

**October 19, 2009**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with all members present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

**IN RE: MINUTES**

Kathy Norem moved to approve the 10-5-09 minutes seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

Mark Milo expressed his dislike in being counted absent at two special meetings called that were not regular meetings.

**IN RE: PHONE SYSTEM**

Kevin with All Star Communications asked about a signed contract which the commissioners need to sign and the commissioners told him he would then be working with Bob Smith, I.T. Director. There could be a possibility of one hour down time during the transition. There will need to be a contract with Embarq also in order to switch from analog to digital. It will take approximately one hour of training for each department.

**IN RE: WAYNE TWP. POLLING PLACES**

Evelyn Skronski, County Clerk; Jim Henriott and Pat Mitchell with the Election Board and HAVA Board appeared before the commissioners with a request to relocate three of the Wayne Township Polling Places. Wayne IV will remain at the High School.

Wayne I is currently at the old North Judson Fire Station and is to be relocated to the new North Judson Fire Station, Wayne II is currently in the basement of the North Judson Library and will be relocated to the new North Judson Fire Station and Wayne III currently at the North Judson Civic Center is to be relocated to the multi-purpose room at the Lutheran Church.

Mark Milo moved to approve the changes seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

**IN RE: 2010 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The following Holidays were approved through a motion by Kathy Norem and seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

JANUARY 1, 2010	NEW YEARS DAY
APRIL 2, 2010	GOOD FRIDAY
MAY 4, 2010	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
MAY 31, 2010	MEMORIAL DAY
JULY 5, 2010	INDEPENDENCE DAY
SEPTEMBER 6, 2010	LABOR DAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2010	GENERAL ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2010	VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2010	THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2010	CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS

**IN RE: HAMLET PROJECT**

We were in receipt of an e-mail that we would be receiving \$1,043,251 within five days. The checks will not be released for the claims until the money comes in. The approval will need a motion by the commissioners as there has been no action on these claims.

**IN RE: COURTHOUSE ROOF REPAIR PROPOSAL**

The cost for the courthouse roof repair is \$762 day per person along with material costs plus 15% and not to exceed \$2,000.

**IN RE: PETITION TO CLOSE C.R. 1100W NORTH OF C.R. 500S**

Mark Milo moved to approve the closing of C.R. 1100W north of C.R. 500S and authorizing the property owners to put up a gate with the property owners allowing a key to the D.N.R. to have access and setting a surety bond at -0- seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

A “road closed ahead” sign will be needed. Dan Bridegroom stated that he would contact the highway department about that.

**IN RE: MAINTENANCE PERSON FOR THE JAIL**

A maintenance person for the jail was discussed with the Sheriff. Oscar Cowen stated that he needs a jailer more than a janitor. The need to look into repairing the roof at the jail and other minor repairs needed were also discussed.

**IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH AND CAMPGROUNDS**

There was discussion about sending a letter to Callahan about the problems addressed by the State Health Board. The commissioners want to discuss this with him at his earliest convenience.

**IN RE: FOOD INSPECTOR FOR HEALTH DEPT.**

Mark Milo welcomed Dave Kasvormas aboard. Dave is the new food inspector contracted by the Starke County Health Board. Dan Bridegroom asked Dave if he had taken care of the insurance yet and Dave stated that he was working on it.

**IN RE: COURTHOUSE STAIRS**

Kathy Norem stated that she found a place that can match the stairs at the courthouse at a cost of \$300 with an additional charge of \$350 to deliver them. Reiss informed Kathy that he would pick them up for us at a cost of \$60.

**IN RE: PEOPLE NEEDED FOR STARKE COUNTY BOARDS**

The commissioners will be looking for people to serve on the various county boards. The openings will be posted on the Starke County website per a motion by Kathy Norem and seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

**IN RE: BAILEY COX NEWTSON/ROAD CUT FOR CULVERT**

Mike Spicca called wanting to know why the road was cut into for a culvert to drain into the Bailey Cox Newtonson. There was a permit approved to cut into the road and put in a pipe.

**IN RE: PAYROLL**

Kathy Norem moved to approve the 10-3-09 payroll seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 3 ayes (MM with reservations).

There being no further business to come before the board, Mark Milo moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 3 ayes.

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Dan Bridegroom, President

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Kathy Norem, Vice President

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Mark Milo, Member

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Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and Secretary to the County Commissioners