

STARKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S EMERGENCY MEETING

Date: Friday, January 30, 2025

Time: 3 :00 PM

Location: Starke County Annex 1 / Commissioner Meeting Room

Commissioner Members Present:

- President Mike VanDeMark
- Vice President Charlie Chesak
- Member Don Binkley

Others Present:

- Teresa Trout Auditor Pro Tem
- Maintenance Director Rick Green
- Various members of the public

Call to Order & Quorum:

Meeting was called to order at **3:00 PM** by President Mike VanDeMark

Dry Fire alarm and sprinkler system in the Annex Building Attic.

Maintenance Director Rick Green has requested quotes from several companies to replace the dry system piping located in the Annex building attic.

Koorsen Fire and Safety did not submit a Quote.

Shambaugh & Sons L.P. submitted a quote for \$55,385.00, plus additional \$5,369.00 for Schedule 40 Piping and \$3,375.00 for a new general air compressor. Did not submit a price for galvanized pipe.

VFP Fire Systems submitted a quote to main replace 4" schedule 10 galvanized piping on dry system for \$42,383.00, plus an additional \$1,610.00 for 4# schedule 40 galvanized pipe.

Rick Green did send the original blueprints to each company in order for the scope of work to be conveyed the same for each quote. At this time Rick did go over the blueprints with the commissioners for a visual on the pipes that need to be replaced. This replacement is for 240

feet of pipe. Rick also let the commissioners know that there are several Band-Aid's on pipes currently in the attic.

Rick Green let the commissioners know that either company could be here to start work in two weeks.

Commissioner Mike VanDeMark acknowledged a gentleman in the back of the room to ensure he was in the correct meeting. The man stated he was from WSBT and was told there was an emergency meeting he needed to cover, the commissioners conveyed that this meeting was for maintenance and maybe not newsworthy, he was told he is welcome to stay but to please move to the other side of the room in order not to block the doorway.

Commissioner Mike VanDeMark asked what is currently turned off right now. Rick stated that there is no Air to pressurize the system as well as no water. Commissioner Mike VanDeMark stated that this could be a situation in which the Insurance would be in question if we had an emergency. With that being said he would like the current T pipe fixed as soon as possible. Commissioner Don Binkley stated that he would like to see the 3 pipes along in addition to the T pipe fixed also.

Commissioner Mike VanDeMark would like to get an emergency service call out to get the sprinkler system up and running. At this time the commissioner would like to recess the meeting in order for Rick to make a few calls to regarding emergency service.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Donny Binkley moved to recess the meeting in order for Rick to make calls regarding emergency service.
- **Second:** Seconded by Commissioner Charles Chesak.
- **Vote:** All in favor (3-0). Motion Carried

At this time Rick went into his office to make his phone calls.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Charlie Chesak moved to resume the meeting.
- **Second:** Seconded by Commissioner Don Binkley.
- **Vote:** All in favor (3-0). Motion Carried

Rick called three companies, only 1 company answered and it was Shambaugh and Son, who stated they would need to check their schedule and they are checking and told Rich they would call him back.

Commissions stated that Rick could call our current provider which is Koorsen, to check their availability for an emergency service call.

The Commissioners acknowledged that being in an emergency meeting we are covered to again recess the meeting while Rick makes calls for emergency service.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Charlie Chesak moved to recess the meeting while Rick checked for emergence service.

- **Second:** Seconded by Commissioner Don Binkley
- **Vote:** All in favor (3–0). Motion Carried

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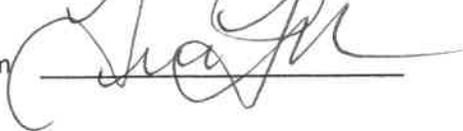
Rick Green talked with Koorsen Fire and Safety, Koorsen will be at the Annex building between 8am and 9am Saturday, January 31st along with Rick Green. Rick is concerned that previous issues have been when one leak is repaired that another leak pops up. Rick wanted confirmation that he has permission to continue repairing each leak that when it happens. The commissioners would like for Rick to inform them of the progress on Saturday and this will be tabled until the next commissioner meeting of 2/2/2026.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Charlie Chesak moved to table the replacement of the full repair and moves to proceed with an emergency service call to replace the current leak.
- **Second:** Seconded by Commissioner Don Binkley.
- **Vote:** All in favor (3–0). Motion Carried

Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourned the meeting was made.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Don Binkley moved to adjourn the meeting.
- **Second:** Seconded by Commissioner Charlie Chesak.
- **Vote:** All in favor (3–0). Motion carried.

Commissioner	Signature	Date
Charles Chesak		<u>2-2-2026</u>
Mike VanDeMark		<u>2-2-2026</u>
Don Binkley		<u>2/2/26</u>
Teresa Trout Auditor Pro-Tem		<u>2/2/26</u>