

August 17th, 2009

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

IN RE: MINUTES

Judy Benninghoff moved to approve the July 20th, 2009, minutes seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

IN RE: RELEASE OF LEASE AGREEMENT/STARKE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Kim Land with Starke Memorial Hospital appeared before the board with a "Release of Lease Agreement" between Principal LLC and the County. County Attorney Martin Lucas stated that this is just a clean-up of prior responsibilities. Jennifer Davis moved to approve the release seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 5 ayes.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2009-17

Judy Benninghoff moved to approve \$7,500 for County General's unemployment tabled from the May 18th, 2009, meeting seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the Drug Free Community allocations of \$24,400 seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

IN RE: TRANSFER OF WELFARE FUNDS ORDINANCE #2009-15

An ordinance to transfer the remaining welfare funds from the levy excess fund to the rainy day fund was discussed. The discussion included ways in which the rainy day fund could be used. Council Attorney Martin Lucas stated that the Council needs to create a resolution with parameters for the rainy day fund. No decision was made at this time on the ordinance.

IN RE: NEW PHONE SYSTEM

Chuck Estok reported to the council on the earlier special commissioner meeting that he had attended on behalf of the council on the new phone system. The two commissioners present at that meeting, Dan and Kathy, and Chuck Estok discussed the All Star quote for the phone system. They feel that All Star's quote looks to be the closest to "paying for itself" and will make a decision at their next meeting after some further discussion and negotiation with All Star.

IN RE: UNEMPLOYMENT FOR A HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE

The Council requested that the Auditor's office call Workforce Development to find out why John Norris' unemployment was not decreased for the four weeks of vacation pay he had received. (Auditor's Note—Dona Hoban, Deputy Auditor, had already contacted the state regarding this and the reply letter from the state is on file.)

IN RE: CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (C.A.M.S.)

Randy Mitchell with K.I.R.P.C. submitted a summary of proposal from the Starke County Commissioners and the Starke County Council RE: Project Capital Asset Management Strategy (C.A.M.S.). (The summary is on file in the Auditor's Office.) The county is requesting financial support for the project through an O.C.R.A. grant. This would be a tool to allow us to be proactive rather than reactive.

Bill Dulin moved to affirm the project seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 5 ayes.

Judy Benninghoff moved to adjourn.

ABSENT
Mark Smith, President

Chuck Estok, Vice President

Bill Dulin

Jennifer Davis

Judy Benninghoff

Bruce Fingerhut

ABSENT
Dan Awald

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and Secretary

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