

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 5:00 p.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Bruce Fingerhut, Bill Dulin, and Dan Awald absent, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

**IN RE: MINUTES**

Chuck Estok moved to approve the minutes of the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, meeting seconded by Jennifer Davis, with 4 ayes.

**IN RE: STARKE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Jim Kaminski, LaPorte Regional Health System's attorney, spoke to the Council about adopting and signing a lease with them. Thor Thordason and other representatives spoke on behalf of LRHS.

The Council and Commissioners talked with the representatives and asked questions. They assured the county they would not make changes without their approval.

Judy Benninghoff moved to approve the lease, providing the two attorneys work together to get the lease the way it needs to be. Jennifer Davis seconded the motion, and it passed with 4 ayes.

**IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE  
#2009-11**

Judy Benninghoff moved to deny the Commissioners' request for \$1,500 for travel expense, seconded by Chuck Estok with 4 ayes. The Council suggested that the commissioners make a transfer within the 3000 category, which would not require advertising or council approval.

Judy Benninghoff moved to table the Sheriff's request for \$1,500 for Inst./Medical, seconded by Chuck Estok with 4 ayes. Mark Smith plans to talk to someone at the Sheriff's Dept., to suggest transferring money, instead of requesting an additional.

Chuck Estok moved to deny the Highway Dept.'s request for \$736 for Tools & Hardware, seconded by Judy Benninghoff, with 4 ayes. The Commissioners plan to talk to the department about transferring money, instead of requesting an additional.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the Cumulative Bridge request of \$5,830 seconded by Jennifer Davis with 4 ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the Highway Dept.'s request for \$6,000 for unemployment seconded by Judy Benninghoff with 4 ayes.

**IN RE: TRANSFER RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE #2009-012**

Chuck Estok moved to approve the Cumulative Bridge transfers totaling \$30.75 seconded by Judy Benninghoff with 4 ayes.

**IN RE: PREVIOUSLY TABLED ADDITIONALS**

Judy Benninghoff moved to approve \$1,638.50 in the Cumulative Capital Projects Fund tabled at the May meeting. Chuck Estok seconded the motion and it passed with 4 ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve \$7,500 for County General's Unemployment, and \$1,800 for the Health Department's Unemployment, both amounts tabled at the May Council Meeting, Jennifer Davis seconded the motion and it passed with 4 ayes.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

The Council talked about the need of new 911 recorder.

Commissioner Kathy Norem told the Council that there will be people from KIRPC at the next joint meeting to talk about a Capital Project Management Plan.

Mark Smith talked about the 2010 budgets. He did some research on surrounding counties and suggested the other council members do the same. Jennifer Davis talked about the possibility of contacting the schools and cities to ask them to cut back on some of their spending. The Council feels the budget situation will get worse from this point.

Judy Benninghoff moved to adjourn.

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Mark Smith, President

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Chuck Estok, Vice President

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Bill Dulin

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Jennifer Davis

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Judy Benninghoff

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ABSENT  
Bruce Fingerhut

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ABSENT  
Dan Awald

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Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and Secretary