building Corporation if they could attend the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. They both stated they could be there around 6:00PM.

The County Veteran’s Officer, Mark Gourley, asked the Board of Commissioners to take under consideration naming the Old Jail Building after Veteran Officer, Robert Tauteris Jr. He advised Officer Tauteris was the only local officer recently killed in the line of duty in a foreign country.

There being no further business, Commissioner Norem made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Danford seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:33PM.

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Kent Danford, President

ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_  
Donald Binkley, Vice President

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Kathy Norem

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