

**STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in Regular Session at 5:00 PM, in person at the Starke County Annex Building, Knox, Indiana, with Mark Gourley 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 Vice President Mark Gourley directly at 5:00 PM.

**HWY – SEMI PURCHASE & FUEL CONTRACT**

Superintendent Dipert came before the Board of Commissioners to discuss a semi purchase and possible fuel contract. He presented the Board of Commissioners with a quote for a used semi. He advised this particular semi is a 2014 and it has 400,000 miles on it and he would like to purchase that. Commissioner Chesak agreed that the Highway Department needs a semi. Auditor Oesterreich asked if the bid was over \$50,000 because if so it would need to be bid out. Attorney Schramm agreed. However, Attorney Schramm advised that he could send out emails for the bid and if the companies don't reply we would just need proof that those emails were sent prior to the purchase of this semi. Superintendent Dipert will reach out to three vendors and will bring the results to their next meeting. Superintendent Dipert advised he does not want to proceed with the fuel contract as the contract is negative and the spot prices are cheaper. At this time they will keep buying with spot pricing. He also advised he received an email from Brown County praising the way Attorney Schramm and the Board of Commissioners handled the railroad situation at their last few meetings.

**AUDITOR BUSINESS**

Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the vendor claims docket for a total amount of \$1,133,282.65. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Gourley made a motion to approve the payroll claims in the amount of \$273,752.26 including deductions in the amount of \$73,154.76 for pay period ending 07/23/2022 and payroll date of 07/29/2022. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Cavender made a motion to approve the minutes for July 18, 2022. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Gourley made a motion to approve the request for Annex 2 keys for Purdue Extension. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Commissioner Gourley advised he has been working with Core Facilities Inc. to inspect and tour the County's Courthouse, Annex #1, and Annex #2 buildings to identify the age/condition/operation/life cycle of the main building systems (Interior and Exterior). Commissioner Gourley made a motion to proceed with the Building Systems Due Diligence Agreement in the amount of \$5,250. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Commissioner Gourley advised he received communication through email regarding the Opioid Settlement. He gave the information to Attorney Schramm to look into and then report his findings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jamie Chimel came before the Board of Commissioners to request that 775 S East of 1000 E be gated. He shared a video of the road with the Board of Commissioners. He advised that it is an open dump for people. He has recently found a burn pile someone has dumped and it has papers with their address so he did turn that in to a Conservation Officer. He advised there has been 75 tires one time and 11 TVs. He would like get that road gated so that no one else can go down to dump in that area. Commissioner Gourley stated that if the other land owners agree then they could possibly get it off their inventory and it would then revert to a private area. Attorney Schramm advised Mr. Chimel would need to file a

Petition for Vacation of Public Roadway. He stated if he does not know the process he would need to hire an attorney to complete the process for the vacation of public roadway.

With there being no further public comments and no further business, Commissioner Gourley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM.

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Charlie Chesak, President

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Mark Gourley, Vice-President

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Bryan Cavender, Member

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Rachel Oesterreich, Auditor