

MONDAY

March 21, 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 AIRPORT WAGE SCALE COMMITTEE

Aviation board secretary Brad Stump requested that the commissioners appoint a committee for a common wage scale to be active for the 2005 airport hanger project. A motion by Don Kaufman to appoint Dave Wolff, Don Smith, and John Harris to this committee was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

Bids on the hanger will be subject to obtaining enough leases for occupancy. Thus the payments would not be a liability to the county.

The ILS Instrument Landing System still fails to meet favorably with FAA testing due to technological problems as well as the approach lights. The aviation board may recommend that light blocking shades be purchased to aid in homes located close to the new approach lights. This would be proactive in anticipation of complaints when the strobe lights are used for landings.

MATTER OF ZONING ORDINANCE 386

Zoning Administrator Sally Rowe presented a favorable recommendation from the plan commission for Zoning Ordinance 386, petition 05-14 from Steel Dynamics to rezone 289.33 acres from C-RS county rural suburban to C-I1 county open industrial in preparation for a new facility. A motion by Don Kaufman to approve and sign the ordinance was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

Petition No. 05-14
Steel Dynamics, Inc.

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-I1 (County – Open Industrial) 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).

All that portion of lands lying in the North Half of Section 28, Township 34 North, Range 14 East of the Second Principal Meridian (Wilmington Township) in DeKalb County, Indiana, and described as follows:

A tract of land as described in Exhibit "A" on Warranty Deed 97-9221 recorded on October 16, 1997, in Record Book 219, Page 75, in the DeKalb County Recorder's Office, containing 77.216 acres, more or less, Excepting Therefrom: 4.170 acres, leaving 73.046 acres, more or less.

A tract of land as described in Exhibit "B" on Warranty Deed Document #20404697 as recorded in the DeKalb County Recorder's Office on May 25, 2004, containing 160.09 acres, more or less.

A tract of land as described in Exhibit "C" on Warranty Deed 99-11439 recorded on November 15, 1999, in Record Book 226, Page 410, in the DeKalb County Recorder's Office, containing 9.98 acres, more or less (10.00 acres, recorded).

A tract of land as described in Exhibit "D" on Warranty Deed 99-11750 recorded on November 24, 1999, in Record Book 226, Page 466, in the DeKalb County Recorder's Office, containing 4.99 acres, more or less.

A tract of land as described in Exhibit "E" on Warranty Deed recorded on November 15, 1999, in Record Book 226, Page 412, in the DeKalb County Recorder's Office, containing 5.84 acres, more or less (5.898 acres, recorded).

A tract of land as described in Exhibit "F" on Warranty Deed 99-5220 as recorded on May 20, 1999, in Record Book 224, Page 530, in the DeKalb County Recorder's Office, containing 10.0 acres, more or less.

A tract of land as described in Exhibit "G" on Warranty Deed 99-4899 as recorded on May 13, 1999, in Record Book 224, Page 463, in the DeKalb County Recorder's Office, containing 12.76 acres, more or less.

A tract of land as described in Exhibit "H" on Warranty Deed 99-4902 as recorded on May 13, 1999, in Record Book 224, Page 466, in the DeKalb County Recorder's Office, containing 12.76 acres, more or less.

All of above said tracts containing a total of 289.514 acres more or less.

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 21st. day of March 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
Attest: Sharon G. Hayes, Auditor

MATTER OF CLAIM

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve Dan Fry's Cell phone claim for February was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF REPORT – SUNNY MEADOWS

The commissioners reviewed and signed the February report for Sunny Meadows residential home.

MATTER OF HEALTH INSURANCE

A motion by Connie Miles to authorize President Ort to sign the plan document for county health insurance was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried

MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

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

MATTER OF SUNNY MEADOWS

Herdsmen Howard Richardson presented the livestock report. There are 54 cows being milked, 6 dry cows, 13 bred heifers, 24 heifers 5 to 15 months, 5 heifers 1 to 5 months, and 1 newborn, 7 steers and 2 herd bulls. The current milk price is \$16.75 per hundred pounds. Milk shipped totals 61,259 pounds. The bacterial count is at 22,000 cold and the somatic cell count is 413. The butterfat count is good at 4.13.

