

MONDAY

JULY 25, 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

William C. Ort
Connie R. Miles
Don Kaufman

ABSENT

MATTER OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

Building inspector Carlos Whitaker explained that the district building supervisor had informed counties that there are several local resolutions for the various building departments, which although advertised and recorded locally should have been submitted to the state. The commissioners would like Carlos to pursue this and submit these missing resolutions as well as consult the county attorney as to any changes, which must be executed.

Carlos also submitted a letter of resignation as building inspector to be effective September 30, 2005.

MATTER OF SHERIFF – REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL

Sheriff Dennis requested approval for travel for Floyd Fowler, which was approved with a motion by Don Kaufman, seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

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

MATTER OF TRAVEL

There was discussion of a travel policy and the councils' decision that the commissioners must approve all travel for the 2005 budget year. The process has become somewhat burdensome, for both the commissioners and the auditor and has caused other departments and office holders concern that there is a lack of trust when it comes to office holders making decisions on travel. The draft of a new travel policy was further discussed. Further clarification is needed for several issues, which will be determined following the auditor's request for policy issues in other counties, and guidance from the county attorney.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Dan Avery of NIRCC met with the commissioners and Superintendent Patton to discuss a request for determination of interest in a potential grant for improvements to County Road 27 per requests by Mike Klink. This would be in the form of a grant to upgrade infrastructure to encourage economic growth. A grant of this nature could be worth up to 50% of the cost of improvements, but Mr. Avery feels that the nature of this request might only obtain 30% of the cost as the number of employees from the Klink concrete business is not sufficient to warrant further improvements. Supervisor Patton feels that the condition of the road is above average, but will definitely not be within the coming year due to heavy use by the cement mixer trucks.

Mr. Avery also stated that there might be INDOT funding at and 80/20 ratio which would take longer to obtain and County Road 27 will be the primary access to Klink and no other industry. The scope of the project would run from the railroad tracks north to US Highway 6, and although it would seem that the area should be attractive to development, that has not yet happened.

Attorney McCanna explained that there is a philosophical difference between the Klink development and large industry which will be an issue on a national or international level, and grants of this nature will indeed have an impact on other requests in the future.

Mr. Avery also explained that a project of this nature must have 100% commitment and he agrees that this is a commodity, which is limited to the local area.

Attorney McCanna will review the letter signed by Mr. Klink to determine the extent to which the agreement to make road repairs for damage caused by his trucks up to one year following start of production of his concrete plant may be realized. Mr. Avery will also check further on grant allowances and the state to determine whether Klink could be responsible for a percentage of the cost within the scope of the grant. Mr. Avery will return in one week.

There was no other highway business, however Eric stated that County Road 28 chip and seal is finished, and Attorney McCanna stated that he had obtained information that CSX railroad will be repairing three crossings and schedule the same for complete rebuilding in October.

MATTER OF RESIGNATION

A motion by Don Kaufman to accept the resignation of Carlos Whitaker as building inspector was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

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

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ATTEST:

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