

AUGUST 6, 2012

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and meet in a special session at 5:30PM in the Annex meeting room, Knox Indiana and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Council President Dave Pearman.
Absent from the meeting were Councilmen Mark Smith and Mitch Semans.

RE: NJ-SP 2013 SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING

NJ-SP School Superintendent, Lynn Johnson, and NJ-SP School's CFO, Guy Ritchie, appeared before the Board to answer any questions in regard to the school's 2013 budget. Due to a change of Indiana legislation, any school with an appointed school board is required to receive a binding review/approval from the County Council. President Pearman advised the Council has not received much guidance from the DLGF as to what exactly they were to review in regard to a school budget. Councilman McLaughlin made a motion to approve the school's 2013 budget as presented, seconded by Councilman Radkiewicz. The motion passed with all ayes. President Pearman noted that next year more research will be done to look closely at their tax rate and to see how the school budget affects the tax levy.

UPDATE FROM THE JAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Present for the presentation of the jail committee were Commissioner President, Kathy Norem, Sheriff Oscar Cowen, Ron Henningsmith, and County Attorney, Marty Lucas. Also present was Paul Downing and Scott Carnegie of DLZ, Scott Cherry of the Skillman Company, Jason Semler of Umbaugh, and Lisa Lee of Ice Miller. They presented, to the Council, the same presentation that was presented at the three public meetings that were held: on July 26th at the Knox Middle School, July 31st at the OD High School, and Aug. 1st at the NJ-SP High School.
An audio recording of the presentation is on file in the Auditor's Office.

President Pearman advised the presentation of the ordinance to create the proposed .65 increase to the County's CEDIT tax, will be on the agenda for the August 20th Council meeting. The funding for the proposed jail project will be funded by a bond issue that will be paid through the revenue received from the increase to the County's CEDIT tax increase. The State legislation has authorized the County Council to take action on the proposed tax increase. Attorney Lucas stated he will prepare the required ordinance.

With there being no further business, Councilwoman Benninghoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. The motion passed with all ayes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

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Dave Pearman, President

ABSENT _____
Mitch Semans, Vice President

Judy Benninghoff

Marvin McLaughlin

ABSENT _____
Mark Smith

Tony Radkiewicz

Robert Sims

Katherine Chaffins,
Starke Co. Auditor & Council Secretary

