

July 6, 2011

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in special session at 5:00 p.m. in the meeting room, of the Starke County Annex, Knox, Indiana, with two members present and the Starke County Council with three 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 and Jennifer Davis, Starke County Commissioners;
Dave Pearman, Judy Benninghoff, and Marvin McLaughlin, Starke County Council.
Also Present – Todd Samuelson, Umbaugh.

Todd Samuelson, of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates gave a presentation to the group. He advised he had given a presentation to the county last August, 2010, and this was an updated version of the total county financial landscape. The July 6th, 2011 copy is on file in the Auditor's office. Mr. Samuelson advised the 2012 State growth factor is 2.9%. He advised the county should stay at its maximum tax levy even though the State would like to see some taxpayer relief. He stated the county could create additional revenue through the implementation of user fees. Another source of revenue would be the local option income tax. He advised the county's portion into the Rainy Day Fund could be 10% of the unexpended portion of that year's budget. But, 10 % is the maximum amount allowed. He also advised the County could increase the maximum levy rate that they currently have established for the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. The current rate is .01029, and it be increased to .033. In order for the County to increase the rate, a public hearing would need to be held prior to an Aug. 1st deadline.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

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ABSENT _____
Dan Bridegroom, President

Kathy Norem, Vice President

Jennifer Davis, Member

Katherine Chaffins, Auditor & Secretary
to the Board of Commissioners