

March 16, 2009

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Dan Awald and Jennifer Davis absent and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: February 16, 2009 MINUTES

Chuck Estok moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2009, meeting seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2009-02

Bob Smith, IT Coordinator requested \$1084.00 out of Cum. Cap. for two new computers for the treasurer's office, \$4102.00 for a new server for the Jail and Courthouse, and \$3520.00 for an air conditioning unit for the IT office in order to keep the servers cool. Bill Dulin moved to approve the \$8706.00 request seconded by Chuck Estok with 5 ayes.

Sheriff Oscar Cowen requested \$55,000 for two squad cars. Chuck Estok moved to approve \$27,500 for one squad car seconded by Judy Benninghoff with 5 ayes.

The highway department requested \$72,824 for stone gravel and aggregates, \$16,380 for bituminous and \$1,700 for road signs totaling \$90,904. This is in order to appropriate the F.E.M.A. reimbursement we received. Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the \$90,904 seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

IN RE: TRANSFER ORDINANCE #2009-03

The highway department requested a transfer of \$6,000.00 from liability insurance to unemployment. Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve seconded by Chuck Estok with 4 ayes 1 nay (JB).

IN RE: KNOX REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Bill Dulin moved to appoint Julie Berndt to the Knox Redevelopment Commission as their council appointment seconded by Chuck Estok with 5 ayes.

IN RE: REASSESSMENT

Rhonda Milner, County Assessor, reported that the reassessment is scheduled to start July 1, 2009. She explained the process and the proposed legislation that may change the way reassessment is done. They are writing the contract with the stipulation that it may be cancelled or modified if legislation changes. She'll be taking proposals for contracts.

IN RE: COUNCIL/COMMISSIONER WORK SESSION

The council and commissioners will hold a work session to discuss common ground issues and the county handbook. The joint meeting will be held on April 1, 2009, at 4:30 pm at the Starke County Annex meeting room.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT PLAN

Elaine Beatty with McCready & Keen to discuss the Sheriff's retirement plan. Also present were Harold Welter and Sheriff Oscar Cowen. She submitted a letter summarizing results of the study on the plan. \$286,375 is needed to bring the plan up to date through 12-31-09.

She reported that there are 7 drawing now along with one widow.

There being no further business to come before the board, Judy Benninghoff moved to adjourn seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

Mark Smith, President

Chuck Estok, Vice President

Bill Dulin

ABSENT
Jennifer Davis

Judy Benninghoff

Bruce Fingerhut

ABSENT
Dan Awald

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and
Secretary to the Commissioners

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