

**Thursday, October 3, 2013**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in Special Session in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Kathy Norem, Jennifer Davis, and Kent Danford present, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

President Norem called the meeting to order at 11:20AM.

President Norem advised at the previous meeting of the Board of Commissioners a vendor claim payable to the DLZ Corp. was only partially approved due to the monies of the Jail Project Fund being totally expended. The balance due from that partially approved claim was \$66,165.37. She stated, at the meeting she had advised Scott Carnegie, of DLZ, the remaining balance would be paid when the County receives the bond issue funding, which would be in early November. He advised that was fine. President Norem advised he however contacted her the next day to advise her DLZ would like to be paid as early as possible. Also, he now had an Application for Construction Design Release, (a form required by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security), which not only required her signature, but it also required an application fee of \$6,558.63. He advised the check must accompany the application, and be submitted as soon as possible. She advised him the two payments must follow the normal claims process. So, at this Special Session a vendor claims docket has been presented for payment, and was prepared and distributed to the Board one week prior to the meeting. Commissioner Danford made a motion to approve the vendor claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed with all ayes, and the claims were approved, in the total gross amount of \$72,724.00.

President Norem advised she has two quarterly grant reports requiring her signature: the Federal Financial Report, # 3, for EDA Grant Award, 06-01-05747 (CR300E & SR8 project)—Commissioner Danford made a motion to approve the signing of the grant report, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed with all ayes. -- The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report for KIRPC Grant, DR2-09-220 (Yellow River Debris Clean-up Project grant). Commissioner Danford made a motion to approve the signing of the grant report, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed with all ayes, and both grant reports were signed by President Norem.

Debbie Rykovich and Holly Horan, of 1<sup>st</sup> Source Insurance appeared before the Board to discuss the anticipated cost of the employee health insurance for 2014. They reported the first report of renewal received from CIGNA showed a premium increase of 27.4%, and they reported to CIGNA they will be shopping for other carriers. Then CIGNA responded with a 12.4% premium increase for 2014. Then prior to this meeting, they reported they received word from CIGNA that they could reduce that rate by an additional 3.8%, leaving a 9.3% increase in the premium rate for 2014. The two agents presented to the Board price quotes from CIGNA, Anthem and United Health Care, showing a variety of variables such as co-pay, the total out of pocket expenses, deductible, etc. for the three companies, and the predicted premiums per employee coverage. (A copy of the comparison spreadsheet is on file in the Auditor’s Office). Commissioner Norem requested a price from CIGNA comparable to the variables quoted in the Anthem 28Rx AE, Blue Access plan, and would like to receive the price quote prior to the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, so they would have time to review the information and then a decision for the 2014 employee health insurance could be made at the meeting on the 21st. President Norem also advised the agents if the County was to switch insurance providers for 2014, she would like the new company to honor the points earned by the County employees throughout 2013, in the form of a premium credit to those employees with points.

There being no further business, Commissioner Danford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed with all ayes, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:25AM.

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Kathy Norem, President

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Jennifer Davis, Vice-President

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Kent Danford

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Katherine Chaffins, Auditor &  
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners