

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 19, 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**

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**MATTER OF COURTHOUSE WINDOW PROJECT**

The installation of the new windows was begun and the commissioners inspected the progress as requested by custodian Clint Stephens. Architect Ed Welling will be contacted to speak to the contractors with concerns about a noticeable lack of insulation in various areas surrounding the windows. There must be no unfilled spaces to allow air to filter in or out.

**MATTER OF APPOINTMENT - AVIATION BOARD**

Phil Radar was suggested as an appointee for the aviation board. The commissioners invited Mr. Radar to meet with them to discuss this possibility. Mr. Radar has been a pilot for 30 years, and owns a Cesna 150, which is housed at the Waterloo airport. Mr. Radar is retired and spends the months of January and February in the southern parts of the US.

The commissioners explained that new legislation provides for a fifth member for the county aviation board. Mr. Radar would definitely be interested in the position.

A motion by Don Kaufman to appoint Phil Radar to the aviation board for a 4-year term effective immediately to continue with the remaining three years to expire December 31, 2008 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

**MATTER OF SMOKING ORDINANCE**

The commissioners were invited to attend an Auburn City Council meeting as a vote was eminent to determine the success or failure of a new nonsmoking ordinance for the various businesses and restaurants within the city limits. The commissioners spoke to Mayor Yoder to determine how such an ordinance might effect the county and what might be the method of enforcement. The mayor informed the commissioners of amendments to the ordinance and addressed possible concerns.

Mayor Yoder also explained his understanding of changes to the workforce investment board and that the commissioners would later be addressing this issue with Mr. Lanahan.

**MATTER OF SUNNY MEADOWS**

The livestock report was presented by Howard Richardson which listed 50 cows currently being milked, 28 bred heifers, 15 heifers (5 to 15 months), 4 heifers (1 to 4 months) 5 newborn heifers, 8 steers, and 2 herd bulls. There were three cows sold. The current milk price is \$15.03 per hundred pounds. Milk sales for the past month total \$9,381.47.

The silo is filled and the beans are not quite ready to combine.

Commissioner Kaufman instructed Howard to wait until spring to seed the 30 acre pasture.

A resident having been sent to the Samara unit for evaluation has now been taken to Richmond State Hospital. Guardianship for this individual will need to be established as his family did not sign the Power of Attorney form. Kim must now speak to the Social Security office to determine where this person's monthly check will be sent. There are now 17 residents at Sunny Meadows home.

Kim also reported that the door has been repaired as well as the lights on the inside of the cooler. There still seems to be a problem with the power washer, and it was suggested that repairs might be made at Taylor Rental.

#### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Supervisor Patton presented a list of appropriations to be requested from the council. A portion of the request will be for weed control with the remainder for replacement of a number of small structures.

The new trucks have arrived, and will be on the road within one day.

#### **MATTER OF CEDIT CLAIMS**

A motion by Connie Miles to approve and authorize the president to sign claims for expenses from the county CEDIT plan for Bear Creek Trucking was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

#### **MATTER OF HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT**

Agent Brian Miller explained that the county will regain about \$35,000 in specific costs this year, explained the letter that has gone out to all members and advised the commissioners of the best considerations for the new contract including the three-year extension without rate changes offered by Benicomp. A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the stop loss contract at 60,000/60,000 and the planned supervisory document as well as the three-year contract with Benicomp was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

Other changes to be considered in Item 3 call for the inclusion of the Three Rivers Preferred network along with Lutheran Preferred coverage. A motion by Don Kaufman to include Three Rivers as an additional choice for employees was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

The Item 4 criteria will remain the same for 2006, and Benicomp will work with Rick Ring of DeKalb Memorial on the screening, paying particular attention to the time structure and organization. A motion by Don Kaufman that there will also be a special consideration for the Section 125 forms which should be signed, and approval of section 8 of the contract was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

A motion by Connie Miles to approve and for President Ort to sign the Benicomp Plan Supervisory Agreement was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

#### **MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS**

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

#### **MATTER OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

The commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's report for August.

**MATTER OF MASTER PLAN**

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve Sharon Kline's claims for work on the county master plan was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

**MATTER OF SHERIFF'S TRAVEL**

A motion by Connie Miles to approve a request for travel from Sheriff Dennis for Jay Oberholtzer for update on polygraph training on September 27<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> and a law enforcement conference October 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

**MATTER OF AUDITOR TRAVEL**

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve travel for auditor Sharon Hayes for the semi-annual state called auditor's conference in Indianapolis October 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> was seconded by Connie Miles and carried. The State Board of Accounts mandates that fees for this meeting be paid from un-appropriated county general funds.

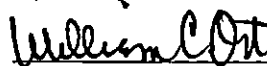
**MATTER OF BUILDING INSPECTOR**

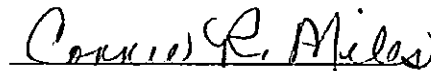
The commissioners requested to speak briefly with assistant building inspector Bill Walters. Bill was the appointed building inspector for several years and retired. He returned to work for the county a short time later as an assistant inspector. The current inspector Carlos Whitaker is resigning. Mr. Walters now wishes to work until his wife retires, and promised that he would retain the position long enough to train a replacement for his position.

A motion by Don Kaufman to appoint Bill Walters as building inspector was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

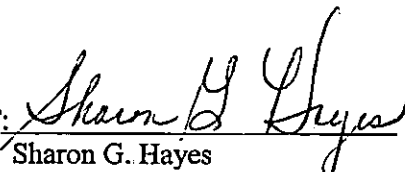
**MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
William C. Ort

  
Connie R. Miles

  
Don Kaufman

ATTEST:   
Sharon G. Hayes