

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 REORGANIZATION**

A motion by William Ort to appoint Don Kaufman as president was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

A motion by Connie Miles to appoint William Ort as Vice-president was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

**MATTER OF KENNEL LICENSING**

Humane Shelter Director Gail Wetzel reported a concern that township trustees were authorized to give applications for permits for kennel licenses. There is a growing problem in the county with residents breeding Pit Bulls and Rotwilers for sale to persons in other states. The animals are bred for fighting. The commissioners will consider the problem and the aspects of ordinances against kennels for this purpose, but also feel that the kennel designation is only for purposes by the trustee for collections for the township dog funds, and not for actual licensing as an approved kennel. The plan commission should also have jurisdiction over the kennel situation if there are actual legal sales involved, or if advertising is displayed.

**MATTER OF UTILITY PERMIT**

A motion by William Ort to approve a utility permit for Ameritech to bury cable 6230 feet from the intersection of State Road 1 and County Road 68 to 5200 County Road 68 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

**MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS**

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

**MATTER OF GENERAL CLAIMS**

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

**MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS**

A motion by William Ort to reappoint Edison Shippy as the trustees' representative to the Plan Commission was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

A motion by Connie Miles to reappoint all members of the Redevelopment Commission where appropriate and to appoint Bert Holman to replace Leland "Pete" Green who recently passed away was seconded by William Ort and carried.

Commissioner Miles also agreed to serve as the commissioners' representative to Northeast Indiana Regional Coordinating Council.

#### **MATTER OF COMPLAINT – CABLE TV RATES**

Auburn resident Thomas Drummer asked if there was any action commissioners might take concerning the raise in rates for cable TV. The rate for the basic 11 channels has risen by \$4 with no addition of stations or change in service.

Attorney Kruse stated that the FCC controls the cable companies, and that the lack of competition has allowed the rates to rise. Perhaps Mr. Drummer could obtain help by writing to the cable company to express the difficulties elderly persons on fixed incomes have with the rising cost of cable TV.

#### **MATTER OF OFFICE BUILDING REPAIRS**

Custodian Clint Stephens presented quotes from Haney's glass to replace the faulty door at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the county office building. New doors would cost \$3895 installed. The doors now in use do not close properly and quite often do not lock. This could be a dangerous problem. A motion by Connie Miles to approve the replacement of the doors and authorize the president to sign the acceptance of the quote was seconded by William Ort and carried.

Clint also presented a quote for the replacement of several double pane windows in the office building. The windows have broken seals and moisture has leaked into the space between the panes. The quote for the windows including the replacement work is \$2095. The commissioners will consider this at a later date.

#### **MATTER OF RELEASE - DEVELOPMENT BOND - SUCCOTH MEADOWS**

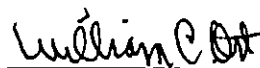
A motion by William Ort to release the development bond in the form of a letter of credit for \$56,000 for Succoth Meadows, which was done by Resolution 2002-16, was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

#### **MATTER OF PAYROLL**

A motion by William Ort to approve payroll claims for the period ending December 19<sup>th</sup> was seconded by Don Kaufman and carried.

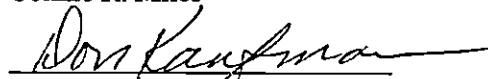
#### **MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

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

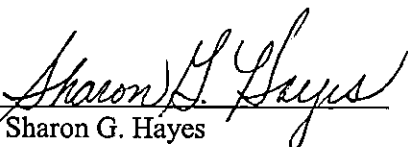


William C. Ort

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Connie R. Miles

  
Don Kaufman

ATTEST:

  
Sharon G. Hayes