

October 19, 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 Dan Awald absent, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: MINUTES

Chuck Estok moved to approve the 9-21-09 minutes seconded by Bill Dulin with 6 ayes.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION #2009-24

Bob Smith, I.T. Director requested an additional \$200 out of the Sales Disclosure fund to complete the payment for the server upgrade for the state data compliance. Chuck Estok moved to approve seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 6 ayes.

Kris Rannells, County Coroner, requested an additional out of County General for \$3,000 for autopsy fees. Jennifer Davis moved to approve seconded by Bill Dulin with 6 ayes.

The Auditor requested \$934 for the Planning Commission Director's salary due to a miscalculation on the raises for the 2009 budget and the Director, Bruce Williams, requested \$644 for auto repairs and maintenance that he stated he may not need now. Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the \$934 for the salary and to table the \$644 until it is needed seconded by Chuck Estok with 6 ayes.

The commissioners again requested \$7500 for unemployment out of their budget. Chuck Estok moved to approve seconded by Jennifer Davis with 6 ayes.

Judge Kim Hall requested for Circuit Court out of County General \$880 for postage and \$2200 for Psychiatric Services. Chuck Estok moved to table the request and to ask him to see if he can transfer funds instead seconded by Bill Dulin with 6 ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the Highway's request for gas, oil & lube in the amount of \$22,300 seconded by Jennifer Davis with 6 ayes.

Frank Lynch, County Health Nurse, requested that \$2600 of the tabled amount for the Health Dept. Unemployment be approved for Local Health Maintenance. Judy Benninghoff moved to approve seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 3 ayes.

IN RE: TRANSFER RESOLUTION #2009-25

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the highway's request for a transfer of \$5000 from gas, oil & lube to hardware and tools seconded by Chuck Estok with 6 ayes.

Bill Dulin moved to approve a transfer in the Clerk's budget of \$600 from extra help to office supplies seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 6 ayes.

IN RE: NEW PHONE SYSTEM

The council discussed how to pay for the new phone system. Whether to pay for it outright out of Cum. Cap. Development funds, lease to own, or financing from a local bank were the three options that were discussed. They received three quotes from local banks on interest rates for the phone system. They are as follows:

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| 1. DeMotte State Bank | 3.90% |
| 2. First Source Bank | 3.92% |
| 3. The First National Bank of Monterey | 3.96% |

The lease would have been at 8% and would therefore be advantageous to the taxpayers to use local bank financing.

DeMotte State Bank with 3.90% financing is for up to five years and can be set up for monthly, quarterly or annual payments with no fees for the loan. Chuck Estok moved to borrow \$81,496 from DeMotte State Bank at 3.90% for four years paying a year's worth of payments in January of each year with Dan Bridegroom, Commissioner President, as the authorized borrower and signer for the loan seconded by Bill Dulin with 6 ayes.

IN RE: RAINY DAY FUND RESOLUTION #2009-26

A rainy day fund was discussed and a draft of a resolution was presented for the council's consideration. A few changes were made—removing COIT and adding CEDIT as well as requiring a

super majority for expenditures of funds. With a seven member board a super majority would be five or at least 2/3 of the board's approval would be required for any size board. Bill Dulin moved to approve the Rainy Day Fund Resolution #2009-26 seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 6 ayes.

IN RE: REMAINING WELFARE FUNDS RESOLUTION #2009-15

All remaining welfare funds—Family and Children Fund in the amount of \$710,785.03, Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services Fund in the amount of \$501,025.50 and the Family and Children's Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$10,759.39 totaling \$1,222,569.92—are mandated to be transferred to a county levy excess fund and can then be transferred to a rainy day fund. Jennifer Davis moved to approve County Resolution #2009-15 transferring the \$1,222,569.92 to the Rainy Day Fund seconded by Chuck Estok with 6 ayes.

IN RE: DRAINAGE RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS RESOLUTION #2009-20

A resolution to transfer the balance in the drainage reconstruction fund to the drainage maintenance fund in the amount of \$32,229.56 was presented for the council's consideration. Judy Benninghoff moved to approve contingent upon I.C. Code seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 6 ayes.

IN RE: DEMAND NOTICE FEES

Linda Belork, County Treasurer, asked about the demand notice revenues for personal property. Linda explained the process to the council. She would like to know if the demand fee money could be used for other things other than being put into county general.

She also explained the tax sale process to the council.

IN RE: PORTER STARKE SERVICES

The council received a letter for Porter Starke Services requesting an increase in the amount the council approved due to the growth quotient. Bruce Fingerhut moved to table the request until a later meeting.

IN RE: KOONTZ LAKE REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT APPOINTMENT

The Koontz Lake Regional Sewer District requested the reappointment of Thomas G. Camire for four years beginning 1-1-10. Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve seconded by Chuck Estok with 6 ayes.

IN RE: NON-BINDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL TAXING UNITS

Mark Smith suggested that they make a blanket recommendation that if a taxing unit's budget increases enough to affect the circuit breaker they reconsider their budget request so as not to cause us to go into circuit breaker. Chuck Estok moved to approve the above recommendation seconded by Bill Dulin with 6 ayes.

There being no further business to come before the board Chuck Estok moved to adjourn.

Mark Smith, President

Chuck Estok, Vice President

Bill Dulin

Jennifer Davis

Judy Benninghoff

Bruce Fingerhut

ABSENT
Dan Awald

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and
Secretary