

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Starke County Board of Commissioners meet in an Executive Session, at 1:30PM, in the office of the County Annex Meeting Room, Knox, IN with Dan Bridegroom, Kathy Norem, & Jennifer Davis present, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

I can attest, the only issue discussed at this meeting was the county's personnel.  
The meeting was adjourned at 3:25PM.

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Katherine Chaffins, Auditor &  
Secretary to the Board of Commissioner

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in Special Session at 3:28PM in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Dan Bridegroom, Kathy Norem, and Jennifer Davis present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

EMS Director, Paul Mathewson, and EMA Director, Ted Bombagetti, appeared before the Board to give a presentation of the three options available for the purchase on a county ambulance. Of the three options presented, they both agreed their recommendation would be to purchase the 2011 G4500 Chev. from Marque Ambulance, in Elkhart, IN. The advised the ambulance will be fully equipped, including the graphics, and is ready for delivery. The total cost is \$128,749.00. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of the new ambulance, seconded by Commissioner Norem. The motion passed with all ayes.

A discussion followed in regard to the request from Director Mathewson to purchase cell phones as a way to communicate to the hospital from the ambulance. The Commissioners decided since they didn't see it as an improvement in patient care, and not an improvement over the radio communication, to not approve the purchase of cell phones at that time. They felt the hospital would need a dedicated telephone line for that type of communication. Commissioner Norem advised they wouldn't object to revisiting it in the future.

Director Mathewson advised Clerk Richie is checking with the State to see the status of the ALS Certification that had been submitted to the State for approval. He stated Jan. 1, 2012 will be set as the time to start accepting applications for the hiring of ALS certified employees.

President Bridegroom advised in regard to the county's cell phone contract with A,T,&T, Frank Lynch, in the Health Dept. needs to purchase a new phone at the cost of \$29.95 and will be paying for it out of the Health Department budget.

Commissioner Norem stated there will be a Jail Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00PM. Also the Board of Finance will be meeting on Tuesday, immediately following the Commissioner's 9:00AM meeting.

There being no further business, Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by President Bridegroom. The motion passed with all ayes and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10PM.

**December 28, 2011**

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Dan Bridegroom, President

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Kathy Norem, Vice President

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Jennifer Davis

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