March 15th, 2010

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and Starke County Commissioners meet in joint/regular session at 5:00 p.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Jennifer Davis and Dan Awald absent, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

All Starke County Commissioners were present.

IN RE: MINUTES

Judy Benninghoff moved to approve the February 15th minutes, seconded by Chuck Estok with five ayes.

IN RE: ORDINANCE 2010-03 ADDITIONALS

Bruce Fingerhut moved to deny the Clerk's request for \$2,000 for a new copy machine, seconded by Bill Dulin, with five ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to table the Treasurer's request for \$1,684 for office supplies, seconded by Chuck Estok, with five ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the Surveyor's request for \$1,600 for the Surveyor's Corner Perpetual Fund, seconded by Judy Benninghoff, with five aves.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the Sheriff's request for \$8,545 from the County Corrections Fund, for the jail. Bill Dulin seconded the motion, and it passed with five ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the Sheriff's request for \$41,294 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund for two new patrol vehicles (one truck and one car). Chuck Estok seconded the motion, and it passed with five ayes.

IN RE: OWNER OCCUPIED REHABILITATION PROGRAM GRANT

Cathy Miller appeared before the council explaining the grant, and that it requires a 10% county match. The grant maximum is \$250,000, which means the commissioners would be responsible for \$25,000.

The Commissioners said they would like to use the Commissioners' EDIT money for the match. Kathy Norem talked about what plans the commissioners have for their portion of the EDIT Funds.

Cathy Miller explained the process to the council, as she did for the commissioners at their meeting on March 1st. County Attorney, Martin Lucas read the ordinance that the commissioners need to approve and submit for the grant. Kathy Norem moved to approve Resolution 2010-05, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with two ayes.

Cathy said she will e-mail more information she has for the commissioners and council.

IN RE: C.A.M.S. GRANT

Mark Smith told the council that the county was denied the grant for CAMS. It was discussed with Umbaugh previously that we could move forward without the grant, to get an overview for impact assessment on the revenue stream.

IN RE: TREASURER'S REQUEST FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES

Linda Belork, County Treasurer came before the board explaining why she needs the \$1,684 for office supplies. The council is leaving it tabled at this time, but told her to come back when she runs out of what she has.

IN RE: STARKE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The handbook was discussed, and some corrections were made since the draft was sent out. Kathy Norem moved to approve The Starke County Employee Handbook-2010 General Edition, seconded by Dan Bridegroom, with two ayes.

There being no further business to come before the board, Judy Benninghoff moved to adjourn.

Council Board Members:	
Mark Smith, President	Chuck Estok, Vice President
Bill Dulin	ABSENT Jennifer Davis
Judy Benninghoff ABSENT	Bruce Fingerhut
Dan Awald	
Commissioner Board Members:	
Dan Bridegroom, President	Kathy Norem, Vice President
VACANT	
VACANT	Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and Secretary to the Commissioners