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June 21, 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 TREES – SPENCERVILLE BRIDGE AREA

Spencerville resident Anthony Miller of 6040 County Road 68 requested to plant trees and place bird houses on county property located on the land between the Spencerville Covered Bridge and the new County Road 68 bridge built to relieve the stress on the covered bridge. Mr. Miller specified that the trees would be planted by various organizations from the community as memorials or for special occasions, and that they would probably be planted at various times in the future. The trees would be of the hard wood variety such as oak, maple, or tulip, but not softwood or trees which produce unwanted byproducts such as cottonwoods. The commissioners will consult with the highway supervisor, who will acknowledge and respond with written instructions for particular locations or types of plantings, which may or may not be acceptable.

MATTER OF COUNCIL ON AGING

Council on Aging director Meg Zenk and commissioners' board appointee Harold Curie spoke of the recent 25th anniversary of the council on aging celebrated at the American Heritage Village WW II Museum.

The council has acquired a 4th vehicle for transporting individuals to and from medical visitations and therapy such as dialysis. The food program or farm wagon has grown and is well maintained with donations such as milk, yogurt and produce as well as floral items from the Flower Pot Greenhouse of Garrett. A senior food pack is offered for low income residents and new programs such as a health fair, nail care and foot care have been successful.

The Council on Aging requested that the commissioner raise their annual donation from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for the budget and also help with the new driveway whenever the engineering is completed. The council also requested help to purchase gasoline at the county bid price. The commissioners do not believe this is permissible, but will investigate.

MATTER OF REZONING - HURRAW

Zoning Administrator Sally Rowe reported an unfavorable plan commission determination for rezoning for Charles and Debra Hurraw. The Hurraws are seeking to rezone 1.2 acres in Troy Township from County Rural Suburban to County Rural Business for the purpose of establishing a welding business and also for the sale of firearms. A unanimous decision of the plan commission stated that the request is not in harmony with the master plan or with the land use. The business would not promote orderly growth as it is located in an isolated area, and should be located on a major highway although the business would cause no substantial change to the land use. The plan commission feels the welding business could be done under a special exception, but the retail sale of guns would be considered spot zoning.

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Mr. Hurraw addressed the commissioners stating that he would sell firearms to friends and acquaintances from his home, but there would be no business signage for the enterprise. He must however obtain a federal firearms license which he believes requires that his location is zoned for commercial use.

The commissioners requested further information from both Mr. Hurraw and the zoning administrator with respect to the federal requirements and alternative zoning for both businesses. A motion by Don Kaufman to continue the rezoning hearing for Charles and Debra Hurraw to July 12, 2004 at 1:30 PM was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

The committee for the new county master plan met to request acceptance of the first portion of the plan. GIS director Brad Stump presented updated copies containing all revisions to the commissioners. Zoning administrator Sally Rowe and board member Sharon Kline agreed that they were satisfied with the plan. A motion by Connie Miles to adopt the first portion of the new DeKalb County Comprehensive Master Plan by approving Resolution 2004 -R6 was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

DEKALB COUNTY CODE SECTION 36-1-1-1
RESOLUTION NO. 2004-R6
OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Plan Commission has prepared and certified a new Comprehensive Plan, and

WHEREAS, said Comprehensive Plan was approved by the DeKalb County Plan Commission on June 2, 2004, and

WHEREAS, the approval does not invalidate and recognizes that the existing Zoning Ordinances, Subdivision Ordinances, Improvement Location Permit Ordinances and Thoroughfare Ordinances and any related Ordinances based on the existing Master Plan shall remain in full force and effect until amended or superseded by subsequent Ordinances duly adopted as provided by law, therefore

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of DeKalb County, Indiana, State of Indiana, that the DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan adopted June 2, 2004, is hereby approved and adopted as the Comprehensive Plan for the county of DeKalb and shall hereafter be referred to as "The DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan of 2004".

THIS RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Commissioners of DeKalb County, Indiana, on this 21st day of June, 2004.

William C. Ort

William C. Ort, President

Connie R. Miles

Connie R. Miles, Vice-President

Don C. Kaufman

Don C. Kaufman, Member

Sharon G. Hayes

Attest, Sharon Hayes, Auditor

MATTER OF MINUTES

A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the minutes of April 12th, May 3rd, and May 10th with correction of spelling errors was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF TREASURER'S REPORT

The May treasurer's report was reviewed by the commissioners.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Tony Frost of 1865 County Road 20 complained to the commissioners about the brush being cut along the road right of way in front of his property. Mr. Frost feels the county should clean up the mess from trimming brush along the area. He does realize that the county must, to a certain extent, maintain the right of way for visibility and obstruction of traffic, but he feels that there was no need to trim in this area.

The large mechanical revolving machete trimmer used by the highway department is designed to remove brush, but it does not always leave behind an attractive finish. The highway superintendent feels that it is the highway department's duty to trim brush, but the owner's responsibility to clear if he wishes to maintain his property boundaries in a better looking fashion.

Superintendent Patton presented the 2005 highway budget with increases of 5%.

Mr. Patton also announced a request from Steel Dynamics Corporation to place signs within the road right of way designating that the roadside is being kept clean by employees who have been trained through a state program to perform the work. Steel Dynamics would maintain the roadsides on County Road 59 between County Roads 36 and 44. The commissioners do not feel this request will be a problem to the county.

MATTER OF SHELVING

Clerk Jackie Rowan explained that Judge Carpenter has requested new shelving for locking files for juvenile records. This is now a state requirement. The clerk also briefly discussed the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for the polling places.

MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

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

MATTER OF COPIERS

Consultant Jeff Bassett presented the contracts for the change-out of the Auditor's Xerox copy machine. The new machine will be leased according to the state contract with a \$1 buy out option at the end of the lease. The new copier will also be used as a printer, scanner and fax machine. The machine will operate at a faster speed than the machine it replaces and will perform several functions at the same time. A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the 48-month lease investment contract for the auditor's Xerox Work Center Pro 45 copier was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF INFORMATION SERVICES (IS DEPARTMENT) MEETING

IS department manager Jack Smith briefly outlined the department highlights for April as well as the projects in line for the near future. Jack commented on the budget suggestions and asked for input from the commissioners concerning new and various other line items.

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MATTER OF PAYROLL

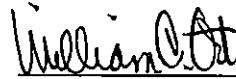
A motion by Don Kaufman to approve the payroll claims for the period ending June 17th was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE

Alternative Elevator Company has serviced and maintained the county elevators for the past two years. Owner William Junk has sold his local company to Otis Elevator. Otis has agreed to honor the remainder of the 1-year service agreement the county has with Alternative Elevator. A motion by Connie Miles to approve and authorize President Ort to sign the new agreement accepting Otis Elevator to continue through the remainder of the contract 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

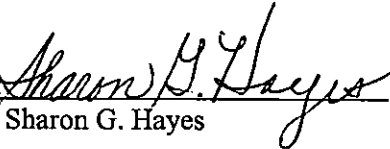


Connie R. Miles



Don Kaufman

ATTEST:


Sharon G. Hayes