

April 1, 2011

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in special session at 10:00 AM in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Dan Bridegroom, Kathy Norem, and Jennifer Davis present. Also present was Todd Samuelson (Umbaugh), and Gary Fisher (RQAW). This meeting was an informational meeting only. The following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: CAMS (Capital Asset Management Strategy)

Gary Fisher (RQAW) appeared before the Board and presented them with a Capital Asset Management Study for Starke County, dated March 31, 2011. The report is on file in the Auditor's Office. A discussion was held as to what improvements have been recently completed: upgraded lighting in the jail, and upgraded camera systems. But, now the jail roof is leaking and one of the two heating/cooling units on the roof of the jail is not working properly. They both are original. Also, the jail needs another cell block, and a padded cell.

The possibility of relocating county offices was discussed, especially to make the most out of the space at the Courthouse.

It was decided it is difficult to develop a future plan, if they don't know how it will be funded.

Todd Samuelson (Umbaugh) appeared before the Board. He stated the following funds could be used to pay for capital improvement projects: The Rainy Day Fund, the CEDIT Fund, and the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. He stated you could transfer up to 10% of the budget, to the Rainy Day Fund. He also advised the County could develop a Debt Service Fund, where 1-3 cents of the tax rate go into that fund. That fund could provide the monies for future county projects. To set up a fund would require Council approval.

The Commissioners stated short term and long term plans need to be completed, along with an architectural study of the jail, and to set up a meeting with the Starke County Council.

The next meeting to discuss CAMS will be held Wednesday, April 11, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners meeting room in the annex. It is a combined Commissioners/Council meeting.

Kathy Norem made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Davis seconded the motion with 3 ayes.

Dan Bridegroom, President

Kathy Norem, Vice President

Jennifer Davis

Katherine Chaffins, Auditor and
Secretary to the Commissioners