

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and meet in a Special Session at 9:00AM in the Annex Building Meeting Room, Knox Indiana and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Council President Freddie Baker at 9:00AM. He advised the purpose of the meeting was to review the County Departments' 2018 budgets.

Council Members present for the meeting were Pam Stalbaum, Freddie Baker, Dave Pearman, Nancy Dembowski, Brad Hazelton and Bryan Cavender. Absent from the meeting was Councilman Robert Sims. Commissioner Don Binkley also participated in the budget review.

Before the discussion of 2018 budgets began Auditor Chaffins stated next year, for the 2019 budget, she will be presenting the Auditor's budget with a reduction in pay for the newly elected Auditor. She advised when she began her position in 2011 she was earning the exact same pay as the other elected officials and she received \$1,967.00 for Compensation for Night Meetings. Over the years she was in that position she earned pay raises bringing her pay to what it will be for 2018. She stated she doesn't believe the newly elected Auditor should begin her pay at the rate the old Auditor was leaving. The newly elected Auditor will need to prove she is capable of organizing the department, keeping all the financial accounts in balance and correct, and working with all the other issues the Auditor is responsible for. The Board suggested County Attorney Marty Lucas write up the policy to lower this pay.

COUNTY GENERAL FUND 1000:

The County General Fund proposed budgets were reviewed by department.

0001 Clerk: Councilman Pearman made a motion to reduce the budget by taking the pay back to the 2017 rate; reducing the office supplies by \$5,000.00; and extra help by \$10,000.00. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The 2018 Clerk's Department budget was \$190,253.00.

0002 Auditor: Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the Auditor's 2018 Budget in full. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The 2018 Auditor's Budget was \$177,616.00, as recorded.

0003 Treasurer: The pay was reduced to the 2017 rate from the Treasurer's Budget. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the budget of the Treasurer. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it was approved with all ayes. The 2018 Treasurer's Budget was \$104,747.00.

0004 Recorder: The following was reduced from the Recorder's Budget—The pay was reduced to the 2017 rate; the extra help line was reduced to \$4,000.00. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Recorder's Budget in the amount of \$81,147.00. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0005 Sheriff: The Sheriff presented a budget giving all Patrolmen, the Chief Deputy and the Chief Detective a \$5,000.00 raise to each. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Sheriff's budget after the removal of the Gas, Oil, & Lube budget line to the Fund 1114 budget in the total amount of \$45,000.00, for a total net budget of \$652,099. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The Sheriff then spoke about the hourly pay of a part time patrolman. He stated the hourly rate at this point is too low, being the cheapest in the County. After a discussion Councilwoman Dembowski made a motion to increase the hourly rate of a Part Time Patrolman to \$18.00/hour. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The increase in the hourly rate is to go into effect on Monday, 8/14/17.

0006 Surveyor: Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Surveyor's Budget in the amount of \$77,532.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0007 Coroner: \$1,000.00 was cut from Elected Official; \$1,000.00 from Deputy; \$1,000.00 was cut from Chief Deputy; and \$2,000.00 was cut from Autopsy Fees for a total net budget of \$36,320.00. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the reduced budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hazelton and passed with all ayes.

