

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 6:53PM in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Kathy Norem and Donald Binkley present and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Vice President Kathy Norem. Commissioner President Kent Danford was absent. Commissioner Norem asked if there were any changes or corrections to the posted agenda. She advised the Center Township Trustee's request to receive a used card file cabinet has been deleted since the Trustee is planning to attend the County's Auction next week.

RE: KIRPC, BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANT, MEMO. OF UNDERSTANDING

Edwin Buswell, Executive Director of Kankakee Iroquois Regional Planning Commission, (KIRPC), appeared before the Board to request their approval of a proposed Memorandum of Understanding in regard to the Brownfields Assessment Grant. He advised KIRPC had been awarded a grant from the EPA in the amount of \$500,000.00 which will cover an eight county area. He noted the grant will be utilized on a first come first serve basis to assist communities in the development of areas that may have potential contamination. He advised they will be able to do assessments of those sites. Director Buswell advised Charlie Weaver has possible sites in mind. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the Memorandum, seconded by Commissioner Norem. The motion passed with all ayes. Director Buswell advised the County will receive a copy of the signed memorandum after all counties sign the agreement.

RE: WAREHOUSE ROOF REPAIR PRICE QUOTES

Director of Maintenance, Jim Coad, appeared before the Board in regard to the needed roof repairs of the County's Warehouse Storage Building. Director Coad advised he had received a quote from Starke County Roofing in the amount of \$3,750.00 but their quote did not include the installation of downspouts. He noted he received a quote from Starke County Glass & Seamless Gutter for the required downspouts, and the price of their quote was \$ 475.15. He noted the other roof repair he received was from Knox Roofing in the amount of \$ 3,050.00 and noted their quote included the cost of the installation of downspouts. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to accept the price quote of Knox Roofing, seconded by Commissioner Norem. The motion passed with all ayes. Director Coad will notify Knox Roofing. Commissioner Norem advised the expense should be paid out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

RE: AUDITOR'S BUSINESS: MINUTES, PAYROLL CLAIM, VENDOR CLAIMS

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6th meeting, seconded by Commissioner Norem. The motion passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the vendor pay claim in the amount of \$85,077.31. Commissioner Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the payroll claim for the pay period ending on July 4th, with a pay date of July 10th, in the total gross amount of \$ 204,949.68. Commissioner Norem seconded the motion, and it passed with all ayes.

Auditor Chaffins advised the Departmental Monthly Financial Reports had been submitted on time and with the proper completed bank reconciliations.

Commissioner Norem stated Auditor Chaffins had prepared a spreadsheet listing the rental amounts and the amount of expenditures receipts submitted by Richard Callahan in regard to the Bass Lake Beach and Campground. She advised the reports will also be distributed to the Park Board at their next meeting which will be on Tuesday, July 21st.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

County Attorney Marty Lucas advised the County had received one price quote in regard to their request for quotes for the removal of all trees/vegetation at the County's old landfill site. He advised the quote received was from Mark Milo in the amount of \$ 19,850.00. He noted Mr. Milo had also listed an Option # 1 which was to redress the area and reseed with a price not to exceed \$ 4,900.00. Auditor Chaffins advised the request for price quotes was sent on July 7th to

vendors and also included the three local mowing companies. Commissioner Binkley made a motion to approve the price quote received from Mark Milo, seconded by Commissioner Norem. The motion passed with all ayes. Commissioner Norem noted Mr. Milo will have thirty days to complete the project following his notification.

Commissioner Norem advised the Board of Commissioners will need to make three appointments to the repopulation of the County's Redevelopment Commission but at this time it is unknown as to the length of their terms. She also noted the Commissioners will need to make one appointment to the County's repopulation of the Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Norem suggested letters be written to the Oregon-Davis School Corporation School Board as they are allowed to recommend an advisor to be appointed to the RDC Board, as a non-voting member; and also a letter to the City of Knox as they are to recommend an appointment to the EDC Board. She also noted the Board of Commissioners will not necessarily have to accept their recommendations.

Attorney Lucas advised he will confirm the length of terms of the various appointments on both boards. He also suggested the County updates their Ordinance in regard to the RDC Board in order for it to be applicable to the present State Statutes. Attorney Lucas advised he will update/repair the County's present ordinance.

Commissioner Norem advised she would like to follow the same timeline as the Council and make the appointments to the Boards at their August 17th meeting.

Attorney Lucas advised in regard to a recent lawsuit involving the Commissioners' approval of the re-platting of the Cedarpoint Subdivision, Judge Patrick Blakenship in the Pulaski County Court overturned the Commissioners' approval. Attorney Lucas advised he will provide more information on the issue once he receives the Judge's Order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Coad reminded the Board of the upcoming County Auction that will be held on Wednesday, July 29th at 10AM at the County Warehouse Building.

Present Veterans' Service Officer, Mark Gourley, inquired if he could change the Office Hours of the Veterans' Service Office from being open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Board approved his request. Officer Gourley advised the schedule will go in effect on August 1st. He also advised he will have a full department report prepared for their next meeting.

Robert Cunningham of 700E advised of a situation he is experiencing with his neighbor and his neighbor's thirteen pit bulls. He advised he had spoken to the Prosecutor who advised him to present his situation to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Norem advised Mr. Cunningham to report the dog issue to the Building Commissioner as there is a County Policy in regard to requiring a Dog Kennel if the number of dogs owned is more than six. Attorney Lucas advised Mr. Cunningham he can also contact an attorney in regard to pursuing his complaint through a civil suit.

There being no further public comment and no further business, Commissioner Binkley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Norem seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:32PM.

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ABSENT _____
Kent Danford, President

Kathryn Norem

Donald Binkley

Katherine Chaffins, County Auditor
& Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners