

August 11th, 2008

Pursuant to call, comes now the Starke County Council and meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditor's Office of the Starke County Government Building (Annex), Knox, Indiana. Comes now the Auditor, with Dan Awald absent, and reads the call to the Council and shows that due and legal notice of the meeting has been given.

IN RE: MINUTES

Chuck Estok moved to approve the July 14th minutes, seconded by Jennifer Davis, with six ayes.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2008-10

The commissioners requested to lower their E-911 request for a Voter Radio Tower. The additional was tabled at the last meeting and they are lowering their additional request to \$21,000. Chuck Estok moved to approve the \$21,000, seconded by Douglas J Vessely, with six ayes.

Douglas J Vessely moved to approve the request for \$10,825 out of E-911 for upgrades and repairs to radio system, which was tabled at the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Check Estok and passed with six ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the clerk's request for \$2,000 out of County General for election postage, with a reduction of \$2,000 in the clerk's postage. Bruce Fingerhut seconded the motion and it passed with six ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the custodian's request for \$500 for courthouse and annex lawn care, out of County General. Douglas J Vessely seconded the motion and it passed with four ayes and two nays. (JD, MS)

Douglas J Vessely moved to approve the EMS request for \$2,500 out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund, for building maintenance. Jennifer Davis seconded the motion and it passed with six ayes.

Douglas J Vessely moved to approve the sheriff's request for \$25,000 out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund for a patrol car. Chuck Estok seconded the motion and it passed with six ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the probation request for \$8,500 out of the Adult Probation Fund for a part time secretary. Seconded by Bruce Fingerhut, it passed with six ayes.

IN RE: TRANSFER RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE #2008-11

Douglas J Vessely moved to table the highway's request to transfer \$40,000 from Gas, Oil and Lube to Group Health Insurance. Seconded by Chuck Estok, it passed with six ayes.

Douglas J Vessely moved to approve the request to transfer money in the Cumulative Bridge fund from two projects to Bridge #15, Chuck Estok seconded, with six ayes.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT CONTRACT

The council is requesting Elaine Beatty from McCready & Keene to come and explain the Sheriff's retirement contract amendment before they approve it.

IN RE: 2009 BUDGET HEARINGS

The September 8th budget meeting will not require the attendance of the office holders, as the council will not be acting on the budget at that time. They will act on it at a later date.

IN RE: I.T. DIRECTOR

The council discussed the possibility of making the IT Director full time. If they do make this a full time position, they talked about possibly having that person handle a "central supply" in order to save money on supplies.

IN RE: COUNTY EMPLOYEE HOURS

The council discussed the possibility of a 10-hour a day, 4-day workweek with no increase in salaries.

IN RE: PART TIME PAY

The clerk requested that all part time deputies, clerks, and secretaries be paid the same rate of pay, as Circuit Court and the Prosecutor pay their part time clerks at a higher rate.

There being no further business to come before the board, Douglas J Vessely moved to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Davis, with six ayes.

Mark C. Smith, President

Douglas J. Vessely, Vice President

Bruce Fingerhut

Chuck Estok

Jennifer Davis

ABSENT

Daniel Awald

William A. Dulin

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor of
Starke County and Secretary to the
County Council