

**STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024**

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

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

IT ASSISTANT

Commissioner Gourley advised that he would like Attorney Schramm to send a notice of non-renewal and also instructed IT Director Budd to post the position of an IT Assistant and for that individual to start on July 1, 2024.

BRIDGE 137 PHASE 3

Jake from Butler, Fairman & Seufert came before the Board of Commissioners to present the Phase 3 design of Bridge 137 on 300 E over the Yellow River. He advised that they have been working on the Bridge 137 project for us for several years. He advised this is a federal project and approximately 80% of the funds would be coming from grant dollars. He advised the Phase 3 plans are part of the final process that they will be presenting to INDOT. After the Board of Commissioners reviewed the Phase 3 design Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the Phase 3 plans and execute the title sheet. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

HWY- TRAFFIC COUNTER

Interim Highway Superintendent Oesterreich advised she did receive a quote from JAMAR Technologies without a speed radar sign. The quote is \$4,644.00. After further discussion the Board of Commissioners decided to go with the original quote of \$4,050.00 from Radarsign. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the purchase of two radars from Radarsign in the amount of \$8,010.00. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

ZIP THRU LEASE

Commissioner Gourley made a motion to provide notice of non-renewal for the property of the Zip Thru Mart and to start of process of rebid to make us in compliant with State statue. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

CLERK KEYS

Commissioner Gourley made a motion to approve Clerk's Office keys being given to Courtney Stanley. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

AUDITOR BUSINESS

Commissioner Gourley made a motion to approve the vendor claims docket for a total in the amount of \$416,251.01. Commissioner Chesak 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 \$307,411.03 including deductions in the amount of \$80,807.08 for pay period ending 03/16/2024 and payroll date of 03/22/2024. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Gourley made a motion to appoint Kenneth Johnson to the Alcohol Board. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Commissioner Gourley advised he has accepted a job with the State of Indiana as a Veterans Service Office as a district manager. He advised part of that role is to provide assistance to the local VSO's. He advised the ethics committee would like Starke County to put in place a resolution to ensure that he is

not directly over our county service officer. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the supervisory role over our local VSO will be Commissioner Chesak and Commissioner Binkley. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Councilman Pearman advised that he has seen the road changes in the Deer View Estates Subdivision. He advised that the residents are requesting a couple speed bumps in the subdivision. The Board of Commissioners asked Interim Superintendent Oesterreich to look into the speed bumps for that subdivision.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A discussion was held regarding the WTH GIS mapping system and the possibility of putting the solar land leases on the map. Auditor Oesterreich will begin looking into this.

With there being no further public comments and no further business, Commissioner Chesak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.

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Don Binkley, President

Charles Chesak, Vice-President

Mark Gourley, Member

Rachel Oesterreich, Starke County Auditor
And Secretary to the Board of Commissioners