

**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Pursuant to call, comes now the Starke County Council and meet in special session at 5:00 p.m. in the Auditor's Office of the Starke County Government Building (Annex), Knox, Indiana. Comes now the Auditor, and reads the call to the Council, with Mark Smith and Douglas J. Vessely absent, and shows that due and legal notice of the meeting has been given.

**IN RE: MINUTES**

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the October 13, 2008, minutes seconded by Dan Awald with 4 ayes (Bruce Fingerhut was late).

**IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2008-20**

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the Sheriff's request for \$15,000 out of County Corrections seconded by William Dulin with 4 ayes.

Sheriff Oscar Cowen withdrew his request for medical and hospital and lowered his utilities request to \$600. Jennifer Davis moved to approve the \$600 for utilities out of County General seconded by William Dulin with 4 ayes.

Dan Awald moved to approve the sheriff's gas & oil for \$22,100 and garage & motor for \$650 seconded by William Dulin with 4 ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the highway's request for \$64,643 for stone, gravel & aggregate seconded by Dan Awald with 4 ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the tabled request of \$61,010 for fire radio equipment out of Cum. Cap. Development seconded by William Dulin with 4 ayes.

**IN RE: TRANSFER ORDINANCE #2008-21**

Dan Awald moved to approve the highway transfers of \$30,000 from superintendent, extra help, other material, drainage & other assessments, and liability insurance to group insurance seconded by Jennifer Davis with 4 ayes.

William Dulin moved to approve the Coroner's transfers of \$4,756 from office supplies, coroner's seminar, telephone and autopsy fees to morgue supplies and equipment seconded by Dan Awald with 4 ayes.

**IN RE: STARKE COUNTY POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN**

Dan Awald moved to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment to the Starke County Police Retirement Plan Resolution #2008-22 seconded by William Dulin with 4 ayes.

**IN RE: 2009 BUDGET**

The council discussed the election budget with County Clerk Evelyn Skronski. The council reduced the extra help to 0, reduced the election supplies to 0, reduced the election legal expense to 0 and reduced the storage cabinet to 0 for a total cut of \$4,200 from the election budget.

The council cut the additional patrolman requested out of the sheriff's budget in the amount of \$30,105.

The sheriff informed the council that he moved the jail matron/chief 911 dispatcher to the E-911 budget from the jail budget.

The increase in the Prosecutor CS budget is due to the insurance for those employees. If it is paid out of the Prosecutor CS budget it is 66% reimbursed by the state.

Bruce Fingerhut arrived.

Randy Abbey informed the council that the commissioners didn't want him to lower the EMS/EMA budget any more, as if it were cut to where they requested, EMS would have to cut 2 shifts and close down a base. They submitted their budget at \$809,661.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve voluntary cuts on the Planning Commission board's per diem seconded by Dan Awald with 5 ayes.

IT will be full time subject to approval of the commissioners' change in the job description.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to table the three health department budgets until November 24, 2008, at 6 pm when they can meet with the health board seconded by William Dulin with 5 ayes.

Cum. Capital Development budget is ok.

There being no further business to come before the board Dan Awald moved to recess until November 24, 2008, at 6:00 pm seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 5 ayes.

Absent  
Mark C. Smith, President

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Douglas J. Vessely, Vice President

Bruce Fingerhut

Chuck Estok, President Pro Tem

Jennifer Davis

Daniel Awald

William A. Dulin

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