

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 26, 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**

Connie R. Miles

Don Kaufman

**ABSENT**

William C. Ort

**MATTER OF HOUSER REZONING**

David and Kristen Houser have petitioned the plan commission to rezone 5.724 acres in Butler Township from County Rural Suburban, to County Rural Business for the storage of semis and box type trucks. Zoning administrator Sally Rowe explained that the plan commission had rendered an unfavorable recommendation to Petition 05-48 and listed the criteria for this determination.

Others present at the hearing were Kathryn Sager, Dick Sager, Frank Bassett, Doug Overy, William Shatterly, Kirk Faylor and Attorney Eric Weber

Attorney Eric Weber spoke briefly for the Housers stating that he understood the reasons for the decision.

Commissioner Miles opened the meeting to comment from others present for the hearing. Adjoining landowner Richard Sager spoke against the coming and going of trucks being fueled and serviced in a residential area. Frank Bassett stated his concerns for the pollution of surrounding wells and water from the oils and gasoline. Doug Overy stated his concern for the property values. The Housers have been good neighbors, but the operation continues to grow when it was suspected that the business operation was not legal to begin with. Now after five years there is a request for rezoning. William Shetterly agrees with all of the comments from his neighbors and feels that this trucking company surely must have other business locations which might be used to store the trucks, and he further fails to understand how storage can also mean maintenance, fueling and painting of these vehicles.

The zoning administrator stated that the Houser property with its large building is approved for personal use only. Mr. Houser works for DeKalb Metal Finishing, and he owns several trucks which he provides for the company. Mr. Houser was notified in 2001 that he was not in compliance with the county zoning code, but it was not until the process for legal action by the plan commission was begun in 2005 that he finally filed to request rezoning.

The plan commission returned the unfavorable recommendation for rezoning based on the following criteria. The business is not in compliance with the current county master plan. The surrounding areas is primarily agricultural or residential, and all adjoining properties are residential. The Houser business is not desirable for use of the heavy trucks on County Road 68. It does not preserve the values of the property, nor is it in harmony with orderly growth or the current master plan. There have been no changes to the surrounding area, which continues to be mostly residential.

Commissioner Kaufman questioned the availability of the companies other business areas for this purpose. The company does have other facilities, and Sally stated that rezoning would ultimately open the area to many other undesirable uses. If denied the owner would have 45 days to remove the trucks.

Attorney Weber stated that he understood why the commissioners might deny the petition, but also wanted the commissioners to be advised that he would return with a request for a special exception.

A motion by Don Kaufman to support the plan commission decision and deny the petition was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

### MATTER OF AMBULANCE RATES

Emergency medical Services Director Randy Fox presented the ambulance rates for 2006 as proposed by the hospital finance committee. The committee has reviewed its cost analysis and detailed analysis of the services adding basic life support service for assessment, without treatment or transport. The new rates would be effective October 1, 2005.

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the new rates was seconded by Connie Miles and carried. Rates will be calculated downward should the Medicare and Medicaid payment rates increase.

Ambulance Charge	2004-2005 Charges	2005-2006 Proposed Charges
Basic Life Support Assessment Only, No treatment or Transport	\$150.00	\$150.00
EMS No Transport (Includes Assessment & treatment	\$584.00	\$654.25
Basic Life Support, non-emergency	\$731.50	\$819.50
Basic Life Support, Emergency	\$1,076.25	\$1,205.50
Advanced Life Support 1, non-Emergency	\$889.50	\$996.25
Advanced Life Support 1, Emergency	\$1,302.75	\$1,459.25
Advanced Life Support 2, complex	\$1,552.00	\$1,738.25
Specialty Care Transport	\$1,447.25	\$1,621.00
Per Loaded Mile (BLS/ALS)	\$20.50	\$23.00
Event Stand-by (not Community Service)	\$92.50	\$103.75
Multiple patient transport charges are Detailed on Attachment #1		

