

August 31st, 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, Judy Benninghoff, and Dan Awald absent, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: MINUTES

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the August 17th with a correction adding Kim Land's position with the hospital and adding the name and position of the gentleman with her seconded by Bill Dulin with 4 ayes.

IN RE: TRANSFER ORDINANCE #2009-22

Oscar Cowen, Sheriff, requested a transfer of \$10,000 from his gas & oil budget to part time deputies. Jennifer Davis wants Oscar to explain. They want Oscar and Gina both to come to the meeting on the 9th at 8 am and the council will decide then. Chuck Estok moved to table until the Sept. 9th meeting seconded by Bill Dulin with 4 ayes.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2009-21

Bob Smith, I.T. Coordinator, requested \$3,800 out of the sales disclosure fee fund for a server upgrade for the Phase 2 compliance required by the state (D.L.G.F.). Bob explained the Phase 2 compliance to the council. Bill Dulin moved to approve seconded by Jennifer Davis with 4 ayes.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Marilyn Wickert, Co-op Extension Office, passed around a notice about a "Recession Aftershocks" meeting that she thought the council might be interested in.

IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mark Smith spoke about an e-mail he received from the D.L.G.F. in response to an e-mail the D.L.G.F. had received from Bob Howard telling them that he wanted explanations for why the state cut the health department budget and how the council had told the health board they had to increase fees. Mark stated that the D.L.G.F. explained to Bob Howard exactly how it works, but Bob didn't take it the right way and went to the public health board meeting and accused Dr. Fritz of lying to him. Mark just wanted to make the rest of the council aware of what is going on.

Jennifer Davis brought up about the letter from the state that stated the health budget was cut due to not enough revenue.

IN RE: 1ST READING OF THE 2010 COUNTY BUDGET

Mark Smith, Council President, opened the meeting for the 1st reading of the 2010 county budget. There were no members of the public present to ask questions, therefore after a few minutes, Chuck Estok moved to close the hearing seconded by Bill Dulin with 4 ayes.

IN RE: COUNTY USER FEES

The council discussed increasing the fees and having the offices research their fees and see what things they could be charging for that they are not.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S PENSION

The Sheriff's pension was discussed, including the possibility of other options and/or putting in some of their own money.

Some of the council had attended a meeting regarding the Sheriff's pension and found out that "Morgan Stanley" can hold the funds and handle the funds eliminating Grabill, McCready & Keene, and Financial Partners. Also, "Morgan Stanley" has a set schedule of reporting to the council and the merit board (who is in charge of the pension).

There being no further business to come before the board Chuck Estok moved to adjourn seconded by Jennifer Davis.

Mark Smith, President

Chuck Estok, Vice President

Bill Dulin

Jennifer Davis

ABSENT
Judy Benninghoff

ABSENT
Bruce Fingerhut

ABSENT
Dan Awald

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and Secretary

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