

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 6:00PM in the Annex Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Kathy Norem and Donald Binkley present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Vice-President Don Binkley at 6:45PM. Commissioner President Kent Danford was absent.

CYBER SECURITY GRANT

EMA Director Jacob Lippner appeared before the Board to discuss the Grant for Cyber Security. He advised he had just received notice from the State to proceed with his reimbursable grant. He inquired where he was supposed to purchase the equipment from to be reimbursed. Commissioner Norem advised since the proceeds of the grant fund are to be utilized in the payment of the radio work and the antenna work for the Koontz Lake Fire Department, she advised he should pay the bill out of the CEDIT Fund and then record the grant proceeds back into that Fund.

Director Lippner inquired as to why the money can't remain in the grant fund and he would have those proceeds to use. She advised the radios are to be paid out of the EMA Fund. There was a discussion in regard to the radios of the Koontz Lake Fire Department. It has been discovered the Washington Township antenna is not on and they wondered if that would have affected the KLFDD. Councilman Brad Hazelton, and a member of the Hamlet Fire Department, advised he has heard the KLFDD's radios and believes there is something wrong with the radios and it isn't just a reception item. Commissioner Norem reminded the Board that the different entities own the radios but the County is responsible for the antenna towers. EMS Director Keith Emigh stated he will go to Koontz Lake and test the area with his hand held radio and with the mobile radio. EMA Director Lippner advised he will check with J & K Communications in regard to the Washington Township Tower.

ROAD INVENTORY

Highway Superintendent Rik Ritzler advised he will be reviewing the complete Road Inventory listing in January but felt he had a road that needed to be checked at this point in time. He advised the road was CR800E, just south of Toto Road. He noted there are four houses on that road and they are asking for it to be snow plowed. He advised there is forty feet of roadway only up to a point and then the road narrows. He stated he was looking for a little property in order to form a Cul de sac to allow the snow plows to turn around. He advised he will contact the owner and he noted they will plow the roadway if he has room to turn around. He also advised that they have received complaints on CR150E in regard to damage being done to the roadway. They would like their road repaired. He noted the County has a frost law policy in effect but no other traffic ordinance.

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

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the payroll claims docket for the pay period ending on 12/03/16 with a pay date of 12/09/16 in the total gross amount of \$228,495.18. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the vendor claims docket in the total gross amount of \$259,412.97. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Norem made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5th meeting. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Norem made a motion that Terry Stephenson of the Planning Commission is to provide services and trade workers with the City of Knox during Holiday and vacation times, and vice versa. The City of Knox will provide services to the County in his absence. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Commissioner Norem noted either side can terminate the contract at any time. County Attorney Marty Lucas had noted he had reviewed and approved this agreement.

Commissioner Binkley stated the Board wished Commissioner Kent Danford well and stated he hoped things go good for him. He then introduced the newly elected Commissioner, Charles Chesak, who was elected to the Board of Commissioners in November, and will take over that position at their January 3rd meeting.

Tim Miller of Royal Star Builders stated he has the Coroner's building erected and was wondering if the Board would want him to finish the inside of the building also. He stated he could insulate the inside metal walls; finish the drywall in the bathroom and then paint the bathroom walls. He noted the total cost of the interior walls would be \$1,500.00, which would include the materials, the painting and the labor. Auditor Chaffins noted the Coroner has some extra funding left in his 2016 Budget that could be used for this expense. Commissioner Norem looked at the Coroner's Budget and advised it could be transferred out of the Coroner's morgue supplies. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the completion of the building and to pay for it out of the Coroner's Budget. Commissioner Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Patti Bush inquired about appointments to the CVC Board and the length of term of each appointment. Ms. Bush stated her appointment on that Board was expiring at the end of 2016. She was told if she was still interested in serving on the Board to submit her letter of interest to the Auditor before December 27th.

There being no further public comment and 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 adjourned at 7:36PM.

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ABSENT _____
Kent Danford, President

Donald Binkley, Vice President

Kathy Norem

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

