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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 NEW AMBULANCE

EMS Director Randy Fox stated that VSV Group, a company representing the Goggin ambulance builders is ready to release the new ambulance remount at a cost of \$32,295.00. VSV has had the ambulance only 30 days and is finished much earlier than expected. However, if the unit is paid for in advance and the county takes delivery now, VSV is willing to give the county half the daily rental fee paid on the replacement rental vehicle now in use. Randy is willing to pick up the ambulance himself. A motion by William Ort to authorize the auditor to release a check to pay for the newly remounted ambulance was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF COUNCIL ON AGING

Meg Zenk of Council on Aging reported on the many and varied projects at the council on aging facility, otherwise known as the Heimach Center. The center offers or performs many services for all ages as well as the elderly and disabled clientele. This year the transport service was used not only to take senior citizens to the grocery or appointments, but also as a means to get a 6-year old child to school. At this time there is about a one-month wait for in home services, an area that is very much in need of funding. The computer lab is doing very well, and most all classes are full. But the current manager is moving soon. A replacement must be found. The center is also helping some seniors obtain the phone numbers necessary to order prescription drugs from Canada where many drugs can be purchased at about half the cost of the United States.

The council has 35 board members. The commissioners' appointee Harold Curie was present with Ms. Zenk. Following the purchase of a new van the center will have a fleet of four vehicles, but fundraising is still a major concern, and gasoline prices are a problem. The bingo monies are about \$8,000, less than half as much than one year ago, as the Catholic Church has come in competition with the center. Ms. Zenk requested an increase in the commissioners' annual contribution to the center.

MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

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

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MATTER OF HAVA -HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT

Clerk Jackie Rowan explained the new HAVA law and presented a letter from Secretary of State Todd Rokita as well as copies of a power point presentation recently used at the state clerks' conference. There will be further discussion of the requirements needed to bring all of Indiana's county voting machines and polling places into federal compliance with the HAVA law by January 2006. This will mean that the voting machines must be the same throughout every county in the state in order to take advantage of the federal monies being offered for the conversions. The entire project may cost about \$200,000. The clerk will address the council at the July 7th meeting and alert the members to further developments.

MATTER OF WAGE DETERMINATION BOARD

A motion by Connie Miles to appoint Jeff Turner to represent the board of aviation commissioners and Jo Holben and Roger Stebing, taxpayer representatives living in the county where the monies are to be expended for the project, to the wage determination board for the latest Aviation Board T-Hanger Construction Project according and pursuant to Indiana Code 5-16-7-1(B) (2) (4) (5) was seconded by William Ort and carried. The meeting for the wage determination board will take place at 1:30 in the "Red Room" of the county office building on Tuesday June 17th.

MATTER OF WEBSITE - DOX TEK

Assessor Dottie Leins introduced Michael Miles, President and CEO of Dox Tek, Killer Technologies. Mr. Miles proposed that his company would create a website through a secure connection to the server located in the IS Department so that the assessor's information may be displayed on the Internet. Information would include pictures of the home-sites, the sales disclosure, and other pertinent information. This plan would initially cost \$8,000 for creation of the website, and \$800 per month for maintenance. The assessor believes this would be of great use for appraisers and realtors in the area, and homeowners might also wish to use the website. The assessor offered no plans to charge a fee for the services. The commissioners would like to see a demonstration of the product. Mr. Miles will return on June 30th at 10:00 AM for the demonstration.

MATTER OF NEXUS CONTRACT

Assessor Leins also stated that the contract for Nexus to finish the county reassessment provided for additional charges for hourly work above and beyond the amount allowed. The work now being done is beyond the original agreement, and requires additional payment. The commissioners agreed that the additional monies should be paid.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Superintendent Patton reported that all gravel roads have received the contracted application of calcium chloride.

MATTER OF UTILITY PERMIT

A motion by William Ort to approve a utility permit for Verizon North to bore under County Road 7 to replace a defective cable north of the intersection of County Roads 54 and 7 was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

A motion by William Ort to approve a utility permit for AEP for County Road 39, 800 feet south of County Road 32 to extend overhead lines to a new home was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF MINUTES

A motion by Connie Miles to approve the minutes of June 9th with one correction was seconded by William Ort and carried.

MATTER OF ZONING VIOLATIONS

Zoning Administrator Sally Rowe reported on the status of various ordinance violations throughout the county. Progress has been made with a few of the "junk yard" violations, as more than two vehicles without license plates is cause for the property owner to apply for a salvage permit. Other actions are still in progress. Out of twenty-three of the cases being attended for this four are now closed, two are scheduled for court, four are to get letters from the attorney, and one has been given the first contact letter. The remaining nine are new complaints.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

The commissioners signed the payroll docket for checks issued June 13th.

MATTER OF TREASURERS REPORT

The commissioners reviewed the May treasurer's report.

MATTER OF OFFICIAL BOND

A motion by William Ort to approve the official bond for Zoning Administrator Sally Rowe was seconded by Connie Miles and carried.

MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

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



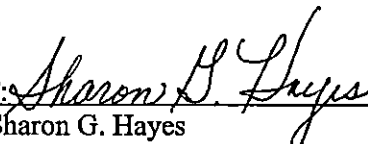
William C. Ort



Connie R. Miles



Don Kaufman

ATTEST: 
Sharon G. Hayes