

MONDAY

March 15, 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

William C. Ort
Connie R. Miles
Don Kaufman

ABSENT

MATTER OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

Building Inspector Carlos Whitaker requested to be allowed to help his son with his electrical business during evenings and weekends. Should a permit be required for the work being done Carlos requested that the alternate inspector Bill Walters be elected to do the inspections of the work. Carlos admitted that the salary he makes as building inspector does not cover the cost of rising expenses. If Carlos is not allowed to work to supplement his salary he may be forced to return to his business as an electrician. Carlos feels that he has done many things to improve the building department, and that with Bill Walters as a second inspector, he would not need to be concerned about a problem with having to inspect his own work.

Attorney Kruse advised Carlos to file a disclosure form for conflict of interest with the county clerk. Inspections should not be a problem if Carlos is performing work in other counties.

Carlos reported that both inspectors carry building permits in their vehicles. When they happen to find a problem within the county jurisdiction knowing that no permit had been obtained, but work is in progress, the permit can be issued on the work site and the fees paid. In this manner the inspectors are finding numerous incidents where issuance of the permit allows for the proper inspection of projects which might not meet the standard building codes if allowed to continue. The on site issuance of the permit saves time for both the owner and the construction crew or builder who may not have known a permit was required.

MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

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

MATTER OF MINUTES

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the minutes of February 2nd was seconded by William Ort and carried.

MATTER OF TREASURER'S REPORT

The commissioners reviewed the February treasurer's report.

MATTER OF APPOINTMENT

A motion by Don Kaufman to appoint Garl Miles to the Alcoholic Beverage Board was seconded by William Ort and carried.

MATTER OF OFFICIAL BONDS

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the surety bond for court reporter Sandra Deardorf was seconded by William Ort and carried

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve, and for the President Ort to sign the LPA Claim for \$766.82 for GAI for engineering services on Bridge 73 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

Other highway business included discussion concerning the lack of funding for highway projects.

MATTER OF PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the township trustees' selection of Edison Shippy as appointee to the plan commission was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT

It is noted that Attorney Kruse was not present for this portion of the meeting as there was a conflict of interest.

USDA representative Anthony Kirkland presented documents for the commissioners to endorse in acceptance of the \$99,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant. Money from the grant will be used for engineering and design fees for the County Road 11A project. The first document, a Letter of Condition, provided that the monies were to be expended in only one manner. Following the contribution of \$20,750 from the Kruse Foundation, which would be added to the \$99,000, a payment of \$48,000 would be paid to MSKTD for design and \$71,750 to GAI for engineering fees. The second document, the Grant Agreement stated that no equipment would be purchased with the grant money. The third document, a grant survey, is to be used as tracking method for the system. Form 1940-Q states that no federal funds will be paid for lobbying activity. The fourth set of documents, AD1047 and AD1048 state that the county is not for any reason barred from borrowing government funds. Finally a letter of intent to meet the conditions for requesting the obligation of the funds for ACH necessary for advancing the monies to the county bank account.

A motion by Connie Miles to authorize Commissioner Kaufman to sign all of the grant documents as he was President when the grant application was submitted and his name appears on the forms was seconded by William Ort and carried

The presentation of the grant by official announcement and publication will most likely occur in May.

MATTER OF AIRPORT

Brad Stump, Wade Troth and Laydon Rieke spoke to the commissioners concerning a problem at the airport. The Fixed Base Operator, Victory Aviation is 3 months behind on the lease agreement. This amount of \$13,500 is necessary revenue for the operation of the airport. Avionics and maintenance are in good shape, but this portion of the business does not recover costs lost by the FBO. The commissioners advised the aviation board to proceed to collect the rental monies.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

A motion by Connie Miles to approve the payroll for the week ending January 29th was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

The commissioners signed the payroll docket for the period of February 13 through February 26th.

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MATTER OF REQUEST

Custodian Clint Stephens explained that the Auburn Fire Department requested the use of the Holben Building for a garage sale fund raising event. The commissioners do not wish to open the facility to public use. The liability is an overwhelming concern and the sheriff uses the building for vehicles, maintenance and storage of materials.

The meeting was continued to Thursday March 18 following the regular meeting of the drainage board.

MATTER OF FLOOD PLAIN PURCHASE

A motion by Don Kaufman to purchase the home of William and Linda Souder at 28 Cottonwood Drive in Butler Township for \$126,000 contingent on the money being available from the Maumee River Basin Commission 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.

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ATTEST: Sharon G. Hayes
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