

**STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council at 2:00 PM in the Annex Building Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Dave Pearman, Brad Hazelton (via zoom), Kay Gudeman, Howard Bailey, Todd Leinbach, and Don White present, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Dave Pearman at 2:00 PM for the Starke County Council 2023 Budget Workshop and Starke County Council Regular Session.

2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Highway

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the Highway budget for fund 1176 with the exception of a reduction to liability insurance from \$100,000 to \$50,000, making a total of \$3,264,117. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve fund 1135 in the amount of \$252,229. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve fund 1169 in the amount of \$398,000. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Sheriff

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General 0005 in the amount of \$962,884. Councilman White seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General 0027 in the amount of \$84,388. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve fund 1114 CREDIT Special Jail in the amount of \$2,747,669. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve fund 1156 in the amount of \$30,000, fund 1175 in the amount of \$16,000. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the fund 1222 with a reduction to Dispatcher line from \$344,000 to \$339,500 for a total budget of \$521,580. This includes a 5% and a \$500 raise per dispatcher. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve fund 4006 in the amount of \$5,000, fund 4110 in the amount of \$15,000, fund 4919 in the amount of \$435,926, fund 9112 in the amount of \$5,000, and fund 9176 in the amount of \$135,000. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

EMS

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General 0020, with the reduction of Extra Help, from \$21,900 to \$0, for a total of \$1,545,693. Councilman White seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve fund 4101 in the amount of \$40,000. Councilman White seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Health

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve fund 1159 in the amount of \$185,714, fund 1168 in the amount of \$33,139, fund 9133 in the amount of \$17,494. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Maintenance

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General Fund 0017 in the amount of \$18,448, fund 0026 in the amount of \$94,619, and fund 0028 in the amount of \$89,057. Councilman White seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Planning Commission & BZA

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General Fund 0022 in the amount of \$128,413 and County General Fund 0030 with the reduction of Administrative Assistant from \$32,109 to \$13,069 for a total of \$21,684. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

IT

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General 0035 with the exception of increasing the payroll items by 5% not 3% for a total budget of \$311,779. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Circuit Court & Circuit Court Services (Community Corrections)

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0029 in the amount of \$536,288, fund 2100 in the amount of \$107,802, fund 2105 in the amount of \$14,581, fund 1122 in the amount of \$317,513, fund 4925 in the amount of \$391,125. Councilman White seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Assessor

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve fund 1224 in the amount of \$413,610. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

WIC

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve fund 9800 in the amount of \$134,193 and fund 9805 in the amount of \$9,805. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Clerk & Election

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0001 in the amount of \$217,455 and County General fund 0019 in the amount of \$121,590. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Recorder

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0004 in the amount of \$88,320 and fund 1140 in the amount of \$25,000. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Coroner

Councilman Bailey made a motion to approve County General fund 0007 in the amount of \$55,415, including an increase to \$95 per call for deputy coroner pay. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion as approved with all ayes.

Purdue

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0021 in the amount of \$126,474. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Veterans Service

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0024 in the amount of \$17,895. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Park Board

Councilman Leinbach made a motion for approve fund 4927 with the exception of reducing Repair & Maintenance from \$48,000 to \$32,000 and Part Time Worker from \$15,000 to \$10,000 with a total budget of \$222,858. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Treasurer

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0003 in the amount of \$109,340. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Prosecutor

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the County General fund 0008 in the amount of \$85,151, County General fund 0032 in the amount of \$170,812, fund 4907 in the amount of \$63,500, and fund 9117 in the amount of \$40,314. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Surveyor & Elected Official Longevity

After some discussion regarding elected official longevity pay Councilman Pearman made a motion to have Auditor Oesterreich update the budgets to include elected official longevity pay for 2023. Councilman White seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0006 with a reduction to Elected Official from \$58,756 to \$45,255 for a total amount of \$91,149. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0023 in the amount of \$10,700. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Auditor

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0002 in the amount of \$205,977 and fund 4902 in the amount of \$14,250. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Other

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve fund 1112 with the exception of the removal of \$36,000 from Parks and Recreation and the removal of \$6,000 from US 30 Coalition for a total of \$1,004,880. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve fund 1138 in the amount of \$250,000. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approved fund 1217 in the amount of \$10,000. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0033 in the amount of \$42,950. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0031 in the amount of \$35,065. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0018 in the amount of \$43,638. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve County General fund 0025 in the amount of \$2,503,104. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

REGULAR SESSION

Councilwoman Gudeman made a motion to approve the minutes from May 16th, 2022. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the minutes from April 18th, 2022. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the Ordinance Adopting the Starke County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Approved Expenditure Plan. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

SCILL CENTER REQUEST

Jim Hernandez came before the Starke County Council to request additional funding for promethean boards/visual panels that they use as training aids. Their current boards are outdated, they were purchased in 2010. They are unable to find parts to repair what they have and the technology is old, he is requesting a total of \$13,581 for the promethean boards. He stated he would also like to request \$7029.47 to help with the A/C repair for their automotive building. Councilman Pearman asked how soon they would need the visual board. Mr. Hernandez stated class started on August 8th and they would

like to have them in place by then. Councilman Pearman advised that anything that has to do with the facility the Council feels that is more of an Economic Development Foundation issue because the county does not own their building, so the council would not be interested in investing repairs in a real estate the county does not own. After further discussion Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the \$13,581 for the promethean boards. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

CLERK – SCANNING PROJECT

Bernadette Manuel, Clerk of Starke Circuit Court came before the Starke County Council to request ARPA funding for a scanning project with Fildar Technologies. After some discussion it was decided that the council has already appropriated \$100,000 toward scanning projects within the ARPA Ordinance and they will not go over that amount at this time. At this time the Clerk can utilize \$50,000 of that and the Recorder can utilize \$50,000 of that allocation.

CORONER ARPA REQUEST

Jack Rosa, Starke County Coroner came before the Starke County Council to request use of the ARPA money. His is requesting a new cot. They have two cots now and he checked into getting them rebuilt but they are so old that they don't make parts for them anymore. He is requesting \$2000 for the new cot and then another \$2000 for additional supplies. Their numbers are up quite a bit and he needs some equipment to help with those increased numbers. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the amount of \$4000 from the ARPA funding loss revenue portion. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

EMS FUNDING REQUEST

Eric Wood, Starke County EMS Director came before the Starke County Council to ask for funding. He presented a quote from Gokeyless for more security at the ambulance bases. They have 5 main doors and 1 interior. He would like to secure the interior doors as well where they keep their supplies. After further discussion they keyless entry does allow monitoring of who accesses their building as well as who accesses their supply room. The quote provided was for a total of \$5,395.55. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the purchase of the key cards for \$5,395.55 to come out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no other business or public comment to come before the Starke County Council, Councilman Leinbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 PM. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**JUNE 20, 2022
STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Dave Pearman, President

Brad Hazelton, Vice-President

Kay Gudeman

Don White

Howard Bailey

Absent

Don Binkley

Todd Leinbach

Rachel Oesterreich, Starke County Auditor and
Secretary to the Starke County Council