

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

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 Kent Danford, 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 Kent Danford at 7:15PM, due to the late meeting of the Starke County Council.

**ASBESTOS ABATEMENT BID**

Commissioner Norem advised this portion of the meeting was a joint meeting with the Starke County Building Corporation as the Corporation's participation was needed in this decision. She advised Ben Osinski and herself were Directors of the Building Corporation. Derek Anderson of Skillman presented the bidders and the amount of bids submitted for the removal of asbestos from the old jail building. He advised the smallest bid was received from Safe Environmental Corporation, of Highland, IN for a Base Bid of \$31,356.00; and Allowance A.1, Pipe Insulation: \$2,956.00; Allowance A.2, Mobilization: \$3,900.00 which are not included in the base bid. Director Osinski questioned if the Schedule of Values on the last page of the bid document was missing any lines because the total amount of the base bid including the two allowances was \$31,356.00. Mr. Anderson stated the \$31,356.00 was the total price including the two allowances and that was well under budget. Director Osinski made a motion to approve the bid in the total amount of \$31,356.00 and recommend its approval to the Board of Commissioners. Director Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Building Corporation and approve the bid submitted from Safe Environmental Corporation in the amount of \$31,356.00. Commissioner Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Director Osinski left the Board meeting.

**PULASKI COUNTY ECONOMIC DIRECTOR'S REQUEST FOR COUNTY ROADS TO BE MARKED IN ORDER TO RUN TRAIL FROM PULASKI COUNTY INTO STARKE COUNTY**

Nathan Origer, Pulaski County Economic Director, appeared before the Board to request approval to mark a couple of Starke County Roads leading from Pulaski County to the Railroad Trail as a bike route. He advised they were CR200E and CR700E from Pulaski County to the Railroad Trail. He stated he had already spoken with the Highway Superintendent who completely agreed and will be assisting in putting up the proper signage on those roadways. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve his request. Commissioner Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The trail runs south of Bass Lake and Mr. Origer stated that allows them to put it on the maps and to put up the signs. He asked for a copy of the meeting minutes once they are finalized. He had prepared a letter stating the permission approved and President Danford signed the letter. Mr. Origer stated if the trail is ever connected to the Monterey Trail the signs will be taken down. He also asked for a copy of the finalized minutes of this meeting.

**AUDITOR'S BUSINESS: MINUTES, PAYROLL CLAIM, VENDOR CLAIMS**

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the payroll claim for the pay period ending on 9/10/16 with a pay date of 9/16/16 in the gross amount of \$224,372.02. Commissioner Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the Vendor Claims Docket in the total gross amount of \$272,950.50.

Commissioner Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Binkley and it passed with all ayes. Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12<sup>th</sup> special session. Commissioner Binkley was absent from that meeting. Commissioner Danford seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the Starke County Community Corrections Grant Cover Letter. She advised it was for a grant application. County Attorney Marty Lucas advised he would have liked to have seen the whole application and not just the cover letter but he did approve its composition. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. President Danford signed the letter.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to table the issue of the Coroner's Building to the next meeting. Commissioner Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem made a motion in regard to the hospital lease. She stated "she would like to make a motion that we seize all negotiations with Community Health Services regarding the Starke Hospital. That means the latest extension of the 6 month notice period ends at Midnight on September 30<sup>th</sup>. CHS can renew for an additional ten year extension or not as per the current agreement." Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Attorney Lucas inquired as to the status of the Planning Commission's CAFO Ordinance. Commissioner Norem advised they are still working on the ordinance.

Kelly Clemons, the City of Knox' Water Department Supervisor, appeared before the Board. She advised the septic at the New Jail needs to have a mechanical screen in place to stop the pieces of garbage from being picked up by the City's system. She advised they had lost a pump on September 6<sup>th</sup> and lost another one that day. Commissioner Norem advised that it had to be said that the system that was installed at the New Jail was the system the City had wanted and not the system DLZ had recommended. Ms. Clemons stated she did not want a "muffin monster" grinding up the garbage. She wants screens in place to stop the garbage from coming through the system. She noted the majority of the garbage they have been seeing is coming from the Sheriff's Commissary sales to the inmate. The Sheriff advised he will not stop selling items to the inmates from his Commissary. Commissioner Binkley inquired if the Commissary could pay for the screens that needed to be installed. Ms. Clemons stated she had discussed the situation with the Mayor that day and the Mayor advised he was ready to charge the County with fines and penalties. Commissioner Norem asked how they handle home owners who flush items down their

toilets. Ms. Clemons advised they go door to door and mainly the biggest problem they have with the home owners is from wipes. They don't see diapers in their system. She stated she does not want a "muffin monster" installed because it is a grinding system and they can't handle any particles that are over 1/2" in size. Commissioner Norem stated this was the first time the Commissioner have heard of this problem. Commissioner Binkley stated Ms. Clemons had already spoken to himself and to the Sheriff and Tony. Commissioner Norem made a motion to have Commissioner Binkley meet with Sheriff Dulin and his Maintenance Person, Tony Mildice to see how much money the Sheriff would have to pay for the screen and have an answer by the next meeting. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Ms. Clemons stated they need to check the bar screen more often than it is currently checked.

Attorney Lucas advised he will notify the Hospital of the Board of Commissioners decision to either approve the lease in the present form for a ten year period or they should give their six month notice if they do not intend to renew.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There being no further 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 7:48PM.

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Kent Danford, President

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Donald Binkley, Vice President

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Kathryn Norem

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