

February 16, 2009

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Dan Awald and Bruce Fingerhut absent and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: January 12, 2009 MINUTES

Chuck Estok moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009, meeting seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2009-01

Charles Weaver, Economic Development Director, explained the foundation's requests for \$1,228,133 out of the EDIT funds. Bill Dulin moved to approve seconded by Chuck Estok with 5 ayes.

Linda Belork, Treasurer, requested \$2,400 for training on the financial system in the treasurer's office. Jennifer Davis moved to approve, but to try to keep the training to one day seconded by Chuck Estok with 5 ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the Sheriff's request for \$3246 to cover the difference in pay between the jailer's and the patrolman's salary so that the new patrolman would be able to receive a full patrolman's salary seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the \$4893 to reinstate the salary of the superintendent for a 40 hour week and to include the 3% raise for 2009 seconded by Chuck Estok with 5 ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the highway's request for \$3500 for unemployment seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the sheriff's request for \$7561 out of the County Corrections fund seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve \$15,350 out of Cum. Cap. Dev. to replace the insurance reimbursement received in November of 2008 seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve Recorder Jackie Bridegroom's request for \$15,000 out of her Redaction Fund seconded by Chuck Estok with 5 ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve \$280,000 for the Department of Child Services to pay off the remaining bills from 2008 seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

Bill Dulin moved to approve \$35,000 for the C.P.R.T. to pay off the remaining bills from 2008 seconded by Chuck Estok with 5 ayes.

Bill Dulin moved to approve \$300,000 to the Commissioners' EDIT and \$523,624 to the Commissioner Bridges in EDIT seconded by Jennifer Davis with 4 ayes 1 nay (JB).

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Bob Smith, IT Coordinator, informed the council that the treasurer's office needs two new computers as they are probably the oldest ones in the building.

All claims out of Commissioners' EDIT, Commissioner Bridges in EDIT, LR & S, Highway and Cum. Bridge (in other words any claims for the highway department) need to be brought to the council meeting every month for evaluation.

The council needs to make an appointment to the Knox Redevelopment Board. It is a one year appointment that needs to be done at the next council meeting. The council members are to bring any names they can come up with who might be interested.

Rhonda Milner informed the council that the IT committee is working on a job description for IT. Rhonda also asked who on the council would be representing the council on the IT committee. Chuck Estok moved to appoint Judy Benninghoff as the council's representative on the IT committee seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

Bob Smith stated that it might be beneficial to offer the Sheriff's new software to Knox, Hamlet and North Judson for a fee to be paid to the county. Nothing was decided at this time.

Repairs that are needed at the jail were discussed between the commissioners and the council. Kathy Norem would like it to be agreed between the two boards that if there is a leak at the jail, it would be an automatic emergency or else have someone on retainer to handle these problems as they come up. The jail needs to be brought up to speed, but will have to be done in stages. Mark Smith feels that there should be someone at the jail responsible to maintain and keep up on things.

The commissioners and council discussed the stimulus package proposals that they submitted (on file in the Auditor's office). Kathy Norem stated that these have to be submitted to Congressman Joe Donnelly's office by Friday.

There being no further business to come before the board, Chuck Estok moved to adjourn.

Mark Smith, President

Chuck Estok, Vice President

Bill Dulin

Jennifer Davis

Judy Benninghoff

ABSENT
Bruce Fingerhut

ABSENT
Dan Awald

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and
Secretary to the Commissioners