

May 12th, 2008

Pursuant to call, comes now the Starke County Council and meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Starke County Government Building (Annex), Knox, Indiana. Comes now the Auditor, with Dan Awald and Bruce Fingerhut absent, and reads the call to the Council and shows that due and legal notice of the meeting has been given.

IN RE: MINUTES

James Van Vactor moved to approve the April 14th Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Douglas J Vessely, with five ayes.

IN RE: 2008 BUDGET CUTS

Mark Smith reported to the rest of the council the budgets that needed to be cut. County General needs cut by \$394,274. The Highway budget needs cut by \$1,082,462 and the Health Dept. needs cut by \$57,669.

Frank Lynch, Public Health Nurse, verified the amount that the Health Dept. needs to cut.

Susan Himes, Starke County Highway Clerk, discussed possible cuts they could make from the highway budget. The council wants the commissioners to make the Highway Dept. cuts, by letting them know what their priorities are.

The three departments needing the cuts are to meet Tuesday June 3rd at 5:00 PM for a special meeting of the council. They need to be prepared at that meeting with their suggested cuts.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2008-07

Robert Bryant with WTH Engineering submitted a proposal to put the county's tax information on the Internet. The proposal was \$16,200 to be paid for from four different funds. Jennifer Davis moved to table this until the next meeting. James Van Vactor seconded the motion, and it passed with five ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the Highway Dept.'s request for \$26,302 for gas and oil. James Van Vactor seconded the motion and it passed with five ayes.

Douglas J Vessely moved to deny the request for \$3,921 out of E-911, seconded by Chuck Estok with five ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve \$2,993 for a lawn tractor out of The Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Douglas J Vessely seconded the motion and it passed with four ayes, one nay (JD).

The phone system for the Prosecutor's Office was advertised to be paid out of one of three funds. Douglas J Vessely moved to deny the \$6,600 additional out of the County General Fund, seconded by Chuck Estok and it passed with five ayes. Douglas J Vessely moved to deny the \$6,600 additional out of the E-911 Fund, seconded by Chuck Estok and it passed with five ayes. Douglas J Vessely moved to approve the Prosecutor's request for \$6,600 out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund for a new phone system. Chuck Estok seconded this request and it passed with five ayes.

IN RE: SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Prosecutor requested a salary ordinance amendment for the part time child support clerk position. The request was to pay \$13.49 an hour instead of the county pay rate of \$8.38 an hour. James Van Vactor moved to deny the amendment, seconded by Jennifer Davis, with four ayes and one nay (DV).

IN RE: STARKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND PLAN

Ellen Dodge, Library Director, requested approval of the 2009-2011 Capital Projects Plan. Chuck Estok moved to approve the plan, seconded by Jennifer Davis, with five ayes.

RE: STARKE COUNTY POLICE BENEFIT FUND

Marin Lucas submitted the report that he had received for the Starke County Police Benefit Fund.

IN RE: SATELLITE OFFICES

Rhonda Milner, Starke County Assessor, appeared before the board. She explained what a satellite office is and how it would function. The council discussed the options.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned

Mark C. Smith, President Douglas J. Vessely, Vice President

ABSENT

Bruce Fingerhut Chuck Estok

ABSENT

Jennifer Davis Daniel Awald

James Van Vactor Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor of

Starke County and Secretary to the

County Council