

November 16, 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

Bill Dulin moved to approve the October 19, 2009, council minutes seconded by Judy Benninghoff with 6 ayes.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION #2009-27

Judy Benninghoff moved to approve the Auditor's \$600 request out of the Auditor's Transfer Fund for the purchase of a new mapping computer seconded by Chuck Estok with 6 ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the Surveyor's request of \$3,700 out of the Surveyor's Section Corners seconded by Judy Benninghoff with 6 ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve \$7500 out of County General in the commissioners' unemployment seconded by Bill Dulin with 6 ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the health department request of \$572 out Local Health Maintenance Funds for office supplies seconded by Chuck Estok with 6 ayes.

Judy Benninghoff moved to approve the commissioners' request of \$21,710 out of Cum. Capital Development funds to repair the courthouse roof, the outside courthouse steps and the outside annex steps seconded by Bill Dulin with 6 ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the Drug Free Community fund request of \$5,120 seconded by Chuck Estok with 6 ayes.

IN RE: TRANSFER RESOLUTION #2009-28

Chuck Estok moved to approve the Clerk's transfer request of \$800 for office supplies and \$600 for official records reducing their extra help by \$1,400 seconded by Bill Dulin with 6 ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the Sheriff's transfer request of \$3,500 for overtime pay reducing gas and oil by \$3,500 seconded by Chuck Estok with 6 ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the Surveyor's transfer request of \$69.72 for cell phones reducing road school seconded by Judy Benninghoff with 6 ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the highway department's transfer request of \$25,000 (lowered by Steve Siddall from the original amount of \$60,000) for maintenance and repair reducing gas, oil and lube seconded by Bill Dulin with 6 ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the health department's transfer request in the tobacco settlement fund of \$2,000 into a food inspection contract reducing public health education by \$1,000 and reducing nursing part time by \$1,000 seconded by Judy Benninghoff with 6 ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the jail's transfer request of \$20,000 into prisoner meals reducing jail nurse professionals by \$20,000 seconded by Jennifer Davis with 6 ayes.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S PENSION RETIREMENT TRUST

Mark Smith talked about a presentation by Morgan Stanley on the Sheriff's Retirement Trust. He asked the merit board to come to the next meeting in order to discuss a possible change with the retirement. Council Attorney Martin Lucas will review the contract before the next meeting.

Chuck Estok would like to know what the charges would be to transfer the trust.

IN RE: C.A.M.S. (CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY)

Commissioner Kathy Norem discussed forming an E.M.S. committee in regards to C.A.M.S. State Representative Nancy Dembowski told Mark Smith that there might be something through O.C.R.A. to upgrade the E.M.S. to Advanced Life Support.

Kathy stated that for the committee she would like to see at least one council person, and least one commissioner, and someone from the hospital, E.M.S. services, the fire department and the police department. Mark Smith said that he would like to be a council representative as well as Judy Benninghoff and Bill Dulin. Kathy Norem and Dan Bridegroom would like to be commissioner representatives. Mark Smith stated that there really needed to be representation from each fire department.

Kathy Norem updated the council on the current status of the C.A.M.S. She reported that only one company bid for the position and that this company wasn't on the same page as we are as they didn't adhere to our specs. They said they would redo their presentation.

Kathy asked K.I.R.P.C. to rebid it and expand the R.F.Q.S to include other firms including Umbaugh & Associates. She said this would put us about 30 days behind but felt it needs to be done.

IN RE: COUNTY FINANCES AND TAX CAPS

Mark Smith feels that we need someone to come in and do a comparison of what money is coming in and how it is spent.

IN RE: PORTER STARKE SERVICES

Mary Epstein from Porter Starke Services wanted to address their funding from Starke County. They are requesting that Starke County honor and maintain the growth quotient in figuring the amount they give. The county has kept it at the same amount for 2008, 2009 and for 2010. The council is taking this under advisement until the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board Judy Benninghoff moved to adjourn seconded by Bill Dulin.

Mark Smith, President

Chuck Estok, Vice President

Bill Dulin

Jennifer Davis

Judy Benninghoff

Bruce Fingerhut

ABSENT
Dan Awald

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor and
Secretary