

December 21st, 2009

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in special session at 12:45 p.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

Present – Dan Bridegroom, Kathy Norem

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 PM by President, Dan Bridegroom. The purpose of the meeting was to hear a proposal from the Healy group, represented by Charles Bushkill and Anthony Nyers, regarding employee group health insurance. Accompanying them was a representative from CIGNA. After their presentation, there were a number of questions answered. The Commissioners requested some changes to the coverage proposed and a list of references. These are to be provided before the end of the week. The matter is taken under advisement pending the information requested.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Dan Bridegroom at 1:45 PM.

Dan Bridegroom, President

Kathy Norem, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member

Michaelene J Houston, Auditor

December 21st, 2009

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in special session at 1:50 p.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

Present – Dan Bridegroom; Kathy Norem; Charles Weaver, SC Economic Development Director; and Jennifer Davis, Starke County Council Member.

The meeting was called to order by Dan Bridegroom at 1:50 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to interview prospective consultants for the CAMS project. Presentations were heard by:

- Peters Municipal Consultants PC, who was represented by Mr. Jeffery A. Peters.
- Triad & Associates, represented by Lou Savaka, Stuart Savaka, Steve Brock (with Berber & Brock), and Jim Frazwell.
- Umbaugh and Associates, who was represented by Todd A Samuelson and Mark Van Allen (RQAW)

The members of the selection committee will score their interpretation on the provided forms, for KIRPC. They will be completed before the end of the evening and Charlie Weaver will hand deliver them to KIRPC in the morning. KIRPC will tabulate the scores and notify the group of the selected firm.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Dan Bridegroom at 4:45 PM.

Dan Bridegroom, President

Kathy Norem, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member

Michaelene J Houston, Auditor

December 21st, 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, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Kathy Norem moved to approve the payroll, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with three ayes (MM with reservations).

Mark Milo moved to approve the vendor claims, seconded by Kathy Norem, with three ayes.

IN RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'S REQUEST TO BE INCLUDED INTO FOREIGN TRADE ZONE STATUS PORTS OF INDIANA

Charles Weaver with the Economic Development appeared before the board with the information. Mark Milo moved to approve including Starke County in the Foreign Trade Zone status Ports of Indiana. Kathy Norem seconded the motion, and it passed with three ayes. Dan Bridegroom signed the letters of intent for zones 125 and 152.

IN RE: PHASE 2 VENDOR CERTIFICATION

Rhonda Milner, County Assessor, updated the commissioners on the vendor certification required by the DLGF. Starke County is required to have a plan selected and a date to get started for the DLGF. Rhonda was requesting permission to work with the county attorney on going over contracts for vendors. Rhonda contacted all six vendors previously certified by the DLGF. Kathy Norem moved to approve having Attorney Martin Lucas work with Rhonda on this, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes.

IN RE: CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

At a previous Environmental Management meeting, it was proposed to set a day or two for people to bring their old Christmas trees to the highway garage to be chipped. The mulch would be piled up, and if anyone wanted it, they could come and get it. The commissioners would like to talk to the Solid Waste Department to find out statistics on this.

IN RE: COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

The commissioners received two quotes from the current carrier (TCU Insurance) and a quote from the Healy Group (Cigna). The current carrier's quote from Consumer's Life was \$1,245,504, with deductibles slightly increased and a few other changes. The other quote the current carrier submitted was from Anthem, and was a little higher. Healy Group's "firm quote" came in the day of the meeting, and was less than the current carrier's quote. There were differences in coverage between what we have now, and Healy Group's Cigna quote (approximately 1,058,000). With a difference of about \$200,000, Kathy and Dan feel they should seriously evaluate Cigna.

Mark Milo told Brian Liechty (our current agent) that he has done a good job for the county, and he feels this may not be a true savings in the end. Brian feels there has to be something different in the policy to make that much difference from the two quotes he got. Mark asked if Brian, as our current agent, would look through the policy for any changes. Brian will set up the new policy for the county to continue to February. The commissioners need information from Brian and Cigna within days. If we do change, it will take time for sign ups. Brian will have a written report to Kathy on the 30th of December, with the changes implemented before January's meeting.

IN RE: 2010 APPOINTMENTS

The commissioners would like any interested parties to put it in writing, if they would like to be appointed or re-appointed to an open position on any board. Kathy Norem

moved to reconvene this meeting on December 31st at 9 a.m. and then have an executive session immediately following, to discuss the appointments. Mark Milo seconded the motion and it passed with three ayes.

IN RE: COURTHOUSE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Kathy Norem reported that there is a new State Commission to preserve historic Courthouses. The Commission will provide a free maintenance/risk analysis to determine needed courthouse repairs and maintenance. They also offer grants, up to \$50,000, to maintain and/or restore Courthouses. Mark Milo moved to follow through with this, seconded by Kathy Norem, with three ayes.

Judge Hall requested hot water in the courthouse washrooms. The commissioners said they will have Custodian Carl Goodrich gather more information on this.

Kathy would like to establish a regular office at the courthouse for the commissioners to store things and have workspace or meet with the public.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dan Bridegroom stated that Superintendant Steve Siddall had a concern about the gate openers for the Highway Garage. He would like for any employee with a gate opener to come to the highway garage, so he can number the openers to better track them. (Auditor's Note: A memo was sent to county employees 12/22/2009).

Dan also said that Steve would like to have a surveillance camera at the garage, to track who is going in and out of the gate. He said the price was \$795.57, but he would try to get other prices as well. Mark Milo feels the department head should be responsible for the gate openers and keeping a list of who has one. Dan Bridegroom said he will call other counties to see how they're handling this.

Resolution 2009-033 would require three key highway employees (superintendent, foreman, and clerk) county meeting uniforms for the purpose of wearing at the meetings. Kathy Norem moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes.

Mark Milo said he has received several calls about County Road 800 South, and County Road 100 West. There are several homes back there and they would like gravel paved between 200 North and 250 North. Kathy Norem stated she normally called Steve Siddall, Highway Superintendant, with these types of issues rather than bring them up at the Commissioner meetings. Kathy listed some of the road issues she had called Steve about. Mark brought up other road issues.

IN RE: E-911 RECORDERS

IT Consultant, Bob Smith informed the commissioners the 911 recorder was not included in the original bid for the new phone system. The cost for the recorder would be \$7,094.88. Dan Bridegroom said he will call Kevin with Allstar Communications, to see what can be done.

IN RE: C.A.M.S. PROJECT

Kathy Norem moved to approve the letter from the commissioners in support of the CAMS project, seconded by Mark Milo, with three ayes. This needs to be submitted to KIRPC to complete the grant application.

IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH

A letter has been sent to Callahan stating he is to abide by the state rules and comply.

IN RE: COUNTY LANDFILL

Superior Environmental got a thirty day extension granted for the landfill.

IN RE: COUNTY PROGRESS IN 2009

Dan mentioned several good things that took place to better the county this year.

There being no further business to come before the board Kathy Norem moved to recess the meeting until Thursday, December 31st at 9:00a.m., seconded by Mark Milo with three ayes.

Dan Bridegroom, President

Kathy Norem, Vice President

Mark Milo, Member

Michaelene J Houston, Auditor