

November 17th, 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: PAYROLL AND VENDOR CLAIMS

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

Kent Danford moved to approve the 11-17-08 vendor claims seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

IN RE: MINUTES

Kent Danford moved to approve the 11-3-08 minutes as corrected seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

IN RE: HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

JANUARY 1, 2009	NEW YEARS DAY
APRIL 10, 2009	GOOD FRIDAY
MAY 25, 2009	MEMORIAL DAY
JULY 3, 2009	INDEPENDENCE DAY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2009	LABOR DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2009	VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2009	THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2009	CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS

IN RE: DIRECT DEPOSIT OF PAYROLL

Martin Bedrock, County Attorney, informed the commissioners that pursuant to IC 22-2-5-1 (a) payroll could be done completely by direct deposit. John Norris submitted 13 signatures of highway employees who did not want direct deposit. No action was taken.

IN RE: STARKE COUNTY HIGHWAY

John Norris reported that he is checking out rental prices on excavators with jackhammers to see where he can rent one the cheapest. The commissioners reminded him to also take into account the transportation costs.

IN RE: GATE BLOCKING ROAD AT MONTEREY RESORTS

Tommy Williams appeared before the commissioners at their request regarding the gate the commissioners gave him permission to put up. Tommy stated that he has put approximately \$300,000 into that property. People are always trying to dump out there, hunt across his property, and run four wheelers across his property. The maps of the area were gone over by Tommy, Rhonda Milner, County Assessor, and the Commissioners.

Kent Danford suggested that Tommy give keys to the people affected and he is more than willing to do that. Tommy also stated that his phone number is on the gate and anyone needing to get through could have called him and someone would have let them through. The gate prohibiting access to the park will have to be moved elsewhere or taken down, as it is a public park.

IN RE: COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

Brian Liechty submitted information regarding the county's health insurance. We should see a 5% decrease for 2009. Mark Milo moved to keep the insurance the same with no employee increases seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes. The paperwork is on file in the Auditor's office.

IN RE: STARKE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LEASE TRANSFER

Mike Meadows with Starke Memorial Hospital wanted to inform the commissioners that they will be transferring the hospital lease to C.H.S. He stated that this will be good for the hospital.

IN RE: HIGHWAY BIDS

Bids received are as follows:

ITEM # 1	Central Paving Bit Mat Products Koch Materials	ITEM #2	Sem Materials Bit Mat Products
ITEM #3	Petroleum Trader's Corp. Good Oil	ITEM #4	Petroleum Trader's Corp. Good Oil
ITEM #5	Stockberger Trucking Rock Industries	ITEM #6	Stockberger Trucking Rock Industries Hanson's Material Vulcan Materials
ITEM #7	Stockberger Trucking Rock Industries	ITEM #8	Central Paving
ITEM #9	Debco St. Regis Culverts		

Mark Milo moved to approve all bids seconded by Kent Danford with 3 ayes.

IN RE: WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Bridget Markin with 1st Source Insurance went through the recommendations required by the provider with the commissioners.

The employees who will be driving county vehicles will need to sign a release form in order to allow an MVR (Motor Vehicle Report) to be run on them.

There needs to be some kind of policy for "early return to work" for light duty. Although, there is no light duty at the highway department.

There is supposed to be a log kept of all injuries so that they can be aware of the trend. John Norris with the highway stated that they already do the log.

Bullet proof vests need to be purchased for the patrol officers. The commissioners will request additional from the council. They will petition the council for one new vest a year and work on creating a manual for when vests are required.

Bridget will supply safety videos for the highway to watch.

Mark Milo moved to approve all that was discussed regarding the insurance and give Kevin Kroft the authority to assign the contract when it is ready. Kent Danford seconded the motion with 3 ayes.

IN RE: ASBESTOS INSPECTION REPORT FOR JAIL

Jeff Larrison with United Consulting submitted the asbestos report for the jail. No asbestos was detected. A copy of the report is on file in the Auditor's Office.

IN RE: C.R. 300E PROJECT

Jeff Larrison submitted procedures for R.F.P.'s. INDOT recommended that they apply for a grant at the next session for the money we are short. They will soon be receiving \$1.4 million in federal aid for this project.

IN RE: PARKING AT ROBBINS DITCH @ CR 200E FOR FISHERMEN

Lee Nagai wanted to know if the county would be willing to help fishermen by donating some old guardrails so a parking area could be made without them being in the roadway. This is on the Robbins Ditch at CR 200E. John Norris stated that there are 4 or 5 pieces out there. Lee will work with John.

Lee also requested that the commissioners supply some 18-inch pipe approximately 100 ft. long. He will grade the area and install the pipe. The pipe would be located in the county right of way under the parking area created with the guardrails mentioned above. John Norris stated that they would just be replacing a swale with a pipe. Kent Danford moved to approve subject to the commissioners checking out the area seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

IN RE: PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD

Kent Danford and Kevin Kroft feel that Lee Nagai was appointed as a Republican and the board has to be 2 Democrats and 2 Republicans. In 2004 he voted as a republican but in 2006 and 2008 he voted as a Democrat and then ran for Surveyor as an Independent. Kent Danford moved to have Lee removed from the board for cause. He would still be on the board for 30days as he has to receive notice in writing and then he has 30 days to appeal. Motion died for lack of a second. The commissioners are going to check into the voting records of the other members and go from there.

IN RE: STARKE COUNTY LANDFILL

Superior Environmental cannot get on the property to do the testing required by the state. Martin Bedrock, County Attorney, will be contacting the landowner's attorney to try and get a solution to the problem.

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

Kevin Kroft, President

Kent Danford, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor