

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. OrtConnie R. MilesDon Kaufman**ABSENT****MATTER OF ORDINANCE 2002-10**

A motion by William Ort to make corrections to Ordinance 2002-10 that was approved November 22, 2002 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried. A portion of the ordinance for a laminated card copy of the birth certificate had been left at \$00.00. This was changed to \$1.00.

**MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS**

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

**MATTER OF MINUTES**

A motion by William Ort to approve the minutes of December 23, 2002 and December 30, 2002 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

**MATTER OF COURTHOUSE SECURITY FUND**

Sheriff John Dennis presented an ordinance from Jennings County which charges court subjects in order to support the Jennings County Courthouse Security. He questioned whether this type of ordinance would be permissible for DeKalb County. The commissioners decided that this should be discussed when the Courthouse Security Committee meets.

**MATTER OF SHERIFF'S SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE AREA**

Sheriff John Dennis requested monies to finish the Supervisors office areas, which were started by former Sheriff, Jay Oberholtzer. Dennis presented quotes from Bassett Office Furniture & Supply Co. that totaled \$9,990.00. Commissioner Miles advised that the request be advertised as an additional appropriation from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund and that he address the DeKalb County Council with this request at their February meeting. Also, Commissioner Ort inquired about the census at the jail. Sheriff Dennis said he currently has 68 inmates.

**MATTER OF IMPROVMENTS TO SUPERIOR COURT**

The Commissioners proposed improvements to the Superior Court Room. President Don Kaufman asked Maintenance Supervisor Clint Stephens to mention this to Judge Wallace to see what improvements he might suggest.

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## **MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

A motion by Connie Miles for President Kaufman to sign the claim voucher for Bridge No. 73 was seconded by William Ort and carried.

Supervisor, Eric Patton discussed the structure failure of Bridge No. 83. He stated that the 2001 end report suggested that it be replaced. The Bridge package is for \$204,000.00, but Patton reminded the commissioners that the cost is usually less than the bid. A motion by William Ort to approve the replacement of Bridge No. 83 and advertise for Cumulative Bridge Funds was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

Mr. Patton also requested an ordinance for a temporary speed limit reduction on CR 427 from the Auburn City limits to CR 11A. The speed limit would be reduced from 55mph to 45mph temporarily for construction being done, and would last approximately 3 months.

Eli Samaan of GAI Associates inquired about the status of the County Road 11A project. He stated that John Martin Smith was to contact the commissioners regarding monies for the project. He also implied that the City of Garrett was going to apply for a federal grant for this project as long as the commissioners did not object. The Commissioners have not heard from John Martin Smith or the City of Garrett regarding the CR 11A project and therefore had no news for Mr. Samaan.

The Commissioners also briefly discussed the proposed mediation for the Auburn Drive Extension project.

## **MATTER OF SHERIFF'S BOND**

A motion by William Ort to approve the Bond for Sheriff John Dennis was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

## **MATTER OF COURTHOUSE REPAIRS**

Maintenance Supervisor, Clint Stephens, brought attention to a problem with the roof on the Holben building purchased by the county in 2002. Arthur Albert of Albert's Roofing could patch the roof, but could not guarantee how long that it would hold. Mr. Albert suggested a new roof be installed on the building at the cost of \$6,140.00 with minimum insulation or \$6,500.00 with 1-inch insulated board. The Commissioners decided to take this under advisement to make a decision at a later date.

Clint also presented a quote from Haney's Glass for \$2,095.00 for 12 new windows to be installed in the Courthouse Annex Building. A motion by William Ort to approve the replacement of the 12 windows in the Annex Building was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

The Commissioners also discussed replacement of all windows in the Courthouse. William Ort suggested replacing them in phases, possibly within a 3-5 year period.

## **MATTER SUNNY MEADOWS**

Sunny Meadows superintendent Rick Snow and herdsman, Howard Richardson, brought in the somatic cell figures from the farms milk. The figures from Shenkel's Dairy have doubled within the past few months and Mr. Richardson is concerned that there is a problem with the readings. The County Attorney, Derald Kruse, suggested they get another reading from a different source and that Rick should be present when Mr. Richardson calls Shenkel's to get the readings.

## **MATTER OF AIRPORT MANAGER**

Brad Stump introduced Wade Troth, who was hired as the new Airport Manager. He also discussed office situations and computer connection fees for the airport.

**MATTER OF E-911 & STREET NAMES**

Sally Rowe from the Plan Commission and E-911 Director Paul Brewer brought to the commissioners attention the concern regarding repeated street names in DeKalb County. Both suggested changing some street names or possibly house numbers in Spencerville to decrease the possibility of human error when dispatching emergency vehicles. Mr. Brewer stated that emergency vehicles have been dispatched to the wrong addresses in the past due to this problem. The commissioners agreed that it would be more feasible to change the house numbers from 3 digits to 4 digits.

Sally Rowe requested a resolution be created to change the name of the street just East of CR 68 to Church Street. After talking with the Spencerville postmaster on several occasions, she learned that this particular street has been called at least three different names. The commissioners agreed and Sally will bring the resolution back next week.

**MATTER OF AIRPORT LAND PURCHASE**

The Commissioners discussed the purchase of 49.294 acres of land at the East end of the Dekalb County Airport runway. The current cost of the land would be \$10,000.00 per acre.

**MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

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

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ATTEST:

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