

**April 11, 2011**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in special session at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room, of the Starke County Annex, Knox, Indiana, with all members present and the Starke County Council with five members present, the following proceedings were held to wit:

### **Join Meeting of the Starke County Commissioners and Starke County Council**

#### **RE: CAMS (Capital Asset Management Study)**

Present – Kathy Norem, Jennifer Davis, and Dan Bridegroom, Starke County Commissioners; Mark Smith, Dave Pearman, Mitchell Semans, Tony Radkiewicz, and Marvin McLaughlin, Starke County Council.

Also Present – Todd Samuelson, Umbaugh; and Gary Fisher, RQAW.

Councilman, Mark Smith gave a brief review, and explanation of the CAMS program to the new councilmen, and the studies that have been conducted, as Gary Fisher, of RQAW, passed out his study.

Commissioner, Jennifer Davis stated the county needs to have a strategic plan of how to deal with capital improvement, and not be strictly reactive to situations, as they occur. She also stated the current commissioners do not want to see a new jail during their terms as commissioners.

A discussion was held on how to approach the assessment of needs process, and also establishing a new fund, created strictly for funding capital projects.

Todd Samuelson, of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, explained how a debt service fund could be established, and funded by a 2-4 cent tax rate. The fund could be used to repay short term borrowing, that would finance the capital improvement project. Councilman McLaughlin inquired as to why the county would need to borrow funds, and Mr. Samuelson advised it would allow the county to immediately complete the project and then use that debt service fund, to repay the borrowing.

Councilman Smith asked Mr. Samuelson to provide a sample list of criteria for the commissioners and councilmen to rank, according to the county's needs.

He also requested Mr. Samuelson update the report he had submitted to the county, last year, so that the new councilmen could be brought up to date. Todd advised he could do that, with the 2010 end of year figures.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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Dan Bridegroom, President

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Kathy Norem, Vice President

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Jennifer Davis, Member

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Katherine Chaffins, Auditor and  
Secretary to the Commissioners