

October 6, 2008

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 3:45 p.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Oscar Cowen, Sheriff, presented a request to the commissioners for an F.M.L.A. for Sharon Lemke for up to 12 weeks. Kent Danford moved to approve seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

Mary Lynn Ritchie, EMS Clerk, presented a request to the commissioners for an F.M.L.A. for Matt Quaiff for up to 12 weeks. Mark Milo moved to approve seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

IN RE: MINUTES

Kent Danford moved to approve the September 15, 2008, minutes seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

IN RE: E.M.S.

Mary Lynn Ritchie submitted 3 checks from the Clerk for small claims in the amounts of \$85.00, \$166.00 and \$277.31 and one for collections from O'Hara in the amount of \$483.28.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

John Norris asked permission to order 100 ton of salt and the commissioners approved.

IN RE: RESOLUTION #2008-18 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR SAN PIERRE

Kimberly Baker with K.I.R.P.C. presented the commissioners with resolution #2008-18 for the Comprehensive Plan for San Pierre Grant. Mark Milo moved to approve seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes. Resolution on file in the Auditor's office.

IN RE: GATES ACROSS ROAD AT KING'S LAKE SUB., NORTH BEND TWP.

Byron Walters and Rhonda Milner, County Assessor, brought to the commissioners' attention that there are 4 gates across roads in King's Lake Subdivision in North Bend Township. One of the gates blocks people going to the public park. The commissioners requested that it be checked out to determine exactly where Tommy Williams' property is.

Byron and Rhonda also questioned a triangular piece of property at Boa Shores at Bass Lake. The commissioners stated that it is a road right of way.

IN RE: OLD COUNTY LANDFILL

Steven Ciesielski owns the old county landfill. He purchased it from Victor Duke who had purchased it on tax sale. Mr. Duke did not tell him it had been a landfill. He found this out when Superior Environmental was coming onto his property and he was very upset when the highway department was coming on his property and clearing it so that Superior could get on it. He was very upset to find all these people trespassing on his property and doing damage—then to find out, that his property had been a landfill and that had not been disclosed to him.

The commissioners stated that he might have some recourse against the person he bought the property from.

IN RE: ASBESTOS REMOVAL AT THE JAIL

Jeff Larrison, United Consulting, was wondering where we were with the asbestos check. The Auditor informed him that it was on the council agenda for October 13th.

IN RE: NEW ADMINISTRATIVE CODE WITH THE D.L.G.F.

Bob Smith, IT Coordinator, informed the commissioners of the new administrative code with the D.L.G.F. regarding the computers. All the computers in the Treasurer's, Auditor's, Assessor's and Surveyor's offices will need to be changed out over the next couple of years. He wanted to keep the commissioners up to date.

IN RE: ANTI VIRUS PROTECTION FOR COUNTY OWNED COMPUTERS

Bob informed the commissioners that he had received a quote for anti virus protection for all the county computers in the amount of \$1700 per year. Mark Milo moved to approve subject to council approval of the funds seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

IN RE: GARBAGE PICK UP FOR COURTHOUSE AND ANNEX

Carl Goodrich submitted quotes for garbage pick up. Kent Danford moved to approve Richard's subject to the fuel service charge and whether or not it is above and beyond the price quoted seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes. Carl stated that the amount quoted was the full monthly cost.

IN RE: EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Evelyn Skronski requested a 2 hour lunch for the employee Christmas party to be held Thursday, December 11, 2008, from 12 noon to 2 pm, asking that the courthouse and annex be allowed to close during that time. Mark Milo moved to approve seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

IN RE: JACKSON TWP. ADVISORY BOARD

Brenda Stanojevic, Republican Chairperson, reported that there is an opening on the Jackson Twp. Advisory Board and has been for almost 2 years as no one ran for the office. Mark Milo moved to appoint Nancy Gappa to fill the position seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

IN RE: PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Brenda asked why Lee Nagai's voting record was not checked before he was appointed to the Planning Commission. He was appointed as a Republican but he voted Democrat in 2006 and 2008. She requested that the commissioners review Lee's appointment to the Planning Commission. The commissioners are requesting their attorney, Martin Bedrock, to check and see what we need to do.

IN RE: DAVIS TWP. ADVISORY BOARD

Brenda stated that she, as Republican Chairperson, had appointed someone to fill a term on the Davis Twp. Advisory Board. Brenda stated that she had filled out all the paperwork and submitted it timely, but her oath of office was never given her at the Clerk's Office, and the paperwork had been turned in since October 4, 2007. She was finally sworn in on September 25, 2008, but the Advisory Board is refusing to pay her, as she hadn't been sworn in. The commissioners feel all the paperwork having been done by the chairperson timely, and if the ball got dropped at the courthouse, the appointed person should not be penalized. The commissioners requested that their attorney, Martin Bedrock, talk to the Davis Twp. Trustee.

IN RE: COUNTY WIDE DISASTER PLAN

Nickie Waters, CNO for Starke Memorial Hospital asked the commissioners why they were not participating in the

“mock disaster” that the hospital is doing. The commissioners stated that this is the first they heard of it. Nickie stated that it makes it more real if the whole county is involved.

IN RE: HOSPITAL PROPERTY TAXES

Vickie Magurean, CFO for Starke Memorial Hospital, got the real estate tax bill from the county for \$77,000 +. She reported that the hospital has sustained some heavy losses and are asking that the 2007 taxes be forgiven as they were only given a month’s notice to come up with over \$77,000 when they haven’t received a property tax bill in 11 years. They thought that since the hospital is owned by the county, they weren’t responsible for taxes. The county attorney, Martin Bedrock, explained that they were giving them a break by not going back 3 years as they could have.

The commissioners informed her that they do not have the authority to forgive taxes and that they would have to go to the P.T.A.B.O.A. Board. Mark Milo stated that it would not be fair for him to help them get out of paying taxes when he can’t help anyone else get out of paying taxes. The commissioners don’t want anything to happen to the hospital, as we need the hospital.

IN RE: ROAD SALT

Matt Winger with G.L.C. explained his company’s alternative for salt in order to help with costs, by using liquid calcium chloride and mixing it with sand. You mix Approximately 6 gallons of calcium chloride per ton of sand. He explained how the mixture works. The commissioners would like him to work with the highway department and come up with some numbers and some ideas on how we could handle it.

IN RE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH RESOLUTION #2008-19

Annette Ohman and Ruth Matsey with the Caring Place submitted a resolution requesting the commissioners to sign the proclamation against domestic violence, as this is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Ruth read the resolution and it is on file in the auditor’s office. Kent Danford moved to approve seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

IN RE: CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Mark Milo moved to approve the claims seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

It was brought to the commissioners’ attention that Judy Jelinek was attending meetings on county time and not using that time as vacation time, and counting any after or before hour meetings as comp time. Bob Howard, Health Board President, stated that it is in her job description. The commissioners were not aware her duties had changed, as they were not informed. The commissioners want clarification on the job description, when they did it, and why they did it. Mark Milo moved to send a letter regarding this to the health board seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

Mark Milo moved to approve the payroll seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

IN RE: HIGH COSTS OF SALT DUE TO FUEL PRICES

Mark Milo moved to send a letter to Washington, D.C. due to the high price of salt and the increase costs of fuel and being hit by all the bad weather and in light of their generous giving to other government agencies, we would like to request \$2.8 million to help cover our shortages. The motion died for lack of a second.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Mark Milo moved to adjourn, seconded by Kent Danford, with three ayes.

April 21, 2003

Kevin Kroft, President

Kent Danford, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member

Michaelene J Houston, Auditor