Howard calculates \$3,441.17 income over the farm expenses for 2005, and stated that he plans to perform most of the labor for the bailing this season. In an effort to determine an amount to be paid for utility expenses while his family resides at the farmhouse Howard presented an accounting of the utility bills for the past three months. Commissioner Kaufman felt that the utility portion should be set for at least \$100 per month, but upon referring to the contract with the previous farm operator it was decided to discuss the matter with the council before making a decision.

In other matters, Administrator Kim Pierson is having difficulty meeting medical expenses for resident Ernest Howard, but is hoping to obtain payment through Mr. Howard's family.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Superintendent Eric Patton presented the promised listing of estimated costs for road improvement. Some projects could be divided into sections over more than one year. These are projects listed in the package to be covered by the wheel tax if passed. With the exception of the intersection of County Roads 60 and 427 and County Road 11A from County Roads 427 to 56 all projects are to safety improvements with resurfacing.

- County Road 28 from Noble County Line to Waterloo - \$762,500
- Intersection of County Roads 60 and 427 - \$250,000 (20%)
- County Road 61 from SR 8 to US6 - submit for funding
- County Road 40 from County Road 35 to Ohio Line - submit for funding
- County Road 16 from County Road 39 to Ohio Line - \$935,2000
- Intersection of County Roads 19 and 18 - \$125,000
- County Road 11A from County Road 427 to County Road 56 - \$350,000 (20%)
- Rehabilitation of gravel roads - \$170,000

Eric feels that core samplings done by DA Brown on County Road 27 at the location for the new Klink cement plant are inconclusive, and suggests that the county should follow the INDOT procedure. Eric feels the current road will not support the weight of the cement trucks.

MATTER OF IT COMMITTEE

IT director Jack Smith explained the issues taken by the auditor, treasurer and IT department surrounding the tax software to be purchased from New World Systems. Following a

trip to Hendricks County to view Low Associates property tax software in use, feelings are very strong that New World Systems cannot provide the new software in a timely manner. Low Associates is an Indiana company and is current with changes for legislative activities within the state. Low has the ability to activate their product for DeKalb County in January 2006. Citing the pending costs for New World with no product yet to be seen, Jack feels that his department could afford a good portion of the purchase price of the Low software, which would be due following installation in January 2006. However if payment could be made by June 2005 \$6,000 could be trimmed of the purchase price. The \$51,000 maintenance fee would be due 30 days after installation in January 2006.

It is imperative that the county proceed with the purchase, as the aging software now in use becomes more difficult to maintain and the person contracted for maintenance wishes to retire. Both the auditor and treasurer were highly impressed with the product and spoke to that issue. Council representative Robert Wilder stated that he feels it is time to proceed, and moved to approve signing of a contract with Low pending review and approval of the county attorney. The motion was seconded by Connie Miles and carried. The actual purchase price of the software will come from the 2006 budget.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

The commissioners signed the payroll docket for checks issued March 18th.

MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH

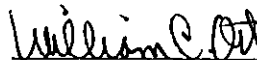
The contracts for Thayer for central dispatch will be reviewed for approval at the next meeting.

MATTER OF CREDIT MONIES

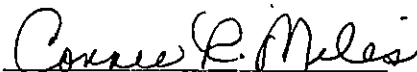
There was a brief discussion concerning the possible use of CREDIT monies for demolition of houses. The commissioners would like to meet with the zoning administrator and members of the health department to discuss establishing a fund and ordinance for this purpose,

MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

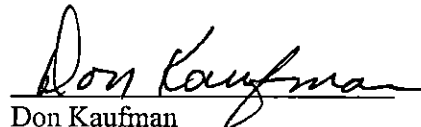
As there was no further business to come before the commissioners the meeting was adjourned.



William C. Ort



Connie R. Miles



Don Kaufman

ATTEST:


Sharon G. Hayes