

**MAY 14, 2012**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and meet in Special session/public hearing at 5:0PM in the Annex meeting room, Knox Indiana and the following proceedings were held to wit:

Council Public Hearing 5-14-12.

Present: Dave Pearman, Bob Sims, Tony Radkiewicz, Judy Benninghoff, and Marvin McLaughlin.

Absent: Mark Smith and Mitch Semans.

President Dave Pearman called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. He advised the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing in order to amend the ordinance that created the "Save the Hospital Fund". County Attorney, Marty Lucas, read the portion of the ordinance that requires the amendment: this ordinance may only be rescinded, modified, or amended following separate public hearings conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Starke County and by the Starke County Council, and after the consultation by each of such bodies with the Community Board of Directors, by a joint ordinance adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners of Starke County and by the affirmative vote of no fewer than five of the members of the Starke County Council.

The public hearing portion of the meeting commenced at 5:03PM. Present at the public hearing were Marty Bedrock, Sandy Hansen and Jerry Wilson, of the IU-Health Knox hospital board; Rhonda Milner, Starke County Assessor; Starke County Commissioners Jennifer Davis, Kathy Norem, and Dan Bridegroom; Carmen Arlt, from the public; County Attorney, Marty Lucas; Terry Turner and Ben Haugh of the local media. The Council heard public comments from Ms. Arlt, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bedrock, and Mr Turner.

Council Radkiewicz made a motion to close the public hearing portion of the meeting,seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. The motion passed, and the public hearing closed at 5:45PM.

Mr. Bedrock suggested writing a listing of what the county is expecting of a consultant. Commissioner Norem suggested the hospital committee draft a RQP, stating the requirements.

Attorney Lucas read the proposed amendment: Amended to authorize expenditures of up to \$50,000.00 to appraise, evaluate and offer consultation regarding the future of the hospital and associated assets and property. Expenditure of additional funds to effectuate those purposes may be authorized without additional amendment of this ordinance, but must be supported by a unanimous vote of the commissioners, and five members of the council.

Councilwoman Benninghoff made a motion to approve the amendment as presented by Attorney Lucas, seconded by Councilman Radkiewicz. The vote was 4 ayes, and one nay. Councilman McLaughlin voted against the motion. The motion, which required a super-majority of the council for approval, was denied.

Councilman Radkiewicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. The motion passed with all ayes, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:52PM.

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Dave Pearman, President

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Mitch Semans, Vice President

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Judy Benninghoff

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Marvin McLaughlin

\_\_ABSENT\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Smith

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Tony Radkiewicz

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Robert Sims

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Katherine Chaffins, Starke Co. Auditor &  
Council Secretary