0008 Prosecutor: The pay was reduced to the 2017 rate. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the proposed budget of the Prosecutor in the amount of \$79,405.00. Councilwoman Dembowski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0017 Old Jail Building: The utilities will be added into the budgets of the Probation Department, Extension Office, Health Dept. and the Community Corrections. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget of the Old Jail Building in the amount of \$11,800.00. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0018 EMA: The EMA proposed budget was cut by: Pay was reduced down to \$20,000.00 to make it a part time position. Councilman Cavender made a motion to approve the net budget of \$23,650.00. Councilwoman Dembowski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0019 Election: The proposed budget of the Election Department was reduced with the following items: Election Supplies down to \$1,500.00; Postage down to \$4,000.00; and Precinct Board Meals down to \$8,000.00. Councilman Cavender made a motion to approve the Budget of \$112,150.00. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0020 EMS: Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the total budget in the amount of \$1,116,584.00. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0021 Purdue Extension: Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve as is the budget in the amount of \$113,522.00. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0022 Planning Commission: The proposed budget of the Planning Commission was cut by reduction of the pay back to the 2017 rate and Auto Repair and Maintenance was reduced down to \$3,000.00. The position of Ordinance Code Enforcer was elected to stay in the budget. Councilwoman Dembowski made a motion to approve the budget in the amount of \$117,714.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0023 Drainage Board: Councilman Hazelton made a motion to accept the proposed budget in the amount of \$11,100.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0024 Veteran Service Officer: Councilman Hazelton made a motion to accept the budget in the amount of \$15,206.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0025 Commissioners: Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget in the amount of \$2,419,837.00. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0026 Courthouse: Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the net budget of \$79,313.00. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0027 Jail: The Sheriff's Jail Budget was reduced by reducing the pay of the Jailers down to \$170,670.00; taking the pay to the Cook out to Fund 1114 in the amount of \$29,672.00 and increasing the pay to the full time receptionist to \$29,672.00. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Jail Budget in the net amount of \$424,416.00. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0028 Annex Building: Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve this Annex Building budget as presented in the total amount of \$74,101.00. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0029 Circuit Court: Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve this budget in the total amount of \$543,069.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0030 BZA: Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the budget in the amount of \$19,159.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0031 Soil & Water: The proposed budget was reduced by taking it back to the payroll rate of 2017. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the total budget of \$33,522.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0032 Prosecutor: The proposed budget was cut by reducing the payroll down to the 2017 rate. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the budget of the Prosecutor in the amount of \$111,352.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0033 County Council: Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the presented budget of the County Council in the total amount of \$36,196.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

0035 IT: The proposed IT Budget was reduced by taking the pay down to the 2017 rates. Councilwoman Stalbaum made a motion to approve the net budget in the amount of \$267,686.00. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

The total adjusted budget for County General is \$6,929,496.00.

OTHER COUNTY BUDGETS

Fund 1135

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Budget of the Cumulative Bridge Fund in the total budget amount of \$261,395.00. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

FUND 1138

Councilwoman Stalbaum made a motion to approve the Fund 1138 Cumulative Capital Development Budget, \$100,000.00 as presented. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Fund 1159

The Health Department Budget was reduced by taking the payroll down to the 2017 rate. Councilwoman Stalbaum made a motion to approve the Fund 1159 Health Dept. Budget, \$152,089.00. Councilwoman Dembowski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Fund 1168

Councilman Hazelton 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.

Fund 1169

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Fund 1169 Local Road & Street Budget, \$350,000.00 as presented. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Fund 1176

Councilman Cavender made a motion to approve the Highway Department Budget of the Fund in the total amount of \$3,411,671.00. Councilwoman Dembowski seconded the motion and it was passed with all ayes. Superintendent Ritzler had personally met individually with the Council Board prior to the meeting to discuss his new budget. The total dollar amount is increasing for next year due to the creation of a new gas tax.

Fund 1188

Councilwoman Dembowski made a motion to approve the budget of Fund 1188 2015 Reassessment as presented in the amount of \$341,498.00. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Fund 1222

The following changes were made to the 911 Fund: The pay of the Chief Dispatcher was increased to \$37,443.00;

the pay of the dispatchers was increased to \$295,480.00; the amount of Longevity was increased to \$5,000.00; the telephone budget line was decreased to \$48,000.00; and the 911 Service contract was reduced to \$35,000.00. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Fund 1222, 911 Budget with the proposed changes, making the net budget balance \$447,223.00. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Fund 2100

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the Fund 2100 Supplemental Adult proposed budget in the amount of \$101,203.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Fund 2105

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the Fund 2105 Supplemental Juvenile proposed budget in the amount of \$34,252.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Fund 4907

The Budget of the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund was reduced by the reduction of the payroll to the 2017 rate. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the budget of Fund 4907, Pre-Trial Diversion, in the amount of \$120,084.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Fund 9133

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the proposed budget of Fund 9133, LHMF/Tobacco Settlement in the amount of \$17,495.00. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Solid Waste Budget

The Board reviewed the proposed 2018 Solid Waste Budget. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the proposed budget in the total amount of \$205,224.00. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

The Budgets of Fund 1114, the Jail CREDIT Fund and Fund 4919, the Therapeutic Community Fund will be approved at the November Council meeting.

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

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to adjourn the budget workshop, seconded by Councilman Pearman. The motion passed with all ayes and the workshop was adjourned at 12:36PM.

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Freddie Baker, President

Dave Pearman, Vice President

Brad Hazelton

Pam Stalbaum

Bryan Cavender

Nancy Dembowski

ABSENT _____
Robert Sims

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