

August 6, 2018

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and meet in a special session at 8:00AM in the Annex meeting room, Knox Indiana and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Council President Brad Hazelton at 8:00AM. He advised the purpose of the meeting was to review the County Departments' 2019 budgets.

Council Members present for the meeting were Brad Hazelton, Pam Stalbaum, Freddie Baker, Dave Pearman, Nancy Dembowski, and Bryan Cavender. Absent from the meeting was Councilman Robert Sims. Commissioner Kathy Norem and County Auditor Candidate Rachel Oesterreich also participated in the budget review.

COUNTY GENERAL FUND 1000:

The County General Fund requested budgets were reviewed by department.

0001 Clerk: Councilman Pearman made a motion to cut the Clerk's proposed budget back to the same as the 2018 budget; a total of \$9,000.00 of cuts. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0002 Auditor: Commissioner Norem stated she did not agree in a pay cut for the County Auditor that was brought up at last year's budget workshop. She advised the newly elected County Auditor should earn the same amount as the County Auditor is now making. Auditor Chaffins stated that is why it was stated at last year's budget meeting so that the new Auditor could prove she is qualified and then the pay will increase. Commissioner Norem also stated she did not feel the amount received as Comp for Night Meetings should receive the 3% pay raise or similar pay raises. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the newly elected Auditor begin making the same pay as the current Auditor is being paid in 2018 and any pay raises should not affect the Compensation for Night Meetings. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the 2019 Auditor's Budget in the same amount as 2018, \$182,734.00. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0003 Treasurer: The Treasurer had reduced her budget by \$1,200.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum made a motion to approve the reduced budget in the amount of \$105,690.00. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0004 Recorder: Councilman Pearman made a motion to cut \$6,000.00 from the Recorder's budget to approve the total amount of \$83,290.00 which was the budget from 2018. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0005 Sheriff: Sheriff Dulin was not present at the meeting. Councilman Pearman decreased the proposed budget by \$200,403.00. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0006 Surveyor: Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the 2019 budget of the Surveyor at the same amount as 2018, \$479,577.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0007 Coroner: Councilwoman Stalbaum made a motion to decrease the Coroner's Budget in the amount of \$2,000.00 leaving a balance of \$43,385.00. Councilwoman Demowski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0008 Prosecutor: Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the 2019 budget of the Prosecutor in the amount of \$81,757.00 which is the same as 2018. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0017 Old Jail Building: Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget in full in the amount of \$12,670.00 which is a slight increase over 2018. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0018 EMA: Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the 2019 Budget of the EMA Department at a \$300.00 increase over 2018. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0019 Election: Councilman Pearman reduced the Election Budget by \$80,000.00 when they compared the proposed budget to the last City/Town Election year, 2015. He made a motion to approve the budget in the total amount of \$83,000.00. Councilman Baker seconded the motion

and it passed with all ayes.

0020 EMS: It was decided that the increase of ambulance equipment could be paid by the Cumulative Capital Development Fund so that was taken out of their budget. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the EMS budget in the total amount of \$1,196,354.00. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0021 Purdue Extension: Councilwoman Stalbaum made a motion to approve the 2019 budget of the Extension Office in the amount of \$116,495.00. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0022 Planning Commission: Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the proposed budgets of the Planning Commission, Drainage Board and Veteran Service Officer. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The approved budget is \$119,498.00.

0023 Drainage Board: The approved budget is \$11,100.00.

0024 Veteran Service Officer: The approved budget is \$15,623.00.

0025 Commissioners: Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the Commissioners' budget with the reduction of Juvenile Detention by \$5,000.00 in the total amount of \$2,575,589.00. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0026 Courthouse: Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the budget in full of the Courthouse for a total amount of \$80,818.00. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0027 Jail: Councilwoman Dembowski made a motion to reduce the Sheriff's Jail budget in the amount of \$74,024.00 leaving a total of \$435,144.00. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0028 Annex Building: Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the budgets in full of the Annex Building, Circuit Court, BZA, Soil & Water, Prosecutor and County Council. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

The approved budget total for the Annex Building was \$75,330.00.

0029 Circuit Court: The approved budget of Circuit Court was \$517,049.00.

0030 BZA: The approved budget of the BZA was \$19,491.00.

0031 Soil & Water: The approved budget of Soil & Water was \$34,412.00.

0032 Prosecutor: The approved budget of the Prosecutor was \$113,747.00.

0033 County Council: The approved budget of the County Council was \$37,128.00.

0035 IT: Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the budget of the IT Department as proposed in the total amount of \$289,444.00. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

The total amount of the 2019 Budgets for the County General Fund: \$7,239,397.00.

OTHER COUNTY BUDGETS

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the Fund 1135 Cumulative Bridge Budget, \$285,336.00. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the Fund 1138 Cumulative Capital Development Budget, \$200,000.00 as presented. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the Fund 1159 Health Dept. Budget, \$155,681.00, as presented. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the Fund 1168 Local Health Maintenance Budget, \$33,139.00, as presented. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the Fund 1169 Local Road & Street Budget, \$398,000.00 as presented. Councilwoman Dembowski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the Highway Administration Department of the Fund 1176 Highway Dept. Budget in the total amount of \$3,078,673.00 which was minus the 3% payroll increase. Councilwoman Dembowski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget of Fund 1188 2015 Reassessment as presented in the amount of \$348,936.00. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed

with all ayes.

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the Fund 1222, 911 Budget \$470,481.00. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the Fund 2100 Supplemental Adult proposed budget in the amount of \$91,261.00 and the budget of Fund 2105 Supplemental Juvenile in the amount of \$39,046.00. Councilwoman Dembowski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the proposed budget of Fund 4907, Pre-Trial Diversion, in the amount of \$120,572.00 the same of 2018. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the budget of Fund 4919 in the total amount of \$367,920.00 and Fund 1114 in the amount of \$778,670.00. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the proposed budget of Fund 9133, LHMF/Tobacco Settlement in the amount of \$17,906.00. Councilwoman Dembowski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

At the conclusion of the last Fund budget review, the Board asked Auditor Chaffins to calculate the cost of a 1%, 2%, & a 3% pay raise and present it to their next meeting before any raises would be issued.

Councilman Baker made a motion to adjourn the budget workshop, seconded by Councilwoman Stalbaum. The motion passed with all ayes and the workshop was adjourned at 10:26AM.

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Brad Hazelton, President

Dave Pearman, Vice President

Freddie Baker

Pam Stalbaum

Bryan Cavender

Nancy Dembowski

ABSENT _____
Robert Sims

Katherine Chaffins,
Starke Co. Auditor &
Secretary to the County Council