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July 20, 2009

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with all members present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

## **IN RE: CAPITAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Gerry White from O.C.R.A. along with Edwin Buswell and Randy Mitchell from K.I.R.P.C. appeared before the council and the commissioners regarding a Capital Management Plan grant. Kathy Norem submitted O.C.R.A. guidelines for Strategic Economic Development Plans.

There is a grant available for this study with the county contributing a 10% match. The 2003 plan is in the Planning Commission Office and as far as Kathy Norem knows, no one is monitoring it. Dan Bridegroom would like to get other entities involved.

Kathy wants to define the general scope so that we can move forward and to include some council member, the cities and towns and Charles Weaver with the Development Foundation. Mark Smith and Jennifer Davis volunteered to be the council representatives.

The first meeting will be held July 31<sup>st</sup> and 1 pm C.S.T. in the meeting room of the County Annex Building.

## **IN RE: PAYROLL**

Kathy Norem moved to approve the 7-11-09 payroll in the amount of \$154,661.04 seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 3 ayes (Mark with reservations). Kathy Norem will check the E-911 salaries, Dan Bridegroom will check the highway and Mark Milo the E.M.S. to determine why there are such differences.

## **IN RE: MINUTES**

Kathy Norem moved to approve the 7-6-09 minutes with one correction—correcting the verbiage of a call Mark Milo received about the highway department—seconded by Mark Milo with 3 ayes.

## **IN RE: GATE REQUEST AT C.R. 1100W NORTH OF C.R. 500S**

Mark Magura and Mark Chesak were previously granted the right to put up a gate for security purposes with the restriction that they were required to get liability insurance coverage. They came before the commissioners to inform them that they cannot get insurance coverage as the companies they contacted stated that it would be the government's responsibility; therefore they would like the restriction lifted. They have trouble with people dumping garbage back there.

There was much discussion about closing the road and whether or not that removes it from the road inventory. The commissioners requested that Martin Lucas, County Attorney, research what could be done while preserving the easement and allowing foot traffic per motion by Dan Bridegroom and seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

## **IN RE: HAMLET WEST INFRASTRUCTURE**

Van Janovice briefed the commissioners on the Hamlet West Infrastructure project. The water lines are connected and the first week of August should begin the erection of the tower.

Change Order # 2 on the water line extension will be an increase of \$52,667 to provide temporary 3 phase electrical power to the utilities side by installation of a phase converter and all necessary electrical appurtenances as indicated on the proposal from Thomas Excavating. Mark Milo moved to approve seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

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Van Janovic would like to complete securing the site for the Hamlet infrastructure. Change Order # 3 for the water line extension is to provide a fence along the north, west and south sides of the utilities site. The work is to include a 20 foot swinging gate and a typical fence end detail with a cost increase of \$62,800 in the contract. Mark Milo moved to approve subject to the drainage board approval, if drainage board does not approve they will go with the alternate change order #2 leaving out the south side fence and a total increase of \$44,200 seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

## **IN RE: C.R. 350S WEST OF S.R. 23**

Steve Krsek requested permission to have C.R. 350S west of S.R. 23 vacated. Dan Bridegroom moved to allow Mr. Krsek to block off this road as it is not a road and never has been with the county retaining the easement seconded by Kathy Norem with 3 ayes.

## **IN RE: BASS LAKE BEACH AND CAMPGROUNDS**

Clyde Haniford came before the commissioners to discuss the Bass Lake Beach and Campgrounds. He is still worried about the campground turning into a trailer park. The commissioners stated that the lease doesn't allow for the commissioners to restrict them in this way.

Kathy Norem talked to the Callahans about the "camping on the beach" problem and asked them to remain within the guidelines. It was also reported that a state representative also spoke to the Callahans.

## **IN RE: WORKSHOP REGARDING BALANCE OF STIMULUS MONEY**

Kathy Norem submitted information on a workshop for the balance of the stimulus money. Bruce Williams stated that unless we adopt the state building codes, we can't apply for the grants. Kathy will find out if it is worth our while to go to the workshop.

## **IN RE: SUPPORT FOR EXTENSION OFFICE**

M.J. Zimbala submitted a letter of support for the extension office.

## **IN RE: C.R. 500N ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

The grant for the C.R. 500N road construction will be awarded July 21 at 11:00 am in the LaPorte District I.N.D.O.T. office.

## **IN RE: BUILDING CONDEMNATION IN SAN PIERRE**

Bruce Williams, Planning Commission Director, reported that the old bank and the old Sinclair gas station have both been condemned, and there is a time line that has to be followed.

There being no further business to come before the board, Mark Milo moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Dan Bridegroom with 3 ayes.

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Dan Bridegroom, President

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Kathy Norem, Vice President

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Mark Milo, Member

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Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor &  
Secretary to the Commissioners