

**STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 3, 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, Todd Leinbach, 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 9:00 PM for the Starke County Council 2024 Budget Workshop.

**COUNTY GENERAL 1000**

Clerk

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget request of Clerk 0001 in the amount of \$241,375. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Auditor

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the budget request of Auditor 0002 in the amount of \$226,410. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Treasurer

Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the budget request of Treasurer 0003 with the following changes. A reduction in 20100 for a total of \$3000 and a reduction in 31201 for a total of \$0. The total budget request has been changed to 122,043. Councilwoman Hine seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Recorder

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the budget request of Recorder 0004 in the amount of \$96,838. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Sheriff

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the budget request of the Sheriff 0005 with the following changes. A reduction made in 10601 for a total of \$502,751 and an addition in 30404 for a total amount of \$7,400. The total budget request has been changed to a total of 1,095,432. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Surveyor

Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the budget request of the Surveyor 0006 with the following change. A reduction in 10100 for a total of \$43,000. The total budget request has been changed to \$95,628. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with 5 ayes and 2 nays.

Coroner

Councilman Bailey made a motion to approve the budget request of the Coroner 0007 in the amount of \$88,635. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Prosecutor

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget request of Prosecutor 0008 in the amount of \$145,100 contingent upon the Board of Commissioners creating a full-time position for Deputy Prosecutor and also contingent upon the approval of the entire budget from the Department of Local Government Finance. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all

ayes. Councilwoman Hine made a motion to change the Deputy Prosecutor position from part time to full time. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### Annex 2 Maintenance

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the budget request of Annex 2 Maintenance 0017 in the amount of \$18,748. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### EMA

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the budget request of EMA 0018 in the amount of \$50,155. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### Clerk - Election

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the budget request of Clerk-Election 0019 in the amount of \$182,467. Councilwoman Hine seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### EMS

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the budget request of EMS 0020 with the following changes. An Addition to 20700 for a total amount of \$50,000. The total budget request has been changed to \$1,241,247.00. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### Purdue

Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the budget request of Purdue 0021 in the amount of \$133,764. Councilwoman Hine seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### Planning Commission

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget request of Planning Commission 0022 with the following changes. An addition in 10300 for a total amount of \$6,000, a combination of 31002 and 32800 account for a total of \$10,199 in 32800, a reduction in 40102 for a total amount of \$250, an addition in 10307 for a total amount of \$22,000, a reduction in 20400 for a total amount of \$4,000. The total budget request of \$145,748. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### Drainage Board

Councilman Bailey made a motion to approve the budget request of the Drainage Board 0023 in the amount of \$17,100. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### Veteran Service

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the budget request of Veteran Service 0024 in the amount of \$19,505. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### Commissioners

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget request of Commissioners 0025 in the amount of \$2,667,537.00. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### Courthouse Maintenance

Councilwoman Gudeman made a motion to approve the budget request of Courthouse Maintenance 0026 in the amount of \$100,354. Councilwoman Hine seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

### Jail

Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the budget request of Jail 0027 in the amount of \$91,113. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

### Annex 1

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget request of Annex 1 0028 in the amount of \$94,160. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

### Circuit Court

Councilwoman Hine made a motion to approve the budget request of Circuit Court 0029 with the following changes. An addition to 10406 for a total amount of \$121,800, a reduction in 20100 for a total amount of \$2,000, a reduction in 30600 for a total amount of \$10,000, a reduction in 40102 for a total amount of \$0, a reduction in 40301 for a total amount of \$0, a reduction in 40501 for a total amount of \$200. The total budget request remains at 625,061. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

### BZA

Councilman Bailey made a motion to approve the budget request of BZA with the following changes. A reduction in 10114 for a total amount of \$16,000. The total budget request has been changed to \$25,051. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

### Soil & Water

Councilwoman Gudeman made a motion to approve the budget request of Soil & Water 0031 in the amount of \$38,437. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

### Prosecutor – Child Support

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget request of Prosecutor – Child Support 0032 with the following changes. A reduction in 10102 for a total of \$0. The total budget request has been changed to \$213,500. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

### Council

Councilwoman Hine made a motion to approve the budget request of the Council 0033 with the following changes. An addition to 10115 for a total amount of \$56,000. The total budget request has been changed to \$64,200. Councilman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with 4 ayes and 1 abstention.

