

MONDAY

January 12, 2004

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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 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER**

IS Department Manager Jack Smith presented a contract from a new Internet service provider. It was recently learned that the current provider, Hypervine would no longer provide high-speed access to the Internet. A new company, Technology Specialists is a local provider of high-speed service at a lower cost. Technology Specialists will also provide email service and links to the state government sites. The new contract would continue from February 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005 with the opportunity to reevaluate in 6 months to determine whether to retain the service.

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve and authorize President Ort to sign the contract with Internet Service Provider Technology Specialists was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

**MATTER OF CLARIFICATION - COMMISSIONERS - DECEMBER 15, 2003**

Zoning Administrator Sally Rowe requested clarification of the minutes from the commissioners' meeting on December 15, 2003. Angela Goegline requested a variance for a sign to advertise her dog grooming business. The original minutes stated that the sign would be portable and not set in concrete. The zoning administrator's request was to adjust this portion to read that the sign would be moveable with posts set in the ground and perpendicular to the fence. The minutes of this previous meeting will be referenced to show the requested change.

**MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Zoning Administrator Sally Rowe also requested that the highway department make note of homes with no green and white numeric sign. This could be done any time highway employees are performing roadwork and notice the absence of a sign. Highway workers often know the homeowner or the approximate address by location. This would greatly help the plan commission office as well as emergency response time.

Superintendent Eric Patton agreed that it would be possible for his employees to help with this effort.

Eric again presented the plan he would like adopted for weather emergencies. The document will be retyped and DeKalb County will be inserted where appropriate. Eric will present the revised document at the January 26, 2004 meeting.

Superintendent Patton requested to use Cumulative Bridge monies to do the GIS mapping for the remaining townships. The commissioners agreed that he should proceed as necessary.

Ken Minet from Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineering spoke regarding the completion of the new master plan to reflect a new interchange for County Road 64 to re route traffic and plan for roads to traverse east across the county. At this point the county should submit the plan for the roads to the state. Roads to the west were not considered at this time. The commissioners should meet with the airport board to get all committed before the request is made for state or federal monies to create the corridor. A meeting should be held with INDOT to discuss the possibility to obtain monies to help. In this instance the county portion needed would be 20% of the total project unless the state would provide the entire cost for a new interchange. The county would then pay for only the roads leading to the interchange. A study to determine the need for the interchange would cost about \$100,000. Therefore it would be prudent to decide on the commitment, meet with the airport board and begin to make applications. INDOT would then issue a scope of work and tell the county the necessary steps to take to begin. This would become a line item in the new transportation bill.

#### **MATTER OF HOPEWELL CHURCH SIGN**

Hopewell U B Church requested to replace the sign currently in front of the church with a new sign of approximately the same size. The new sign may be lighted and since it cannot be seen well from the south, the church has requested to be able to place the sign slightly closer to the road. New regulations do not permit this. However, the church is hoping that the commissioners might grant a variance for this purpose or "grandfather" the sign into the restricted area because of the location of the previous sign. A motion by Don Kaufman to grant a variance to allow Hopewell Church to replace the sign as requested was 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 PAYROLL**

The commissioners signed the payroll docket for December 19, 2003, December 23, 2003 and January 8, 2004

#### **MATTER OF CONTRACTS – SUNNY MEADOWS**

There was a brief discussion concerning the contract for the superintendent and administrator of Sunny Meadows home and farm.

#### **MATTER OF AIRPORT**

Airport Manager Wade Troth discussed the liability concerns with hanger renters at the airport, namely the Fixed Base Operator. The majority of airports require \$1,000,000 liability insurance from their fixed base operators. Victory Aviation now carries \$2,000,000, but would like to cut costs by \$7,000 by lowering the liability to \$1,000,000.

Wade feels that uniform industry standards will begin to increase and the current \$2,000,000 should be kept. At this time Victory Aviation could not afford the risk of a large claim. With less coverage, the county would have to pay expenses should an accident occur. The

commissioners agreed that the coverage should remain at \$2,000,000. However the aviation board has endeavored to aid the FBO by making repairs to the hanger, which should lower the winter heating costs thus giving some relief in another manner. There is also a question of raising the liability insurance limit for builders performing services at the airport.

**MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

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

William C. Ort  
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Connie R. Miles  
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Don Kaufman  
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ATTEST: Sharon G. Hayes  
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