

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday, September 18, 2017

The Starke County Board of Commissioners met in an Executive Session at 5:15PM on Monday, September 18, 2017, in the Starke County Annex Meeting Room, Knox, IN with Commissioners Don Binkley, and Charles Chesak, County Attorney Marty Lucas, EMS Clerk MaryLynn Richie, and Auditor Katherine Chaffins present, and the following proceedings were held to wit: The meeting was held to interview a person to fill the position of EMA Director pursuant to IC5-14-1.5-6.1part(b)(6)(B). I can attest the only issue discussed at this meeting was in regard to the interview.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33PM.

Katherine Chaffins, Auditor of Starke County

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
REGULAR SESSION

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 Charles Chesak 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 7:39PM due to the lateness of the County Council Meeting. Commissioner Kathy Norem was absent.

STARKE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION REPORT

SCEDF Director Charlie Weaver was present for the meeting and advised he would not complete the full report as the Commissioners were present for the Council Meeting's SCEDF report. He did advise that a meeting is being worked on for the creation of a Special Group entitled the US 30 Upgrade Committee in regard to the possible work to make US30 an interstate. He also submitted a copy of a proposed letter to potential committee members inviting them to join the committee and attend the next established meeting.

Director Weaver also advised he would like the Commissioners to approve the 2nd installment of the CEDIT funding for the SCILL facility, which would be \$40,000.00. Commissioner Binkley advised he would like to see Commissioner Norem be present for that discussion and suggested that be discussed at their October 2nd meeting. Director Weaver advised that would work as he would like to present the issue to the County Council at their next regular meeting for their appropriation approval.

AUDITOR'S BUSINESS: MINUTES, PAYROLL CLAIM, AND VENDOR CLAIM

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the Vendor Claims Docket in the total gross amount of \$81,989.69. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the Payroll Claims Docket with a pay period ending on 9/9/17, with a pay date of 9/15/17 in the total gross amount of \$226,520.51. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5th meetings. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Highway Superintendent Rik Ritzler appeared before the Board to request approval of a Railroad Crossings Grant that was rewarded in the amount of \$36,692.29. He advised it was a 100% grant to repair the railroad crossings in the County and noted TSC will be able to complete the work

cheaper than the Highway Department could. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the Railroad Crossings Grant. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Auditor Chaffins inquired on the receipt of the grant and it was determined the grant will be placed into a Special Grant Fund.

County Attorney Marty Lucas advised he had prepared a Starke County Coroner's Office, Use of the Starke County Morgue, Terms and Conditions. He advised it is an agreement for other Counties to use the Starke County Coroner's Building for autopsy purposes only. The cost for a County would be \$100.00 per autopsy.

Commissioner Binkley signed a Contract Status Inquiry of the contract with Bridge 50, on work completed by Northern Indiana Construction Company.

Attorney Lucas advised he had made a couple of updates to the County's Employee Handbook and asked for the Commissioners to review it to see if there was any other updates that need to be addressed. He also asked for them to look over the County's Travel Expense Policy since it was already four years old and thought it was time for review. He advised he thought this could be addressed at their next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

IT Director Mark Gourley advised he had been contacted by the Railroad Township Fire Chief Andy Tilleras who was concerned about problems with their fire department's radio contact. Director Gourley advised J& K was contacted and they discovered the repeater in North Judson had been hit by lightning. He stated it was unknown at this time the extent of damage and if it is covered by the County's insurance company. Director Gourley also stated he was told by Chief Tilleras that Railroad Township had been added to the 911 System.

There being no further public comment and no further business, Commissioner Chesak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:56PM.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

Donald Binkley, President

ABSENT _____
Kathryn Norem, Vice President

Charles Chesak

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