

MONDAY

October 3, 2005

MONDAY

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 ADDRESS CHANGES

Zoning Administrator Rowe explained the necessity of changing addresses for Indian Lake Drive. The private road leads to several homes located around the lake, but the county will not maintain the road. The changes of address are for emergency 911 purposes only. A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the address changes for Indian Lake was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Fred Lanahan of the newly established regional workforce development board explained changes being made to the method of operation. Board members will be designated elected officials such as the commissioners or the mayor of Auburn or Garrett. Patty Weddel will maintain the Workforce Investment Board until the new board is in place. The elected officials will then choose to leave the investment board as it is or elect to put the service of the board out for bid. The new group will direct all employment training with 16 board members from 11 counties. A motion by Don Kaufman to appoint Mayor Yoder to the workforce board was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE

Connie Brown of Waterloo appealed to the commissioners to overturn Township Trustee Mary Dangler's decision to deny assistance for payment of electric and water fees. Mrs. Brown contended that the trustee was rude and disapproving of the applicant and her daughter-in-law at the time of their meeting. She further stated that the trustee had no basis to deny giving help and no right to suggest that the applicant spend her money in a more prudent manner. Expenses were listed for cable TV, Internet access, and two cellular phones. Mrs. Brown stated that no one in the house was employed and the daughter-in-law had not been released from medical care following the birth of a child. Both Mrs. Brown and her husband are not able to work and receive social security disability benefits. Mr. Brown has 4 major illnesses including cardio-pulmonary disease, and cirrhosis of the liver. Mrs. Brown also admitted that her husband did smoke cigarettes, but was not allowed to do so inside the home around the infant.

Trustee Dangler stated that although she had made allowance for one additional person who was in jail and not currently residing in the home Ms. Brown did not meet the financial guidelines for aid from the township. Although requested, no receipts were provided for the purchase of medications claimed by Mrs. Brown, who stated that she saw no need to keep the receipts and they had been disposed of. The trustee stated that she had not used abusive, rude or demeaning language, but that she had indicated that the family might consider giving up cable TV, and seek a contract for use with two phones less expensive than the current at slightly over \$90. Trustee Dangler also stated that she had previously helped the family.

Following questions and discussion of options, Commissioner Ort explained that the trustee was within her rights to deny the request for assistance, and that he did feel the Browns should consider decisions for making better use of their funds. Since Mr. Brown is a veteran it was also suggested that he investigate the possibility of help through the county veteran service officer. Commissioner Ort further stated that if the Browns were able to change or adjust some of their habits and expenses the trustee might then consider financial assistance.

A motion by Don Kaufman to deny the appeal for township assistance but instruct Mrs. Brown to keep receipts and control expenses was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF ROOFING REPAIRS

Art Albert of Albert's Roofing spoke to the commissioners regarding payment of an invoice for repairs he will be making to the courthouse. The commissioners stated that there was no provision to pay for services before they were performed, but that if Mr. Albert would turn in his invoice a claim for the work would be done and submitted for payment. Mr. Albert admitted that he would be able to finish the work and submit the claim in sufficient time for the payment of regularly scheduled claims.

MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

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

MATTER OF GENERAL CLAIMS

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

MATTER OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Custodian Clint Stephens reported that the courthouse had indeed survived another county fair. The cleanup had been accomplished and the installation of the new windows had proceeded through the festivities.

Clint would like to purchase a heavy-duty wagon to transport water to the hanging flower baskets through the summer months. He has found one to purchase for \$200 and feels this is an exceptional price. The commissioners agreed to the purchase.

MATTER OF OF UTILITY EASEMENT

Airport manager Russ Couchman presented documents for easements for the sewer system for the airport. A motion by Connie Miles to approve the easements between DeKalb County and the City of Auburn was seconded by William Ort and carried.

MATTER OF RESOLUTION – AIRPORT BOND

A motion by Connie Miles to approve and sign Resolution 2005-R21 was seconded by William Ort and carried.

MATTER OF ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

A recently retired police officer Lonnie Lanning presented a resume to the commissioners and expressed interest in the position of assistant building inspector. The commissioners accepted the resume and explained that they would be advertising to accept resumes for additional applicants for the position.

MATTER OF TRAVEL

Sheriff John Dennis explained his request for travel for deputies, which was refused at a prior meeting. In order to maintain their deputy status officers must have 16 hours of training per year. A motion by Connie Miles to approve the previous requests for travel with the exception of the request for training in grant writing, as well as the request to send two new employees to dispatch school was seconded by William Ort and carried.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

The commissioners signed the payroll docket for checks issued September 30th.

MATTER OF AUDITOR'S CONFERENCE

Auditor Sharon Hayes requested to attend the state called auditor's conference taking place in Indianapolis during the remainder of the week. A motion by Connie Miles to approve attendance of the conference was seconded by William ort and carried.

MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

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

William C. Ort
William C. Ort

Connie R. Miles
Connie R. Miles

Don Kaufman
Don Kaufman

ATTEST: Sharon G. Hayes
Sharon G. Hayes