

**STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 6, 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.

HIGHWAY BID OPENING – CCMG 2024-01

Attorney Schramm verified receiving two sealed bids for the 2024-01 CCMG project. The bids received were as follows:

Rieth -Riley in the amount of \$923,627.15
Milestone Contractors in the amount of \$899,900.00

Interim Superintendent Oesterreich advised that due to the short agenda she would like to postpone the acceptance until their first meeting in June so that the Engineer can have time to review the bids to make sure all the specs are in the bids.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE – FENCING QUOTES

Cathy Benko, Washington Township Trustee, came before the Board of Commissioners to present the fencing quotes she received as requested by the Board of Commissioners. The quotes were as follows:

Brian Reiss Construction in the amount of \$700
Larry Mann in the amount of \$2,725.00
Tri-County Lawn Service in the amount of \$1,200.00

After further review of the quotes as presented Commissioner Gourley made a motion to accept the quote from Brian Reiss Construction in the amount of \$700 to be paid from Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

AUDITOR BUSINESS

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the vendor claims docket for a total in the amount of \$353,225.75. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve the payroll claims in the amount of \$313,262.93 including deductions in the amount of \$84,080.97 for pay period ending 04/27/2024 and payroll date of 05/03/2024. 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 \$322,014.60 including deductions in the amount of \$85,853.20 for pay period ending 04/13/2024 and payroll date of 04/19/2024. Commissioner Chesak seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to accept and approve the Congressional Township Fund in the amount of \$14,764.61. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Commissioner Chesak made a motion to approve Shannon Hoekman, community layperson, appointment to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Commissioner Gourley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kade Wagner came before the Board of Commissioners to discuss the extension of 800 E S/O Toto Rd. After further discussion it was discussed that the total cost of the road and the cul-de-sac will be an

estimated total of \$6,600. Commissioner Gourley made a motion to approve the extension of 800 E South of Toto Road by 910 feet to terminate in an 100' wide cul-de-sac with a planned material cost of \$6,600 with half of that to be paid by Kade Wagner. Commissioner Chesak Seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

A discussion was then held regarding the second pump at Bass Lake. The gentlemen that came before the board advised he would be willing to donate his land for the second pump. It was decided for him to talk to the Conservancy District to take ownership of the land and the second pump.

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 5:42 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