

March 10th, 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 February minutes, seconded by Jim VanVactor, with six ayes.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2008-04

Chuck Estok moved to table the commissioners' request for \$28,000 from County General for Community Services, formerly Starke County Council on Aging, until tax rates and budgets have been approved. Douglas J Vessely seconded the motion, and it passed with six ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the sheriff's request for \$10,000 in the County Corrections Fund, seconded by James VanVactor, with six ayes.

Douglas J Vessely moved to approve California Township's request for \$1,000 from Cumulative Reassessment, seconded by Chuck Estok, with six ayes.

There was a request for \$12,562 for an E911 recorder and workstation from the E911 Fund. Douglas J Vessely moved to table this request until the next meeting, seconded by Chuck Estok with three ayes and three nays (BF, JD & MS). Motion dies. Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the addition with the understanding that at least part of the additional will be advertised as a reduction at the April meeting and that research on what happened with the previous contract will be pursued. Jennifer Davis seconded this motion and it passed with five ayes, one nay (DV).

Douglas J Vessely moved to approve the IT and commissioners' request for \$4,000 from Cumulative Capital Development for offsite backup and \$4,200 from Cumulative Capital Development for Planning Commission computer and software. Chuck Estok seconded the motion and it passed with six ayes.

IN RE: DOG ORDINANCE

Elizabeth Chalifoux appeared before the council regarding the dog problem in the county as she has had several of her animals killed by neighboring dogs. The County Option Dog Tax was discussed. The council requested that Martin Lucas, Council Attorney, research this and prepare a proposed resolution for a county option dog tax.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT

Martin Lucas has the prior retirement contract and there is also a supplementary trust agreement. The council requested that Martin write Financial Partners to request the annual financial report and to check on the contracts that they want signed.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S PAY

Brenda Stanojevic, wife of deceased former superintendent Pete Stanojevic, did not show up for her appointment on the council's agenda. No action was taken at this time.

Mark C. Smith, President

Douglas J. Vessely, Vice President

Bruce Fingerhut

Chuck Estok

ABSENT

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Jennifer Davis

Daniel Awald

James Van Vactor

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