

**STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council at 5:00 PM in the Annex Building Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Dave Pearman, Anthony Black, Kay Gudeman, Howard Bailey, Cassandra Hine, and Norman (Bruce) Bennett present, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Dave Pearman at 3:00 PM for the Starke County Council Special Session.

**SHERIFF-SERVER REPAIR REQUEST**

Councilman Pearman advised this special meeting is to discuss some needs at the Starke County Sheriff's Department. He advised there are some locks at the jail that have been broken for some time. He has been working with Skillman trying to get someone to call him back to start getting this situation fixed. He then talked about the camera system and this all started when Matron McDonald sent around pictures showing that their camera system was out. Councilman Pearman advised that he called Mickey Wydick, who is the main sales person for their contract. He explained that when they went to trainings during the time period that the jail was built the contractors were adamant about not getting wrapped up into systems that were preparatory. This way, if you had to buy a different camera or server you could integrate something else in the repairs but still have the ability to be loaded onto the current software. He was concerned with what Mickey Wydick has been saying because the council has been seeing quotes from Richard and Pam that have been in the hundreds of thousands of dollars replacing the whole system. He took the initiative to call Mickey Wydick himself because he cannot see seven years out having to replace the entire system.

Councilman Pearman discussed the options with Mickey Wydick and while he was on the phone with him, the tech called and he said they didn't know how to fix the server. So they were going to get ahold of exact vision. Mickey Wydick did that and he said the best option is to stay with the brand we have, it will give us another seven years and the best thing to do would be to change this server. Mickey Wydick provided Councilman Pearman with a quote of \$32,094 for a new server from Securitas Technology Corporation. He did advise that he did not get a commitment from them as far as how long it would take to build the new server. IT Director Richard Franks stated they had priced a new server but it does not address the issue with the locks, out of date lock control wear, and issues with the control console. Councilman Pearman advised they could table this issue if they want to go to bid for an entire new system that will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. IT Director Franks stated he just does not want a new server purchased now and then if they do get a new company to come in the new company may can the new server all together.

Councilman Pearman advised the \$32,094 would get the cameras up and running again and give the council time to possibly look into other upgrade options. Councilman Bailey stated if they are going to completely redo the entire system, they do need to spend more than a week to get that all figured out. Councilman Black asked if we got this server and then at some point looked at upgrading everything else would this server no longer be functional. IT Director Franks said possibly if they decide to go with a different company, they might not have a use for that server. His recommendation would be to fix the current server, which could be a \$10,000 fix. Councilman Pearman advised that they told him they could not fix the existing server. Councilman Bennett asked if they were to buy the new server how quickly could that be ready to go. Councilman Black advised that they did not give Councilman Pearman a timeline for when the new server would be ready. A discussion was then held about the current cameras in place and how the cameras have a lag in the movements. It was discussed that instead of replacing 100 cameras all at once they can replace a few cameras here and there over a period of time.

Councilman Bailey asked Sheriff Rosa in his best opinion right now what does he need right now to run the jail efficiently. Sheriff Rosa advised that right now 75% of the cameras are out right now at the jail. This has been going on for a few days. He would like whatever is the quickest thing they can do to get those cameras back up and running. Councilman Bailey asked Richard if this would fix the problem if they get the new server. IT Director Franks stated yes that would fix their camera issue right now but this will not fix their quality issue and being able to get a clear image on the camera and it does not address the other camera server that is currently having issues. He advised this would not address the missed recorded footage, and faulty doors. After further discussion, Councilman Bailey made a motion

to replace the existing server that is bad and replace it with a new server up to the amount of \$32,094 and down the road looking at updating and upgrading new software to modernize the jail system and that the \$32,094 comes out of the ARPA fund. Councilman Bennett seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

With no other business or public comment to come before the Starke County Council, Councilman Leinbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:04 PM. Councilwoman Hine seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

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Dave Pearman, President

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Kay Gudeman, Vice-President

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Todd Leinbach

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Norman (Bruce) Bennett

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Howard Bailey

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Anthony Black

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Cassandra Hine

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Rachel Oesterreich, Starke County Auditor