

December 21st, 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 November 16th, 2009 minutes, seconded by Chuck Estok, with six ayes.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2009-30

(SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT)

The Sheriff requested the appropriation of the \$108,518 received from the state from riverboat money. The council discussed the switching of companies and if the retirement is paid will there be a fee to change it over. They voiced concern of transferring it now, and then in January when they change companies, possibly paying fees twice. Chuck Estok moved to table the request until the January meeting, seconded by Jennifer Davis, with six ayes.

Ken Arnett, President of the Merit Board, discussed possible additional streams of revenue for the sheriff's retirement. He said there is a \$25 processing fee that Porter County has that we should consider implementing as well. He said \$33,608 has been deposited into this fund from fees Oscar initiated, but the fund is still short about \$260,000, and he would like the county to pay that to catch up the fund.

Martin Lucas, Council Attorney, had the paperwork for a trust agreement changing the trustee of the Sheriff's retirement to Morgan Stanley. Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the trust agreement and supplemental trust agreement, seconded by Jennifer Davis, with six ayes.

The auditor informed the council that the 2010 budget hearings with the state have been set for January 5th at 9 a.m. This put budget hearings on time for the first time in several years.

EMS requested \$2,100 for building maintenance out of the Cumulative Capital Development fund. Judy Benninghoff moved to approve this, seconded by Bill Dulin, with six ayes.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the Health Department's request for \$2,300 for unemployment, seconded by Chuck Estok, with six ayes.

The council discussed Porter Starke Services funding. Martin checked out the situation with the DLGF & the State Board of Accounts, and it is the consensus they should get the additional funding from County General. It should be \$93,966, instead of what was originally approved for 2010. Jennifer Davis moved to adjust the rate to \$93,966 for 2010, seconded by Judy Benninghoff, with six ayes.

IN RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2009-031

Chuck Estok moved to approve EMS's request to transfer \$15,000 from Gas & Oil to Part time EMTs & Drivers, seconded by Judy Benninghoff, with six ayes.

IN RE: C.A.M.S. GRANT

Mark Smith read the letter of support for the CAMS grant. Judy Benninghoff moved to approve the president signing the application, seconded by Chuck Estok, with six ayes.

IN RE: DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION APPOINTMENT

Mark Smith's term on the board is up January 11th. Judy Benninghoff moved to reappoint Mark Smith, seconded by Bruce Fingerhut, with six ayes.

IN RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

The Community Corrections grant is for felonies and not for misdemeanors or pre-trials. The department needed to come up with separate funding for these. The Misdemeanant Fund (County Corrections) received \$16,000 each year from the state. Ordinance # 2009-032 would allow half of that money to go to Community Corrections and the jail would keep the other half. The full amount has been used in the past for jail upkeep. Bill Dulin moved to approve Ordinance 2009-032, seconded by Bruce Fingerhut, with six ayes.

IN RE: FOOD SANITARIAN

The Health Department is looking for a proposal to reduce the full time food sanitarian to part time at \$12.00 an hour. Therefore that position would be covered under county's insurance, working 21 hours per week or 18 hours per week at \$13.00 an hour. The council said this needs to first go before the Health Board and it would need a salary ordinance amendment to pay part time more than the salary ordinance.

Judy Benninghoff 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

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