

FEBRUARY 15, 2016

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and meet in a regular session at 5:30PM in the Annex Building Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Freddie Baker, Bryan Cavender, Pam Stalbaum, Bryan Cavender, Brad Hazelton, and Robert Sims, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Councilman President Freddie Baker. Councilwoman Jennifer Davis was absent from the meeting. Councilman Cavender made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19th meeting. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion, and it passed with all ayes.

President Baker advised he had received a letter from State Senator Tom Dermody about a proposed amount to be sent to the County. He read the letter into the record. He noted the figure proposed is part of this year’s state legislation.

REPORT FROM MARSHALL STARKE

Mike Lintner advised there is a new CEO at the Development Center and it is Jody Smith. Mr. Lintner talked a little about the retreat. Councilman Pearman advised he makes a lot of the meetings throughout the years and Marshall Starke is always on top.

RESOLUTION TO BORROW INTO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND OUT OF THE RAINY DAY FUND

County Attorney Marty Lucas reported that an amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Rainy Day Fund has been chosen to be spent into the County General Fund per IC Code 36-1-8-4. He advised the results will be required to be paid back prior to the end of the year. He advised the Rainy Day Fund requires a Super Majority of agreement. He noted he will be cleaning up the proposed copy of the paper, taking the Board of Commissioners out of the request. Attorney Lucas stated it should be the Council only. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the \$1,000,000.00 request and place the proceeds into the County General Fund. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

REPORT ON GRANT FUNDING FROM PORTER STARKE

Carmen Arlt reported from Porter Starke that they are distributing methadone, an opient replacement therapy. She advised both Porter Starke and the Swanson Center were awarded the funding courtesy from the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction. The purpose is to expand access to available Medicates that are often used in the treatments of those afflicted with drug additions.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion in regard to the ambulance engine replacement that took place at Dobson Ford in Winamac. Keith Emigh, EMS Director, stated he had picked up the rig from Dobson’s after they had completed it and also updated the block heater too. President Baker advised there was no need for a special meeting. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the claim with Dobson. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion, and it passed with all ayes. There was a brief discussion in regard to the oil filters being maintained by Dobson Ford for the length of the engine warranty.

Due to the health of the County Auditor the 911 Funding will take place at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With there being no public comments and no further business, Councilman Cavender made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Stalbaum. The motion passed with all ayes and the meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.

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Freddie Baker, President

Dave Pearman, Vice President

Bryan Cavender

Pam Stalbaum

ABSENT
Jennifer Davis

Robert Sims

Brad Hazelton

Katherine Chaffins, Starke County Auditor and
Secretary to the County Council