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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**

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**MATTER OF REZONING**

A motion by Connie Miles to move the rezoning hearing scheduled for today to June 7, 2004 at 1:30 was seconded by Don Kaufman.

**MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT PHASE II**

A motion by Connie Miles to approve and for President Ort to sign the Public Safety Grant Agreement Phase II was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

**MATTER OF MINUTES**

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

**MATTER OF POSTAGE MACHINE**

David Wagner, sales representative from Impac, Co. demonstrated a Hassler digital postage machine. The US Post Office department requests that all metered mail is processed digitally beginning in 2006. A Pitney Bowes machine is now owned by the county. The meter and scale rental along with monthly maintenance of this mechanical machine is costly. Pitney Bowes has offered a lease price on a new machine for less money by monthly payment than the cost to rent and maintain the current machine. The commissioners decided to view competitive equipment to compare pricing. The cost of the Hassler machine offered by Impac is considerably less and manufactured in components weighing far less than the machine currently in use. The digital machine is much quieter and offers an option for connection to a PC for account reporting. Other options include the use of an ink cartridge and the choice for use of either tape or precut strips for application of postage to larger pieces of mail not accommodated by the machine. The indicia portion may also be programmed for individual departments or the use of seasonal or informative wording. The auditor will compare the cost of a new machine to the cost to operate the Pitney Bowes machine now in use. Should a decrease in expense be found, the commissioners may consider the purchase or lease of a new postage machine.

**MATTER OF SUNNY MEADOWS**

Herdsmen Howard Richardson gave the livestock report. The herd at Sunny Meadows consists of 55 milking cows, 11 dry cows, 12 bred heifers, 10 heifers (5 to 15 months), 12 heifers (1 to 5 months), 8 newborns, 16 steers and 3 herd bulls. There were 8 steers sold. The milk price is \$13.94 per hundred pounds. The new fencing is in place and the herd is moving into the

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grazing process well. Additional feed is being cut back gradually to allow for adjustment to grazing.

Administrator Janel Snow gave details concerning the residents, who were taken to Tennessee for a one-week vacation trip. The residents enjoyed the outing.

#### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY DUST CONTROL BIDS**

There was one bid for dust control for gravel roads for the 2004 summer season. A motion by Don Kaufman to accept the bid of Great Lakes Chloride for dust control application at \$0.536 per gallon of 42% calcium chloride was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

There was discussion of the wheel and surcharge tax to be presented to the council for consideration at the June 7 meeting.

Ken Minet of Butler Fairmen and Seufert Engineering Co. introduced samples of the impact fees now being collected in the cities of Noblesville and Fishers, IN. This is a user fee method developed to aid with the cost of infrastructure when construction takes place. Ken suggested that the commissioners might consider this approach for the county and also suggested that the commissioners prepare for the council, a list of projects to be accomplished with the use of money generated by a wheel tax.

#### **MATTER OF APPOINTMENT – COUNCIL ON AGING**

A motion by Don Kaufman to appoint Harold Curie to the Board of Directors for the DeKalb County Council on Aging was seconded by William Ort and carried.

#### **MATTER OF BUSINESS LOCATION**

A motion by Connie Miles for the commissioners to sign an introductory letter and forward information on tax abatement in the DeKalb County industrial corridor to Tyler Graves was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

Tyler Graves previously visited the commissioners concerning a business looking to make corporate investments in the industrial corridor in Wilmington Township. Mr. Graves did not divulge the name of the company, however the commissioners indicated their interest for Mr. Graves to pursue the company and its interest to locate in DeKalb County.

#### **MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS**

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve special claims was seconded by William Ort and carried.

#### **MATTER OF BOAH – BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH**

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve and sign the contracts with the Indiana Board of Animal Health to provide Brucellosis and Tuberculosis testing for the herd at Sunny Meadows was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

#### **MATTER OF NEW COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN**

It was agreed that a letter in support of the steering committee for the new comprehensive master plan as well as the actual plan document subject to any technical changes shall be written to the council to be presented at the June 7 meeting.

**MATTER OF PAYROLL**

A motion by Connie Miles to approve the payroll claims for the period ending May 20 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.

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ATTEST: Sharon G. Hayes  
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