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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 COMPUTER MEETING**

Information Systems director Jack Smith explained the outline of accomplishments and ongoing projects.

The IS Department continues its non-stop support on issues faced by the treasurer and auditor following the difficulties of reassessment and late tax billing. Thirty PC's will replace out of warranty machines, 11 have been installed. Pat continues to help with the RVI Scanning Software. Network connections are completed for the new Xerox machine installed in the recorder's office. Projects are still in the planning stages for JTAC and SVRS, while others are waiting for implementation or upgrade pending one the completion of the 2003 tax cycle.

**MATTER OF SHERIFF**

Sheriff Dennis reported that his department has received \$76,790 from the Indiana Department of Corrections for housing of state prisoners between March and December of 2003.

**MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Superintendent Patton conducted a traffic count for County Road 70 between old State Road 3 and the Noble County line where a resident has requested a speed limit reduction. This portion of the road contains 3/10 of a mile in DeKalb County. It was suggested that the request might be more effectively carried out in Noble County, which contains the longer portion of the road.

Superintendent Patton estimates a cost of \$99,899.66 for double chip and seal on County Road 71 where the railroad bridge will be removed. It is unlikely that the railroad will agree to pay this amount to repair the road after the bridge is removed, but Eric will try to negotiate since the cost would also involve additional drainage work and additional repair cost to the approach areas.

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve, and for President Ort to sign two contracts for bridge packages from Primco on condition that the council approves the appropriations in May was seconded by Connie Miles and carried. The bridge study done by United Consulting indicates that Bridge 92 is in poor repair and a proposal for replacement will be presented at a later date.

Other highway business included a request for chip and seal by at least three residents on County Road 50 between County Roads 39 and 41. Although the lack of funding for highway projects prohibits this, the residents request to pay for the work. Eric will determine a cost for the project and inform the residents who may then decide whether they are able to privately fund the cost of the materials which is about \$15,000 per one half mile.

Eli Samaan of GAI Consultants presented a plan for the county Road 11A project for both the east (\$1,100,000) and the west (\$1,470,000) approaches to the interchange at Interstate Highway 69. Eli suggested that the commissioners might apply for federal grant monies to help with the project. The total cost to the county (\$464,080) includes 10% for construction

(\$234,080) and (\$230,000) for the preliminary and right of way engineering. The commissioners will consider the proposal.

**MATTER OF USDA GRANT**

A motion by Connie Miles for Commissioner Kaufman to sign the agreement to accept the advance of the USDA grant monies for the American Heritage Village infrastructure was seconded by William Ort and carried. The 20% match as promised by Dean Kruse was reported to Mr. Kirkland as having been spent previously on the project.

**MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS**

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve special claims and the percentage of Dan Fry's cellular phone bill was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

**MATTER OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Attorney Kruse reviewed documents needed for the receipt of the \$210,000 State Homeland Security Grant. A motion by Connie Miles to sign the memorandum of understanding between DeKalb County and the Integrated Public Safety Commission was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

A motion by Connie Miles to sign the First Responder Communications Equipment Sub-grant Agreement for the U.S. DHS-ODP 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program Part II was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

**MATTER OF DRUG FREE DEKALB COUNTY**

Brenda Daley, Program Coordinator for Drug Free DeKalb County requested space for a desk within the DARE office area. Brenda currently shares space with the United Way office, but feels that the county would be better served by coordinating the DARE and Drug Free DeKalb County efforts in the office space. The commissioners granted the request.

**MATTER OF PAYROLL**

The commissioners signed the payroll docket for checks issued April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MATTER OF GENERAL CLAIMS**

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

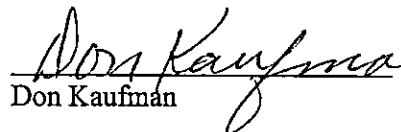
**MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

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



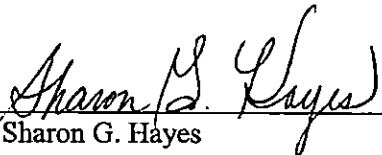
William C. Ort

Connie R. Miles



Don Kaufman

ATTEST:

  
Sharon G. Hayes