

April 19th, 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 Bruce Fingerhut and Dan Awald absent, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

All Starke County Commissioners were present.

IN RE: MINUTES

Bill Dulin moved to approve the March 15, 2010, minutes seconded by Judy Benninghoff with 4 ayes.

IN RE: ORDINANCE 2010-07 ADDITIONALS

A salary for an Emergency Management Director was discussed as well as the need for said director. The grant would pay 50% of the salary including benefits.

The commissioners requested \$2500 for change of venue to pay for the Milo trial held in Jasper County. Judy Benninghoff moved to deny and to transfer the funds with the same category instead seconded by Bill Dulin with 4 ayes.

The Circuit Court Psychiatric Services request was withdrawn so Bill Dulin moved to deny seconded by Judy Benninghoff with 4 ayes.

The Highway bituminous request was withdrawn so Judy Benninghoff moved to deny seconded by Bill Dulin with 4 ayes.

Bill Dulin moved to approve the Drug Free Community Fund request of \$3800 seconded by Chuck Estok with 4 ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the I.T. request for 2 new servers out of the Cum. Cap. Fund seconded by Judy Benninghoff with 4 ayes.

IN RE: SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Health Department is requesting a part time food sanitarian at \$14.31 per hour for 21 hours per week. Mark Smith asked Frank Lynch if the Health Board had approved this request and Frank replied that they had approved it.

The council discussed contracting the position at a per inspection fee and we will reimburse them their liability insurance at a "not-to-exceed" amount.

Mark Smith would like to see the Health Board come to them with the above proposal.

IN RE: TRANSFERS

Chuck Estok moved to approve transferring \$7,000 from inspections into part time help in the Local Health Maintenance Fund for food inspections only seconded by Judy Benninghoff with 3 ayes 1 nay (MS). Motion does not pass.

Judy Benninghoff moved to table this until the May meeting when more board members can be present seconded by Bill Dulin with 4 ayes.

IN RE: PROTOCOLS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND E.M.A.

Commissioner Kathy Norem stated that they have a committee working on protocols for first responders and E.M.T.s, etc. and asked the fire departments to participate and become first responders. We need to train first responders and need funds to do so. The cost would be \$2,000 for 20 people and \$125 for each additional person over the 20. There are 26 firemen interested in taking the

training so we would need \$2,750. Judy Benninghoff moved to transfer \$2,750 from the E.M.S. gas and oil out of County General into E.M.S. continuing education seconded by Bill Dulin with 4 ayes.

Kris Rannells reported on the progress with the first responder protocols.

Regarding a salary for an E.M.A. Director, it was suggested to see if money could be transferred from gas & oil and/or utilities line items. The commissioners would like to pay the director the same salary as the elected officials.

Bill Dulin moved to amend the salary ordinance amendment to approve the hiring of an E.M.A. director seconded by Chuck Estok with 4 ayes.

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

Mark Smith, President

Chuck Estok, Vice President

Bill Dulin

VACANT

Judy Benninghoff

Bruce Fingerhut

ABSENT

Dan Awald

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and
Secretary to the Commissioners