

STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023

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, Charles Chesak, and Don Binkley, present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner President Mark Gourley directly at 5:00 PM.

2023 APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Mark Gourley as President of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Charles Chesak as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to appoint Don Binkley as Secretary of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Starke County Drainage Board

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Matthew Lawrence to the Starke County Drainage Board. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Commissioner Chesak to the Starke County Drainage Board. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Commissioner to Contact

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to appoint Commissioner Binkley as the Commissioner to contact for the Jail. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to appoint Commissioner Gourley as the Commissioner to contact for the Courthouse, Annex, and EMS. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Commissioner Chesak as the Commissioner to contact for the Highway and Landfill. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Economic Development Board

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Commissioner Gourley to the Economic Development Board. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

KIRPC

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to appoint Commissioner Binkley to the KIRPC Board. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Arrowhead

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Commissioner Gourley to the Arrowhead Board. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Workforce Development

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Commissioner Chesak to the Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Planning Commission

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Isaiah Collins to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner

Binkley made a motion to appoint Commissioner Chesak to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Health Board

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Dr. Thomas Brown as the Health Officer. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Carolyn Benoit and Rita Berger to the Health Board. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Aviation Board

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to appoint Lionel Smead to the Aviation Board. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Hospital Community Board

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to accept the resignation of Bruce Bennett from the Hospital Community Board and to appoint Dolores Bennett in his place. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to reappoint Larry Jernas and Rosanne Boisvert to the Hospital Community Board. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

PTABOA

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to appoint Victoria Chessor to the PTABOA Board. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

LEPC, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD, FEMA BOARD

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Commissioner Gourley to the LEPC, Emergency Management Board, and FEMA Board with Commissioner Chesak as his proxy. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

CVC

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Mary Perren to the Starke County Convention and Visitor's Commission. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Community Corrections Board

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to appoint John Novak to the Community Corrections Board. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Building Corporation

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Commissioner Chesak to the Building Corporation. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Safety Committee

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to appoint Commissioner Chesak to the Safety Committee. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Records Committee

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to appoint Commissioner Binkley to the Records Committee. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

HIGHWAY – TRUCK PURCHASE

Dan Dipert, Starke County Highway Superintendent, came before the Board of Commissioners to discuss a truck purchase. He advised he would like to purchase a 2009 International 7600 6X4 from Wiers International in the amount of \$98,520 to replace the truck they had just totaled. He did provide the Commissioners with other quotes as well but they are quotes he received by email. Commissioner Chesak asked if the V-Plow will stay on the truck and Superintendent Dipert advised ideally it will not stay on the truck all the time, only when they will need to break through the snow drifts. Commissioner Binkley asked if the V-Plow can be switched without changing the mount. Superintendent Dipert advised that yes everything can be switched without changing the mount. Superintendent Dipert advised the truck is selling as is but it has been through the shop at Wiers International for an inspection. After further discussion it was advised by Attorney Schramm that Superintendent Dipert would have to solicit 2 more bids by postal mail, 7 days prior to the Commissioners meeting he will be presenting at, to be able to move forward with the purchase.

Superintendent Dipert advised he had bid on a piece of equipment, being a 2015 International Workstar 7400, in the amount of \$50,000. However, the bid did not meet the reserve. He advised the individuals who are selling the truck are meeting tomorrow to decide if they will accept his bid of \$50,000. Auditor Oesterreich suggested asking if they will accept a bid of \$49,999.99 to keep in line with the public purchasing requirements. Superintendent Dipert stated he will do that. Superintendent Dipert also asked if they could do a similar ordinance as Kosciusko County regarding having the Board of Commissioners consider only having the President of the Commissioners sign the INDOT Project paperwork. It would make it a smoother process and prior to the signature the project would have to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Attorney Schramm will prepare an ordinance/resolution and present it at their next meeting.

AUDITOR BUSINESS

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the payroll claims in the amount of \$280,269.35 including deductions in the amount of \$75,161.63 for pay period ending 12/24/2022 and payroll date of 12/29/2022. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the vendor claims docket for a total in the amount of \$415,808.17. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the minutes for December 27, 2022. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the key request for Ashley Pierce. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the key request for Commissioner Binkley. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to issue a warehouse key to Tony Mildice. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With there being no further public comments and no further business, Commissioner Chesak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM.

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Mark Gourley, President

Charles Chesak, Vice-President

Don Binkley, Member

Rachel Oesterreich, Auditor and Secretary to
the Board of Commissioners