

Monday, November 7, 2016

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 5:00PM in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Kathy Norem and Don Binkley present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Vice-President Don Binkley. Commissioner President Kent Danford was absent from the meeting.

STARKE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS LEASE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Norem advised the County had received the lease agreement for Starke County Community Corrections for 2017. She noted the lease will expire when SCCC moves into its new office area in the County's Old Jail Building. Commissioner Norem asked if County Attorney Marty Lucas had reviewed the lease. Attorney Lucas advised he did review the lease and inquired about insurance coverage on SCCC. He advised the lease was ready for renewal. Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the lease agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Binkley and passed with all ayes.

AUDITOR'S BUSINESS: MINUTES, VENDOR CLAIMS DOCKET, PAYROLL CLAIMS DOCKET

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the vendor claims docket in the total gross amount of \$434,347.93. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the payroll claims docket for the pay period ending on October 22, with a pay date of October 28, in the total gross amount of \$215,440.08. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13th meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Binkley and was passed with all ayes.

IN OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Auditor Chaffins advised she had received word from Holly and Debbie with 1st Source Insurance that the renewal of our Health Insurance for 2017 would increase by 7%. She advised she was told that was the smallest amount of an increase for any of their customers. Commissioner Norem advised the renewal is something that needs to be discussed in a public meeting and suggested 1st Source Insurance appears at the November 21st meeting. She noted they are to be first on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were several people present to hear about the CAFO Ordinance that was advertised to be addressed by the Board at this meeting. Commissioner Norem advised a public hearing was scheduled for tonight's meeting and she opened the public hearing on the CAFO Ordinance. Then she advised it was recessed until the November 21st meeting. Lisa Saine presented a petition of residents who reside in the area where a new CAFO is planning on being built. Its permit was still under review by IDEM. Commissioner Norem stated she believes IDEM will be approving the project. She also advised the difference between the original CAFO ordinance and this one is that the new one will now address smaller projects. Attorney Lucas noted the CAFO Ordinance being reviewed by the Board of Commissioners is not in regard to a specific project.

Attorney Lucas suggested the public hearing be republished in the newspaper for the meeting on the 21st. Betty Dotlich advised a meeting, presented by Purdue, was being held on the 21st at the public library in regard to CAFOs and also begins at 6PM. Commissioner Norem stated their meeting on the 21st will be very busy and she advised the CAFO issue won't be discussed until 8PM that night so those interested could attend Purdue's meeting first. Commissioner Norem made a motion to hold any discussions in regard to any CAFO issue until 8PM, on November 21st to allow participants to attend Purdue's meeting first on that evening, which begins at 6PM. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

A letter from Custodian Director Jim Coad had been presented to the Board. He was requesting they sign the letter to Simplex in regard to their contract at the Old Jail Building. Commissioner Norem stated the letter was unclear and she didn't believe the Commissioners should sign it. Commissioner Norem did make a motion to cancel the Simplex Contract for the Old Jail Building during the time of construction based on Mr. Coad's letter. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

There being 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 was adjourned at 5:20PM.

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ABSENT _____

Kent Danford, President

Donald Binkley, Vice President

Kathryn Norem

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