#### Attachment #1

Ambulance Charges	2004-2005 Charges	2005-2006 Proposed Charges
Complete Charge Master Matrix		
Basic Life Support (BLS) Assessment Only, No treatment or Transport	\$150.00	\$150.00
EMS No Transport (Includes assessment & treatment)	\$584.00	\$654.25
BLS, non-emergency -- 1 patient	\$731.50	\$819.50
BLS, non-emergency -- 2 patients	\$548.75	\$614.00
BLS, non-emergency -- more than 2 patients	\$439.00	\$492.00
BLS. Emergency -- 1 patient	\$1,076.25	\$1,205.50
BLS Emergency -- 2 patients	\$807.25	\$904.00
BLS Emergency -- more than 2 patients	\$603.00	\$723.00
Advanced Life Support (ALS) 1, non-emergency -- 1 patient	\$889.50	\$996.25
ALS 1, non-emergency -- 2 patients	\$661.25	\$747.00
ALS 1, non-emergency -- more than 2 patients	\$533.75	\$598.00
ALS 1 Emergency -- 1 patient	\$1,302.75	\$1,459.25
ALS 1 Emergency -- 2 patients	\$977.25	\$1,094.00

ALS 1 Emergency – more than 2 patients	\$781.75	\$875.00
ALS 2, complex – 1 patient	\$1,552.00	\$1,738.25
ALS 2, complex – 2 patients	\$1,163.75	\$1,304.00
ALS 2, complex – more than 2 patients	\$931.00	\$1,043.00
Specialty Care Transport	\$1,447.25	\$1,621.00
Per Loaded Mile (BLS/ALS)	\$20.50	\$23.00
Event Stand-by (per-hour)	\$92.50	\$103.60
Waiting Time (per 1/2 hour)	\$52.50	\$59.00

#### **MATTER OF SBOA EXIT CONFERENCE**

State Board of Accounts field representatives have finished the 2004 audit for the county and were present to inform the commissioners of the completed audit and any findings. The client representation letter and all exit documents were initialed and approved by the auditor and the commissioners.

#### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Yvonne Stuckey complained about drainage water in the woods of her property located on the southwest corner at the intersection of County Road 35 and the Auburn Drive extension to State Road 8. Ms. Stuckey contends that the Metcalf ditch lateral spur and clogged tile cause the problem and she would like it to be repaired by the county.

Superintendent Patton stated that the problem might be solved by placing a drainage culvert under County Road 35.

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve and Vice-president Miles to sign a claim for gravel purchased with CEDIT monies was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

#### **MATTER OF UTILITY PERMIT**

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve and sign a utility permit for SBC to bore under Interstate Highway 69 and along County Road 50 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

#### **MATTER OF GIS**

Alan Haynes presented minutes from the recent meeting held for discussion of progress with implementation of GIS. The group met with Brad Stump and agreed that there should be help to implement the address layer. Auditor Hayes was not comfortable with numerous persons entering data, and felt that those who normally work with parcel identification and addresses for the county should be selected to do the data entry. It was also mentioned that Chris Schweitzer of the City of Auburn has similar concerns.

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

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

#### **MATTER OF PAYROLL**

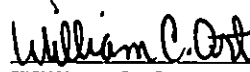
A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the payroll claims for the period ending September 22<sup>nd</sup> was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

**MATTER OF SHERIFFS TRAVEL REQUESTS**

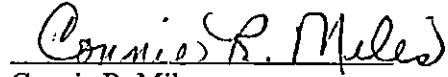
A motion by Don Kaufman to deny four requests for travel and invite the sheriff to attend the next meeting to give further explanation was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

**MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

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



William C. Ort

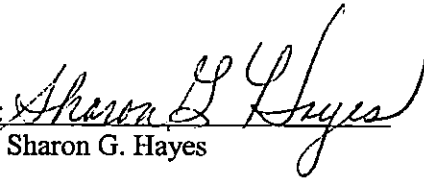


Connie R. Miles



Don Kaufman

ATTEST:



Sharon G. Hayes