### IT

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget request of IT 0035 in the amount of \$324,443. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

### **CEDIT 1112**

Councilwoman Gudeman made a motion to approve the budget request for CEDIT 1112 in the amount of \$1,005,080. Councilwoman Hine seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

### **JAIL CEDIT 1114**

Councilwoman Hine made a motion to approve the budget request for Jail CEDIT 1114 in the amount of \$2,910,771. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

### **INNKEEPER 1127**

Councilwoman Hine made a motion to approve the budget request for Innkeeper 1127 in the amount of \$40,000. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### **CUMULATIVE BRIDGE 1135**

Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the budget request of Cumulative Bridge 1135 in the amount of \$257,452. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### **CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT 1138**

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget request for Cumulative Capital Development 1138 in the amount of \$250,000. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### **RECORDER - 1140**

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 1140 in the amount of \$25,000. Councilwoman Hine seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### **SHERIFF - 1156**

Councilwoman Hine made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 1156 in the amount of \$30,000. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### **HEALTH - 1159**

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the budget request of Fund 1159 with the following changes. A reduction in 10413 for a total amount of \$0. The total budget request has been changed to \$208,837. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### **HEALTH - 1168**

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the budget request of Fund 1168 with the following changes. An addition to 10413 for a total amount of \$37,087 and a reduction in 31207 for a total amount of \$0. The total budget request has changed to \$58,226. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### **HIGHWAY - 1169**

Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the budget request of Fund 1169 in the amount of \$413,000. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### **SHERIFF – 1175**

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget request of Fund 1175 in the amount of \$16,000. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### **HIGHWAY - 1176**

Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the budget request of the Highway Department 1176 in the amount of \$3,331,704. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIAL TRAINING FUND - 1217**

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget request of the Elected Official Training Fund 1217 in the amount of \$15,000. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

## **911 FUND – 1222**

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 1222 in the amount of \$439,523. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

## **ASSESSOR – 1224**

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 1224 in the amount of \$435,375. Councilwoman Hine seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

## **CIRCUIT COURT - 2100**

Councilwoman Hine made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 2100 in the amount of \$110,080. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

## **CIRCUIT COURT – 2105**

Councilwoman Hine made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 2105 in the amount of \$16,500. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

## **SHERIFF – 4006**

Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 4006 in the amount of \$5,000. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

## **SHERIFF - 4110**

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 4110 in the amount of \$15,000. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

## **TRANSFER FEE - 4902**

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 4902 in the amount of \$14,700. Councilman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

## **PROSECUTOR – 4907**

Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 4907 with the following changes, a reduction in 40400 for a total of \$3,000. The total budget request has been changed to \$63,500. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

## **SHERIFF - 4919**

Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 4919 in the amount of \$463,104. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

## **PARK BOARD - 4927**

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the Park Board Fund 4927 with the following changes, a reduction to 20202 for a total of \$32,000, a reduction in 30600 for a total of \$30,000, and a reduction in 40102 for a total of \$25,000. The total budget request has been changed to \$228,120. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION - 4931**

Councilwoman Gudeman made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 4931 for a total amount of \$10,000. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION – 4932**

Councilwoman Gudeman made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 4932 for a total amount of \$10,000. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**PROBATION – 8500**

Councilwoman Hine made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 8500 in the amount of \$84,258. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**ARPA – 8950**

Councilwoman Gudeman made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 8950 in the amount of \$619,930. Councilwoman Hine seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**SHERIFF - 9112**

Councilwoman Gudeman made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 9112 in the amount of \$15,000. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**HEALTH – 9133**

Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the budget request for Fund 9133 in the amount of \$17,164. Councilwoman Hine seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

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