

MONDAY

March 28, 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 COMMON CONSTRUCTION WAGE BOARD

Airport manager Russ Couchman requested another appointment to the wage scale committee for the airport hanger project as Dave Wolff is unable to serve.

A motion by Don Kaufman to appoint Janet Hege to serve on the prevailing wage committee for the airport hanger project was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

Russ also reported that a 405 survey was still needed before the ILS-Instrument Landing System could be fully commissioned.

MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

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

MATTER OF HAVA

Clerk Jackie Rowan explained that she must return a list of chosen options and letter of intent to the state regarding the SVRS-State Voter Registration System which is a portion of the HAVA law. This concerns the hardware for the project and the approach to connectivity. These must be submitted by the March 31st.

IS director Jack Smith then explained the options for SVRS. The first would be to continue without changes, the second option is to install a complete new system recommended by the state, the fourth is to locate a bunker at a demarcation site to eliminate excessive cabling, but Jack recommends the third option to locate the bunker within the office whereby both systems could be used simultaneously within the Voter Registration Office. The wiring is already in place to be able to install both systems at the workstations of the clerk and her deputy with a few changes. The system would still require a backup for the data.

The state also wishes to scan the voter registration cards for signatures for verification, but Jackie prefers not to allow the cards to be removed from the county. The commissioners agreed that option three was acceptable, and Jackie will send the response in that manner.

MATTER OF SHERIFF TRAVEL

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve travel for Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Western for training on the use of the breathalyzer equipment was seconded by Connie Miles and carried

A motion by Connie Miles to approve travel in the amount of \$195 for Jeremy Western to attend drug investigation school for uniformed patrol officers was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried. The commissioner requested that persons requesting to travel for educational reasons give a 10-minute presentation regarding the class and its usefulness.

MATTER OF NEW WORLD SYSTEMS – TAX SOFTWARE

IS director Jack Smith distributed copies of the letter he will send to New World Systems regarding cancellation of the contract. Attorney McCanna stated that the language of the letter of intent might be stronger and less diplomatic in stating that New World Systems has not fulfilled the contract. Therefore, DeKalb County no longer wishes to continue working with New World, but does want the money returned as no product has been created.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Proposals were received from vendors for professional services for design and construction engineering for the County Roads 427 and 60 project. Superintendent Patton distributed proposals from United Consulting, GAI Consultants, WTH Engineering, Butler Fairman & Seufert Engineering Services, and DLZ Consulting Engineers.

Superintendent Patton recommended Butler Fairman & Seufert or DLZ for design engineering, and DLZ or United Consulting for the construction engineering portion based on performance and previous experience with these companies.

A motion by Connie Miles to take the proposals under advisement for one week was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

A motion by Connie Miles to approve a utility permit for Verizon to bore under County Road 64 at the west intersection of US 327 (Coldwater Road) was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

Eric asked if the commissioners would have any objection to the placement of a water control unit at Bridge 55 on County Road 34 east of County Road 35. This was not a concern.

Traffic studies have been completed for County Road 36A. Following a request by property owners to reduce speed limits to 40MPH from County Road 40 to County Road 19 Superintendent Patton concluded that there is enough traffic to warrant the speed reduction as requested. Attorney McCanna will prepare the ordinance.

Superintendent Patton also presented a letter to the commissioners outlining his recommendations with respect the soil borings and analysis from County Road 27 between US Highway 6 and the Norfolk and Southern Railroad tracks. Eric requests road inspection one year after the construction of the cement plant and due to the additional traffic from Mr. Klink's facility any necessary repairs would become Mr. Klink's responsibility.

MATTER OF MINUTES

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the minutes of January 18, January 31, February 7, February 14 and February 28 was seconded by William Ort and carried.

MATTER OF COURTHOUSE WINDOWS

Architect Ed Welling reported on the trip to South Bend where he, Commissioner Kaufman and Custodians Clint Stephens and Larry Lane inspected buildings with both Marvin and Pella replacement windows. It was the consensus on all that the Marvin window was superior in appearance and warranty. The inside of the window will be pine and the contractor will be responsible for staining the wood to match the interior window framing. Mr. Welling recommended the acceptance of the low bid of Hamilton Hunter Builders with the use of Marvin Windows at \$276,983. The commissioners must now select a color and wait for the council to appropriate the funds. Mr. Welling will notify bidders of approval as well as those who were not chosen.

Custodian Clint Stephens recommended 4 color selections for the windows, Medium Bronze, Bahama Brown, Ebony and Wineberry.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the payroll claims for the period ending March 24, 2005 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH

The commissioners reviewed and discussed the contract with Thayer Consulting LLC for fees for Phase I of the study for central dispatch for DeKalb County.

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve and for President Ort to sign the contract was seconded by Connie Miles and carried. Other language within the motion approves only the initial expense for Phase I and does not guarantee the approval of Phase II, employment of Thayer as consultant for further contracts or approval of any additional expenses.

MATTER OF MODIFICATION OF BOND PURCHASE AND LOAN

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the first modification of the bond purchase and loan agreement between PST Investments, LLC and JP Morgan Chase Bank and DeKalb County, Indiana dated 10-29-04, wherein among other things, Jerome F. Henry Jr. and Walter G. Fuller become grantees and Paragon Steel Enterprises, LLC becomes the Lessee was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF COLOR PRINTER

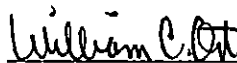
Zoning administrator Sally Rowe requested to purchase a color laser printer with automatic two-sided printing at a cost of \$2,067.00. The commissioners feel there is a definite need for the printer and recommended that Sally request additional appropriations from the council for the printer for the plan commission office.

MATTER OF SOIL BORINGS

A motion by Connie Miles to give \$2,000 from the CDBGF to be reimbursed with CEDIT monies for soil borings to help Waterloo attract business to the area south of Waterloo industrial park was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

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



William C. Ort

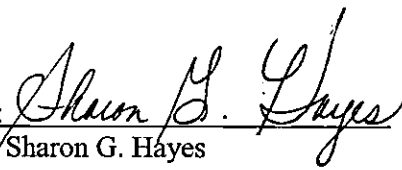


Connie R. Miles



Don Kaufman

ATTEST:


Sharon G. Hayes