

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in Regular Session at 7:05PM due to the lateness in the joint Starke County Council Meeting, in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Charles Chesak, Kathryn Norem, and Bryan Cavender present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner President Charlie Chesak at 7:05PM.

HWY-HMA OVERLAY BID OPENING CR50S B/T SR39 AND KNOX CITY LIMITS

Stephen Ritzler, Superintendent of the Starke County Highway Department came before the Board of Commissioners for the bid opening of HMA Overlay CR50S between SR39 & Knox City Limits. Attorney Lucas verified with Auditor Oesterreich that all bids were received by the deadline. Auditor Oesterreich stated yes all four bids were received by the deadline. Attorney Lucas then read off the bids as follows:

Walsh & Kelly \$807,638.50
Phend & Brown \$998,999.00
Reith-Riley \$905,630.00
E & B Paving \$1,082,819.00

Superintendent Ritzler advised they had two bids underneath the engineers estimate. The engineers estimate was \$985,079.00. He will take the bids under advisement and will present those in a little bit.

AUDITORS BUSINESS

Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the Payroll Claims Docket for the pay period ending on 11/30/19 with a pay date of 12/06/19, in the total gross amount of \$254,838.91 and deductions in the amount of \$77,871.80. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion, the motion passed with all ayes. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the vendor claims as presented in the amount of \$136,741.66. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

OTHER BUISNESS

President Commissioner Chesak presented the Environmental Nuisance Ordinance for the 2nd Reading. Attorney Lucas asked if there has been any comments or recommendations for amendments. There has not. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to pass the ordinance through to the 3rd reading. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes. Commissioner Cavender asked if a section regarding burning in roadways can be added to the current burn ordinance. Attorney Lucas stated he would amended the current burn ordinance to amend it to reflect no burning on the pavement of county roads. President Commissioner Chesak brought forth the Agreement for Services for the Food Contract for 2020. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

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Superintendent Ritzler advised there was one bid significantly lower being the Walsh & Kelly bid of \$807,638.50. He stated most of the items were the same as Reith-Riley except for their intermediate surface which was \$10 per ton more than Walsh & Kelly. He also advised that Walsh & Kelly was under in the bid amount for crushed limestone. He explained Reith-Riley was \$27 per ton and Walsh & Kelly was \$1 per ton. He recommends that the Board of Commissioners accept the Walsh & Kelly bid. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to accept the Walsh & Kelly bid of \$807,638.50 for the HMA Overlay on CR50S between SR39 and Knox City Limits.

OTHER BUISNESS

Commissioner Norem advised that she had received a letter from Mrs. Floras 7th grade honors class requesting a donation for their Redskin Closet the students are creating. Commissioner Norem then read the letter she had received from these students.

Dear Commissioner Kathy Norem,

On behalf of Mrs. Flores class at the Knox Middle School, we would like to inform you that our class is starting a pantry that will have non-perishable goods, clothes, backpacks and toiletries. We aim to have it started by January of 2020. This is a project we believe that will positively impact not only the students of school but the families of Knox too. We all want to make our community a better place and we hope the Redskin Closet will bring us closer together.

Sincerely,

The Students of Mrs. Floras Class

Commissioner Norem wanted to get a donation from every Council member and Commissioner that was present tonight at the meeting.

Commissioner Norem asked what happened with the tax sale resolution. President Commissioner Chesak stated they had passed the resolution but did not agree to the \$35.00 sale price at this time. Commissioner Norem advised that one problem we have had in our area is adequate housing. She believes that instead of selling a piece of property for \$35.00 on the Certificate Sale the Board of Commissioners could partner with the building trades class and use some of the CREDIT funds to buy the materials. The kids can then build the house, get it back on the tax rolls with a decent house then we will be killing two birds with one stone. Commissioner Norem asked Attorney Lucas if this would be possible and he agreed that yes it would be possible. She advised that there are about 4 properties that have been on the sale several times and she believes they are all vacant land. After further discussion regarding this new project proposed by Commissioner Norem it was decided that both Commissioner Chesak and Commissioner Cavender will go to some of these properties to look into proposed locations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

With there being no public comment Commissioner Norem made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 PM. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

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Charlie Chesak, President

Kathryn Norem, Vice-President

Bryan Cavender

Rachel Oesterreich, County Auditor
& Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners