

February 11, 2008

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

Mark Smith called the meeting to order.

IN RE: MINUTES

Chuck Estok moved to approve the January 14, 2008, minutes seconded by Jim Van Vactor with 6 ayes.

IN RE: POLICE PENSION

Ken Arnett with the merit board informed the council that the trusteeship of the police pension is changing. The bank that was the trustee was taken over by Harris Band, and Harris chose not to take on the trust. There were papers for the council to sign. The council requested Martin Lucas, their attorney, to check over the papers.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to authorize Mark Smith to sign the papers after the attorney reviews them and if the attorney approves it seconded by Jennifer Davis with 6 ayes.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2008-03

Charles Weaver, Economic Development Director, requested \$428,778 for the 2008 EDIT and \$676,117 for the balance left from 2007, totaling \$1,104,895. Douglas J. Vessely moved to approve seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 6 ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the commissioners request of \$733,377 out of EDIT seconded by Jim Van Vactor with 6 ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to table all of the County General requests until we know what the budget situation is seconded by Jim Van Vactor with 6 ayes.

Douglas J. Vessely moved to approve \$25,000 for a squad car out of Cumulative Capital Development and \$5,000 for EMS building maintenance seconded by Chuck Estok with 6 ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the Recorder's request of \$15,000 out of the Redaction fund seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 6 ayes.

IN RE: STARKE COUNTY VISITOR'S ASSOCIATION

Rich Wieczorek and Jenny Carter with the Starke County Visitor's Association reported that the innkeepers' tax over the 6 months since it began has totaled \$9,000. The Tourism committee is working on the "Starke County Traveler". They gave the council an update and will do so at least every 6 months.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Douglas J. Vessely moved to send a letter to all office holders that there is no point in sending in additional for county general until the budget has been approved by the state, as the council will not approve them until that time seconded by Chuck Estok with 6 ayes.

There being no further business to come before the council, Jim VanVactor moved to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Davis, with 6 ayes.

Mark Smith, President

Douglas J. Vessely, Vice President

ABSENT

Daniel Awald

James Van Vactor

Bruce Fingerhut

Chuck Estok

Jennifer Davis

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