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April 19, 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

**ABSENT**

Don Kaufman

**MATTER OF JAIL REPAIRS**

Sheriff Dennis presented an estimate for repairs to the jail from water damage in the kitchen area. It will cost an estimated \$770 to repair the ceiling and other areas damaged by the water leak. There is money available in the sheriff's budget in the building repairs account if the full extent of the damage should not be covered by insurance. It is possible that the repair costs will not meet the deductible amount.

The sheriff also reported that the jail roof is leaking around the tower area at the edges of the rubber roofing. Repairs must also be made to this portion of the roof as water is seeping down the inside walls into one of the satellite areas.

**MATTER OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

The commissioners reviewed the March treasurer's report.

**MATTER OF MINUTES**

A motion by Connie Miles to approve the minutes of March 22 and 29, 2004 was seconded by William Ort and carried.

**MATTER OF PAYROLL**

Commissioners signed the payroll docket for checks issued April 16, 2004.

**MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS**

A motion by Connie Miles to approve special claims was seconded by William Ort and carried.

**MATTER OF CEDIT**

By resolution DeKalb County Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT) monies have been pledged to the Redevelopment Commission/Authority for use in the (TIF) Tax Increment Financing area which includes Steel Dynamics, Inc. The CEDIT monies were made available to help repay the bonds for the air filtration system necessary for SDI.

The commissioners are concerned that the money is very much needed by the county for road maintenance, as state funding has been cut by more than half within the last three years. The commissioners requested that Attorney Kruse draft a letter to SDI explaining their wishes and requesting their cooperation in the matter. Attorney Kruse will also speak with attorneys who arranged the original bond and request aid to refinance the project to allow the county to regain use of the CEDIT funds.

**MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Eric Patton reported that he would request additional appropriations in June to rebuild Bridge 92 on the Basket Factory Road and repair Bridge 22 on County Road 55. A motion by Connie Miles to approve the request was seconded by William Ort and carried.

Eric also stated that he had not yet spoken with railroad authorities regarding the removal of the bridge on County Road 75. The railroad offered \$75,000 to help the county repair the road following the removal of the bridge. Superintendent Patton feels it will cost \$125,000 for double chip and seal for the three and one-half mile strip of road, which includes the bridge approaches.

Superintendent Patton has also received requests to close the Spencerville Covered Bridge from October 7<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> for the covered bridge festival. The commissioners will consider this request.

**MATTER OF MEETING – CITY OF AUBURN**

Auburn Mayor Norman Yoder and city engineer Steve Bruns presented maps and discussed three potential construction projects for which they would like to partner with the county. The projects all deal with drainage problems and roadways within or around the city. The first project would be the construction of a road from the northern end of Grandstaff Drive connecting to the western end of Betz Road and proceeding on Betz Road to County Road 427 and the area surrounding the Lutheran Church and Norland Park subdivision. This would require an upgrade for three county drains to solve flooding problems and provide a northern bypass around the city. The second project is Wesley Road from State Road 8 to County Road 35 to improve traffic conditions and safety behind the hospital. The third project is County Road 35.

The city cannot obtain sufficient grant monies alone, but could apply with another government entity to receive the funding. They hope to convince the commissioners that this would be beneficial to both the city and county, and believe that the funding for drainage work would be funded at 80% because it effects the construction of roadways for flood relief.

**MATTER OF PLAN COMMISSION**

Zoning Administrator Sally Rowe announced plans to establish two new line items for the plan commission and BZA for transcripts. The pursuit of numerous zoning issues makes it necessary to provide official transcripts of the various public meetings. Neither the plan commission nor the board of zoning appeals budgets includes funds for this costly process.

**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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Don Kaufman

ATTEST: Sharon G. Hayes  
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