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January 24, 2005

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The Board of DeKalb County Commissioners met in the Commissioners Court in the Court House in regular session, Monday at 8:30A.M. (EST)

PRESENT

Don Kaufman
Connie R. Miles
William C. Ort

ABSENT

MATTER OF ZONING ORDINANCE 384

Zoning Administrator Sally Rowe reported a favorable recommendation by the plan commission and presented Zoning Ordinance 384 petition 05-01 DCC 36-8-5-9 for 6.221 acres to be rezoned from C-RS rural suburban to C-RB roadside business for Roger and Ralph Diehl. The property owners are aware of drainage problems. A motion by Don Kaufman to approve and sign the ordinance was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

Petition No. 05-01

Jack A. & Shirley Freeman (contract holder)

Roger Diehl & Ralph Diehl (contract purchasers)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MASTER PLAN OF DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MASTER PLAN OF DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA WHICH INCLUDES THE ORIGINAL ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 1 THROUGH 4 AS WELL AS SUCH AMENDMENTS BY ZONING ORDINANCES ENACTED AFTER THE 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1964 AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DEKALB, STATE OF INDIANA, THAT THE MASTER PLAN OF DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA AND MAPS PERTINENT THERETO ARE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

That the C-RB (County – Roadside Business) classification of the Zoning Ordinance for the development through zoning of the territory within the jurisdiction of the DeKalb County Plan Commission be extended to include the following real estate in DeKalb County, Indiana, which is presently classified by said ordinance as C-RS (County – Rural Suburban).

A part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 34 North, Range 13 East, DeKalb County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing at a point 1320 feet West of the North Quarter corner of the described Section 5 to the point of beginning; thence West 614.3 feet along the North Section line of Section 5 (centerline of U.S. Highway 6) 614.3 feet; thence South 583.0 feet; thence East 614.3 feet to the Quarter Section line; thence North 583.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.221 acres, more or less.

Subject to any and all restrictions, conditions, limitations, zoning ordinances, easements visible or of record, rights of way and highways of record.

This ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage and approval by the County Commissioners of DeKalb County Indiana.

PASSED AND ADOPTED

By the DeKalb County Commissioners of DeKalb County, Indiana this 24th day of January 2005.

William C. Ort

William C. Ort, President

Connie R. Miles

Connie R. Miles, Vice-President

Don C. Kaufman

Don C. Kaufman, Member

Sharon G. Hayes hj

Attest: Sharon G. Hayes, Auditor

MATTER OF TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER & MASTER PLAN

GIS coordinator Brad Stump and Zoning administrator Rowe discussed the communications tower to be constructed east of Auburn on the Johnson Property. At this time Sally is waiting for Mr. Woody to file for a location permit.

Sally also spoke concerning the meeting with cities and towns to discuss the extra-territorial jurisdiction areas.

Brad stated several reasons for problems within these areas as well as problems with cities and towns.

MATTER OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Sally stated that she had met in executive session with the plan commission to announce her resignation and that she would like to remain on the master plan steering committee at \$20.00 per hour until the project is finished. It has been decided that Sally's last day will be April 29, 2005. She will be using the remainder of her vacation days and be off the county payroll by mid May. Commissioners Ort and Kaufman have no problem with Sally remaining on the steering committee at the hourly pay requested.

MATTER OF BOARD OF FINANCE

The commissioners and Treasurer Susan Bauermeister met for the annual board of finance meeting. The treasurer presented the minutes from the previous meeting dated January 26, 2004. A motion by Connie Miles to approve the minutes was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried. As a matter of reorganization a motion by Connie Miles to retain the same board officers was seconded by William Ort and carried. The treasurer explained that interest rates are very low and that short-term investments were being made. The list of depositories includes 10 banking facilities located within or in the near vicinity of DeKalb County.

The treasurer questioned attorney McCanna for a method to address the issues and concerns for the large number of checks returned for insufficient fund within the last tax collection.

MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

A motion by Connie Miles to approve special claims was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried

MATTER OF COUNTY LIABILITY INSURANCE

Agent Ron Dicke of Insurance Trustees reviewed the 2004 insurance year and spoke of expectations for 2005. The workers comp policy is lower by \$24,143 in premium costs with the

end of 2003 having very high incidence of claims year followed by 2004 which was a relatively mild year. Ron looks for no major changes in the coming year, but mentioned occurrences from the past, which were major in nature.

The package policy will show a decrease of 2% in premium cost even with the property value changes, the addition of two hangers and AWOS at the airport, and adding the covered bridge to this policy to save \$1,685 the total will be \$220,938.

Commissioner Ort asked if the lots acquired in the Holiday Lakes subdivision were added to the policy. These would be covered under the comprehensive portion of the policy as there are no structures.

As in the past the commissioners elected not to take coverage offered by the umbrella policy.

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve and for President Ort to sign the acceptance of the policies and denial for the umbrella policy was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mike Garrett and Bernie Sukala of the health department presented a purchase order for a 2002 Dodge Durango with 32,000 miles for \$15,000. The vehicle will be purchased with grant monies for travel to meetings and inspections. The commissioners agreed that this would be an acceptable purchase and that the vehicle should be titled to the DeKalb County Commissioners. Ron Dicke should also be contacted for insuring the vehicle.

MATTER OF SUNNY MEADOWS

Herdsmen Howard Richardson presented the livestock report. There are 61 cows being milked, one dry cow, 8 bred heifers, 18 heifers 5 to 15 months, 17 heifers 1 to 5 month, and 1 newborn heifer, 17 steers and 2 herd bulls. The current milk price is \$17.59 per hundred pounds. The 2004 annual report by Dairy Marketing Services included the monthly gross weight and yearly total of 885,922 pounds of milk collected. The bacterial and somatic cell counts have risen slightly. The somatic cell count was 520 on January 14.

Howard spoke about prepaying for fertilizer to save on farm costs and presented an accounting of costs with and without the fertilizer. Commissioner Kaufman agreed that this could mean considerable savings, but Commissioner Ort was not sure this was the best approach. Later in the meeting Commissioner Ort indicated that he was in agreement with the prepayment plan.

Administrator Kim Pierson reported several problems on the second floor of the residential apartment at Sunny Meadows. Kim has spoken to Custodian Clint Stephens who will determine possible solutions.

Attorney Andrew Kruse is working with Kim and former administrator Janel Snow to transfer the guardianships of several residents.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Superintendent Eric Patton presented the LOHUT allocations report for 2003, and hopes to have the 2004 figures within the next two weeks.

Commissioner Ort wishes to present the wheel tax ordinance for hearing and possible adoption at the February 7 meeting and requested that supervisor Patton obtain letters of support from cities and towns within the county, or that representatives are present at the meeting on the 7th.

Attorney McCanna will rewrite the ordinance, which was rejected in 2004, to reflect adjustments for trucks from \$20 to \$30.

Eric requested that County Road 61 be designated as a truck route to prohibit overweight vehicles from travel on County Road 40. This might be accomplished by adoption of an

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ordinance, and while Eric explores the possibility that other counties have done this, Sheriff's Deputy Oberholtzer will investigate the legal codes for other information

The recent "rescue" of vehicles stranded on flooded county roads prompted Eric to request the commissioners to consider an ordinance to make it unlawful to attempt to travel across an area where there is a sign indicating the road is closed due to high water.

Superintendent Patton agreed that his department would be able to service the vehicle now being purchased by the health department

MATTER OF SUNNY MEADOWS RESIDENCE

Custodian Clint Stephens has inspected the administrator's residence at Sunny Meadows as requested by the commissioners. Clint feels that the commissioners should also make an assessment before repairs are discussed.

MATTER OF EMPLOYEE ABSENCE

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve and sign a letter to Mike Garrett of the health department concerning absenteeism was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

The commissioners agreed to offer the position of Veteran Service Officer to Brian Lamm. The auditor will extend the offer in writing to Mr. Lamm and request a meeting at the earliest possible convenience to discuss terms of employment.

MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the commissioners the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST: Sharon G. Hayes
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