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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

MATTER OF BOARD OF FINANCE

The commissioners and Treasurer Susan Bauermeister met for the annual board of finance meeting. The treasurer presented the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the minutes was seconded by Connie Miles and carried. As a matter of reorganization a motion by Connie Miles to retain the same board officers was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried. The treasurer explained that there is a change in the listing of county depositories.

MATTER OF COUNTY REASSESSMENT

Assessor Dottie Leins reported to the commissioners that the assessor's web site is now available for public use. Dottie also reported that reassessment has greatly added to the workload by necessitating numerous corrections to land values as well as numerous refunds.

MATTER OF APPOINTMENT-WAGE COMMITTEE - DEKALB EASTERN SCHOOLS

A motion by Don Kaufman to appoint James Graham of County Road 56, St. Joe to the wage determination committee for the DeKalb Eastern Building Project as requested by the board was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF SHERIFF

Although not on the agenda, the sheriff was present to request that bids be taken for new vehicles for his department. The request is for 2 new Crown Victoria patrol vehicles, an SUV and a transport van to be replaced.

President Ort questioned the matter of the counties' ability to fund the vehicles.

The sheriff reported a total of 78 inmates with 19 court hearings to be held on this day.

The sheriff is also helping to control angry taxpayers in the treasurer's office with frequent walk through visits from members of his department.

MATTER OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT - CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

Building Inspector Carlos Whitaker discussed Ordinance 2003-14, an ordinance providing for registration of all contractors performing services within the county. Carlos feels that many problems come about with the use of tradesmen and contractors from outside the county. Attorney Kruse proposed several changes to the types of work listed as well as

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consideration of an addition for Amish contractors, and a proficiency rating. It was agreed that Attorney Kruse would review the ordinance to make the suggested changes.

Carlos also presented 10 resumes for the position of assistant building inspector.

MATTER OF COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve, and for the commissioners to sign the certification for the Spencerville Covered Bridge was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF APPOINTMENT - AIRPORT WAGE COMMITTEE

A motion by Don Kaufman to appoint members of the airport wage committee for the new T-hangers, Jo Holben, Roger Stebing and Jeff Turner to the wage committee for the airport sewer project and any other airport project in 2004 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF CLERK - JTAC/ HAVA/MICROVOTE

Clerk Jackie Rowan informed the commissioners that she has been in contact with the state regarding the conversions and scheduling problems for JTAC. The pilot counties for this project are Clay, Morgan, and Huntington. These counties will begin use of the program in April of 2004. Mr. Mount will visit DeKalb County following a visit to Huntington to determine whether the clerk's imaging system will be compatible and also to meet with the newly appointed Judge Kirk Carpenter. The high-speed connection will be brought to Auburn in August of 2004, but the program is not scheduled to be in use in the clerk's office in DeKalb County until February 1, 2005. Prior to coming on line, the judges must decide exactly what must be converted.

Jackie also announced that she has been appointed to a position on the state voter registration steering committee for HAVA. There was also discussion concerning inspection of polling sites with regard to the ADA. The commissioners discussed appointments for a new committee for this purpose. A motion by William Ort to appoint Clerk Rowan, Commissioner Miles, Deputy Marty Grimm, Meg Zenk and one other appointed by Meg Zenk to represent the elderly and handicapped for the committee was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

A motion by Connie Miles to approve and for President Ort to sign the Microvote Election Management System Software Maintenance Agreement was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

Clerk Rowan also informed the commissioners that she had purchased more shelving for the basement as Judge Carpenter wished to move and store juvenile court records separately. Clerk Rowan had monies within her budget to purchase these shelves.

MATTER OF SUNNY MEADOWS

Sunny Meadows Administrator Janel Snow presented the 2003-income/expense report for the county home and farm. This report will be presented to the council on February 2nd. Changes in income and decrease in expenses were explained. A change in vendors has caused an increase in the cost for feed for livestock. At this time Sunny Meadows had 17 residents. There are no applications for new residents, but Janel has received several calls of inquiry.

Herdsmen Howard Richardson presented the livestock report and a milk comparison report for 2001, 2002, and 2003. There are 52 cows being milked. There are 9 dry cows, 13 bred heifers, 9 heifers 5 to 15 months, 9 heifers 1 to 5 month, and 1 newborn heifer, 26 steers and 2 herd bulls. The current milk price is not available, but \$15.08 was the price last month.

Superintendent Richard Snow spoke of a new employee to begin with milking, as well as estimates to be coming from DDK for construction of the slab and catch basin for the fuel tank

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for the corncrib for shelled corn. This will mean that the corn will no longer need to be stored away from the farm. Propane dealers will be consulted.

MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

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

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Superintendent Patton presented confirmation from the state approving funds in the neighborhood of \$1.2 million for construction on County Roads 60 and 427.

Mr. Patton also presented the final change order for the covered bridge. A motion by Don Kaufman to approve Change Order No.3 for \$740.16 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

Eric has a request from employee Steve Provines to attend meetings of the Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Provines is the Vice-chairman of the district. He would like to be able to leave work early for the meetings and not be forced to use sick or vacation time. The commissioners would like more information on the frequency of the meetings. Eric will obtain more information.

Eric announced that requests for quotes on 3 tractors have been sent out to 5 dealers. Also the dump truck ordered in 2003 is now at W.A. Jones for installation of the dump bed.

MATTER OF SEVERE WEATHER ORDINANCE

Attorney Kruse asked the commissioners to review the ordinances obtained from other counties with regard to severe weather. The various emergency levels were discussed. It was decided that no changes would be made to the current ordinance for the county.

MATTER OF MINUTES

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the minutes of January 5, 2004 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF GIS

GIS Director Brad Stump informed the commissioners that GTE North telephone company has requested to join with the county to share some of the cost for GIS development in exchange for use of the data captured. Brad feels that this would be beneficial to the county to help with expenses, and that perhaps other utilities would like to participate in the venture. It would not mean that the utilities would have access to the certain mapping portions of the GIS material within the county system. This information will be combined at some time in the future with the new parcel and tax history as well as current tax status. The utility companies would be able to participate on a view only status, and would not have access to additional materials of a private nature.

MATTER OF MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS – XEROX COPIERS

Jeff Bassett presented three maintenance contracts for Xerox copiers in the clerk, assessor and superior court small claims division offices. These copiers will be changed to a per-copy cost for the remainder of the agreement. A motion by Connie Miles to sign the agreements was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

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MATTER OF ALTERNATIVE ELEVATOR CONTRACT

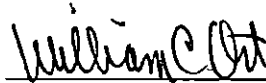
Custodian Clint Stephens reviewed the maintenance service contract from Alternative Elevator. A motion by Don Kaufman to approve and sign the service agreement with Alternative Elevator Service, Inc. to renew February 1, 2004 for the annual fee of \$4,662 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

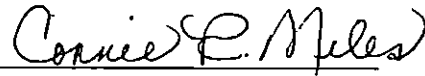
A motion by Don Kaufman to approve Bill Walters as the new assistant building inspector was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

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



William C. Ort

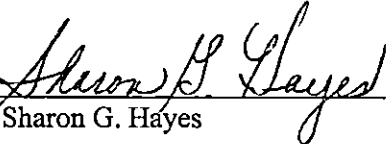


Connie R. Miles



Don Kaufman

ATTEST:


Sharon G. Hayes