

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 12, 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)

PRESENTWilliam C. OrtConnie R. MilesDon Kaufman**ABSENT****MATTER OF INDIANA NUGGET**

Zoning Administrator Sally Rowe introduced Will Hawley representing Indiana Nugget, a company seeking to locate in the industrial corridor in Wilmington Township. The company originally planned to construct a facility in Minnesota, but found it financially feasible to build in Indiana. The City of Butler has not agreed to allow wastewater through its sewer system as it contains mercury and other possibly unacceptable chemicals. The sanitary sewer is not the issue, rather the quality of the process water from the manufacturing. Hawley stated that the technology is already purchased to solve the problem with mercury. However he now needs to have letters confirming the acceptance from three sources. The county highway and health departments have no problem, but the City of Butler will not give written confirmation of acceptance.

Commissioner Kaufman questioned that if IDEM has made its decision on the standards for the emission levels of the mercury would it not be reasonable for Butler to follow?

Attorney McCanna was concerned that when the Memorandum of Understanding is final with the state that the redevelopment process could continue.

Sally feels it would help for the commissioners to speak to Butler Mayor Coburn to explain the urgency to accomplish the process.

MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE – BENICOMP

Agent Brian Miller presented the Benicomp health insurance renewal proposal for 2006. The self-funded case report for July identifies 4 employees over the \$60,000 specific and the aggregating specific shows \$13,204 in recoverable expenses with 20% of the overall claims in prescription costs. At 72% the attachment point for claims is under the expected, about \$220,000 less than 2004. The census is slightly up, and the Lutheran Preferred costs are slightly higher at the \$60,000 specific /\$50,000 aggregating totals. With this cost increase Brian recommended that the commissioners select coverage with 60 specific/60 aggregating coverage. An increase in the current employee contribution might be a consideration. Three Rivers Preferred is a smaller network, but provides a larger discount with 90% coverage within the network and 60% for out of network cost, while Lutheran Preferred pays 90% within and 70% out of network. The option for employees to choose either network coverage annually could decrease costs as Benicomp is connected directly the Three Rivers Preferred.

Brian also expressed some concern that the employee contributions are covered under the Section 125 pre-tax deduction, and would like to put a process in place for yearly reinforcement of this measure.

Benicomp representative Joe Clark explained that his company is prepared to offer a three-year agreement with no premium or administrative cost changes. The Benicomp Advantage Wellness program was projected at \$200,000 but only \$80,000 has been spent thus far in 2005.

There were questions on possible changes for the criteria of the program. Testing would be early in November. Brian also suggested the use of brochures from the American Cancer Society covering the criteria for the BMI, blood pressure, cholesterol and smoking. Brian will return next week for a decision on the main points for coverage and selection of a reinsurance carrier, and begin the necessary work on certification for the screening process.

MATTER OF GIS

Alan Haynes of the Soil and Water District office spoke to the commissioners regarding issues for use of GIS. Although in much demand the program being developed by the county is not yet in usable format, but Alan proposed to get the necessary help for GIS director Brad Stump by using various other employees to input data. A meeting has been organized for September 21st to explore these opportunities.

MATTER OF AVIATION BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Kaufman recommended Phil Radar to be appointed to the Board of Aviation. New legislation allows a fifth member to be selected and the northern portion of the county is not well represented. Mr. Radar is a pilot living in the Waterloo area and would be a fitting representative. Mr. Radar was contacted and will meet with the commissioners at the next meeting on the 19th of September.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Commissioner Kaufman has received complaints from Gary Brunson regarding a crushed culvert and Melva Feters concerning cutting of her phone line.

Superintendent Patton stated that the phone company should have buried the lines three feet beneath the surface, but the lines were only a few inches under surface where work was being done. The phone lines have been repaired, and the crushed culvert concern on County Road 55 has been resolved.

There is a concern for the issuance of a driveway permit at County Road 34 and 59. The highway supervisor and the plan commission do not agree on the position for location of the driveway for this location. The commissioners will inspect this during the lunch break.

Very little is being expended at this time for highway repairs with the CEDIT monies as the fuel cost is extremely high for bituminous materials.

A motion by Connie Miles to approve a utility permit for United Telephone to bury and replace cable from 0287 to 0149 County Road 112 was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve a contract with Dalton for weed spray to maintain bridges and guardrails contingent on council approval of the appropriation of funds was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

Supervisor Patton presented a petition from residents of 12 homes on County Road 45 off of County Road 28 in Grant Township-Waterloo for paving. No action was taken.

A motion by Don Kaufman to authorize GAI to begin with the supplemental agreement for lights and sidewalks for the County Road 11A project at \$15,000 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve and for President Ort to sign the CEDIT claims for A & Z, API and Bear Creek Trucking was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF AIRPORT TRAVEL REQUEST

Brad Stump and Russ Couchman requested to attend the Indiana Aviation Association conference at Pokagon State Park. It is anticipated that the DeKalb County Airport will receive an award as Indiana Airport of the year and that Senator Dennis Kruse will be designated senator

of the year for his work to help with airport growth. For this reason the request is that four board members and airport manager Russ Couchman attend the conference and that others including the commissioners should attend the banquet should the airport be selected for this award. A motion by Connie Miles for approval for Russ and 4 board members to attend the conference and the banquet was seconded by William Ort. Commissioner Kaufman voted no.

MATTER OF GIS

The commissioners requested that Brad draft a letter to them listing the current priorities for the development process for GIS. Auditor Hayes stated that parcel conversion must be the first priority. The use of outdated maps within the auditor and assessor offices is extremely problematical. Brad stated that a range address layer would be the second concern and support for the zoning ordinance update would be the third. The MRBC has concerns for the flood control and the soil layers are important to both the surveyor and assessor.

MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve special claims was seconded by Connie Miles and carried. A motion by Connie Miles to approve Dan Fry's cellular phone billing claim was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

MATTER OF GENERAL CLAIMS

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

MATTER OF PAYROLL

The commissioners signed the payroll docket for checks issued September 9th. A motion by Connie Miles to approve payroll claims for the period ending September 8th was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

MATTER OF SUNNY MEADOWS

The commissioners reviewed and signed the August report for Sunny Meadows home and farm.

MATTER OF COURTHOUSE WINDOWS

Custodian Clint Stephens and contractor Hamilton Hunter requested to rent a lift to install the new windows. The lift owned by the contractor is far too large and would destroy the landscaping around the courthouse. Monthly rental would be the least expensive at about \$1,800. The commissioners agreed that this would be acceptable, and the rental fee will be taken from the original appropriation, as a change order will lower the original cost by slightly over \$2,000.

MATTER OF MINUTES

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the minutes for August 15th and 22nd was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

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MATTER OF TRAVEL

A motion by Connie Miles to approve the sheriff's request for travel for dispatcher school for Nathan Fike and jailers school for Tammy Mullins and Anja Gordon was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve Change Order #1 from Hamilton Hunter for the courthouse window replacement project and for President Ort to sign the order 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:

Sharon G. Hayes
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