

**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Pursuant to call, comes now the Starke County Council and meet in special session at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditor's Office of the Starke County Government Building (Annex), Knox, Indiana. Comes now the Auditor, and reads the call to the Council, with Mark Smith absent, and shows that due and legal notice of the meeting has been given.

Douglas J. Vessely called the meeting from November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008, back to order.

**IN RE: MINUTES**

Chuck Estok moved to approve the 11-10-08 minutes seconded by William Dulin with 6 ayes.

**IN RE: BUDGET ORDINANCE #2008-12**

Chuck Estok told Bob Howard, Health Board President, that the council did not want to accept the salary cuts proposed. Bob insists on cutting the salaries 20%. He says it is the only way to meet the council's cuts.

Cutting the health department hours to 32 weekly was discussed, keeping the same rate of pay and pursuing an increase in fees.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the health dept. budget with hours remaining at 35 per week with salaries accordingly and cutting the Local Health Maintenance budget by \$2,833 and cutting the Tobacco Settlement budget by \$8,900 and taking \$11,733 of the salaries in the health budget and paying them out of Local Health and Tobacco Settlement accordingly seconded by William Dulin with 6 ayes.

William Dulin moved to approve a 3% pay increase across the board for all employees, officials, etc. for 2009 seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 6 ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to add to the salary ordinance a full time IT person with a yearly salary of \$36,400 seconded by William Dulin with 6 ayes.

Sheriff Oscar Cowen requested to move a jailer to a patrolman's position. This is about \$3,300 difference in the salary. Chuck Estok moved to reduce the jailers by one and increase the patrolmen by one seconded by Dan Awald with 6 ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the E-911 budget as submitted and revised with the Chief Dispatcher now coming out of the 911 budget instead of the jail budget seconded by Chuck Estok with 6 ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the Cumulative Capital Development budget in the amount of \$24,263 seconded by Dan Awald with 6 ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the Pre Trial Diversion budget in the amount of \$100,226 seconded by William Dulin with 6 ayes.

Chuck Estok moved to approve the County General budget as discussed in all the budget meetings in the amount of \$5,661,297 seconded by William Dulin with 6 ayes.

**IN RE: BUDGETS FOR ALL OTHER STARKE COUNTY TAXING UNITS**

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the budgets of all the other taxing units that the council reviewed seconded by Chuck Estok with 6 ayes.

There being no further business to come before the board William Dulin moved to adjourn seconded by Dan Awald with 6 ayes.

Absent

Mark C. Smith, President

Douglas J. Vessely, Vice President

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Bruce Fingerhut

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Chuck Estok, President Pro Tem

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Jennifer Davis

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Daniel Awald

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William A. Dulin

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Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor of  
Starke County and Secretary to the  
County Council