

STARKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING

5-23-25

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Commissioners and meet in special session in the meeting room of the Starke County Annex #1, Knox, IN at 1:00 PM, with all members present. The following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Rachel Oesterreich, Highway Superintendent, submitted her Annual Report for commissioners' approval. The commissioners stated that in the future they would like a meeting in order to understand how the information is entered and where the information comes from on the annual report.

Don Binkley moved to approve the annual report seconded by Mike VanDeMark with 3 ayes.

IN RE: MAMMOTH SOLAR ROAD AGREEMENT

Mike VanDeMark moved to approve the Mammoth Road Agreement Memorandum of Understanding seconded by Don Binkley with 3 ayes.

IN RE: TRUE ROLL

Suzanne Sims, First Deputy Auditor, explained the process of how True Roll finds deductions on properties being received by property owners in numerous counties and how much money they have brought back to the county and how much, by removing the excess deductions, we are not losing. There is already \$10,000 in the budget and we would need an additional \$1,500 to pay the \$11,500 annual fee. Mike VanDeMark moved to approve pending council approval seconded by Don Binkley with 3 ayes.

IN RE: CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUND

Justin Schramm, County Attorney, explained the congressional school statute to the commissioners. Mike VanDeMark moved to approve seconded by Don Binkley with 3 ayes.

IN RE: WABASH VALLEY POWER

Wabash Valley Power is completing their Transmission Line Project and wanted to know if the commissioners wanted the crop damage payment to go through them

or sent directly to the farmer. Mike VanDeMark moved to send it directly to the farmer seconded by Don Binkley with 3 ayes.

IN RE: PLANNING COMMISSION ADDENDUM REGARDING ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

The Planning Commission sent an addendum to allow board members to vote via electronic meetings such as zoom. Mike VanDeMark moved to table this as the addendum is too vague seconded by Don Binkley with 3 ayes.

IN RE: TOTAL RESPONSE DISPATCH SOFTWARE CONTRACT

Don Binkley moved to approve the Total Response Dispatch Software contract seconded by Mike VanDeMark with 3 ayes.

There being no other business to come before the board, Don Binkley moved to adjourn seconded by Mike VanDeMark with 3 ayes.

Charles Chesak, President

Mike VanDeMark, Vice President

Don Binkley, Member

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and Secretary
Secretary to the County Commissioners