

September 22, 2010

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and Starke County Board of Commissioners and meet in regular session at 8:00 a.m. in the Annex meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with Dan Awald, absent, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

**IN RE: 2011 BUDGET ORDINANCE #2010-12 AND SALARY
ORDINANCE #2010-18**

Mark Smith stated that there was not enough support on the council to establish a LOIT by October 1st.

As most county officials and department heads had submitted their budgets at the 2010 approved amount or less, there wasn't a lot of discussion on any one budget.

On the prosecuting attorney child support budget the council reduced the medical insurance by \$12,489 as the total exceeded the amount the council estimated it would cost for the four employees involved.

With the surveyor, they discussed the need of a full time clerk.

The assessor requested replacing the satellite offices with another full time deputy since even taking into amount the cost of medical insurance and PERF, this would save the county approximately \$10,000. Chuck Estok moved to approve seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes 1 nay (JB). The council also removed \$7,300 from social security leaving \$7,700 as that is all that is needed for the salaries presented with the satellite offices removed.

The council wants department heads to make sure they have solid figures on maintenance and support contracts before submitting their budgets from now on. (Mark Smith had to leave at 10:10 am. Chuck Estok is now conducting the meeting).

The council cut the recorder's extra help by \$1500 leaving \$1000. The council also discussed whether or not the recorder needed a full time deputy.

The council cut the planning commission's extra help by \$1000 leaving \$2000.

On the Sheriff and Jail budgets the council added back in the chief detective and reduced the patrolmen from 7 to 6 and changing the chief deputy/chief detective to chief deputy/patrolman. They also removed part time jailers in order to reinstate the jail commander position. The council removed the copy machine contract for \$1100 from the sheriff's budget as it is also in the I.T. Dept. budget.

The council removed \$2000 for a computer from the EMS/EMA budget as that is included in the I.T. Dept. budget.

The auditor had received a letter from Porter Starke Services stating that the state's approved amount for 2011 was \$93,151. As there was a shortage of \$3440 in the 2010 budget, they approved \$96,591 for Community Mental Health.

The council removed \$65,000 for Manatron contracts from the I.T. budget and stated that these needed to be paid out of the Recorder's Perpetual Fund and the Reassessment Fund. They removed \$12,000 of the \$18,000 for G.I.S. maintenance with W.T.H. as \$6,000 is to be paid out of E-911 and \$6,000 is to be

paid out of Reassessment funds. They also removed \$25,000 from E.R.S. contracts as that should also be paid out of E-911.

Judy Benninghoff moved to reduce the highway clerk hours back to 35 hours per week. Motion died for lack of a second.

Judy Benninghoff moved that there be no raises all inclusive seconded by Chuck Estok with 2 ayes 3 nays (BD,BF,BS). Motion failed.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the budgets as discussed with 3% raises across the board seconded by Bill Dulin with 3 ayes 2 nays (JB,BS).

Judy Benninghoff moved to reduce prisoner meals by \$50,000 seconded by Bob Sims with 4 ayes 1 nay (BD).

Bruce Fingerhut then moved again to approve the budgets as discussed with 3% raises across the board seconded by Bill Dulin with 4 ayes 1 nay (JB).

The budgets are approved as follows:

COUNTY GENERAL approved at \$5,741,599, **CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT** at \$8,425, **JURY PAY** at \$15,000, **SUPPLEMENTAL JUVENILE PROBATION** at \$12,500, **SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION** at \$71,967, **PRETRIAL DIVERSION** at \$85,215, **HIGHWAY DEPT. FUND** at \$2,109,054, **LOCAL ROAD AND STREET** at \$350,000, **HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND** at \$177,065, **LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE** at \$33,139, **CUMULATIVE REASSESSMENT** at \$480,568, **ENHANCED EMERGENCY 911** at \$469,328, and **TOBACCO SETTLEMENT** at \$10,000.

For complete details, the budget is on file in the Auditor's office.

There being no further business to come before the board, Bruce Fingerhut moved to adjourn seconded by Bill Dulin with 5 ayes.

Mark Smith, President (in attendance until 10:10 am)

Chuck Estok, Vice President

Bill Dulin

Robert Sims

Judy Benninghoff

Bruce Fingerhut

ABSENT
Dan Awald

Michaelene J Houston, Auditor