

Commissioners Meeting 1/29/07

Commissioners Present:

William C. Ort, President

Connie R. Miles, Vice President

Don Kaufman, Member

Attorney:

James P. McCanna

Auditor:

John W. Feters

MATTER OF BALES OF HAY:

Bob Eash bought 200 bales and only received 67 bales. We need to pay him for 133 bales at \$27.50 per bale; \$3657.50. His wife will come in and sign his and her name with her initials. Merel Lorntz bought 230 bales at \$17.00 per bale of which 14 were spoiled so we might be hearing from him.

MATTER OF VEHICLE FOR CORONER:

Jeff Warner is requesting a transfer of a 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe with 130,000 miles from the Sheriff's department to the Coroner's Office. By obtaining the vehicle he would attempt to reduce the cost associated with body transports. Fuel, repainting, reregistering and maintenance etc. are in question; Jeff will set up an appointment with the council for money on the issues at hand. Commissioners were concerned if the vehicle needed to be replaced for the Sheriff, John Dennis' response, "Not at this time but maybe in the future".

MATTER OF NOVIA CARE CLINICS:

Keith Robbins and David Hooper introduced the concept of Novia Care Clinics, Health care cost, cost of On-site clinic and Physicians services etc. were discussed. Pamphlet given out and short review. Note: Elkhart County is opening a Novia Clinic; projected savings of 2% for first year.

MATTER OF ELEVATOR:

Clint Stephens introduced Bryan from Abell Elevator Service Company to explain cost and different possible procedures. Clint will get all figures and then meet with the Council for approval.

MATTER OF BILL WALTERS:

Bill's question on new department ordinances - they need to go through the same way as the old ones. Set Feb. 5th at 10:30 to meet with the Council to discuss status of Lonnie Lanning from part time to full time inspection person.

MATTER OF MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS:

Don motion to approve Miscellaneous claims, Connie second and all approved.

MATTER OF SHERIFF'S TRAVEL EXPENSE:

Don motion to approve travel and lodging expense for Rick Short and Roger Watson March 12th through 14th to Indianapolis, training course in AR-15/M16 Armorer, Connie second and all approved.

MATTER OF ACN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES:

ACN Communications Services wants to change payment frequency to annually of the \$.55/month, total of \$6.60/year. Chuck motion to approve, Connie second and all approved.

MATTER OF BOARD OF HEALTH:

Don motion to appoint Emily K. Engle, RN the current Assistant County Health Nurse to replace Linda M. Miller who will retire March 1, 2007. Also approving the advertising for the position of replacing the assistant health nurse, Connie second and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL EXPENSE:

Don motion to approve Roger Power's travel and lodging expenses to Indianapolis Jan. 30th to the 31st for Homeland Security Meetings, Connie second and all approved. Don motion to approve John Fetter's travel to Plymouth Feb. 15, 2007 mini-course, Chuck second and all approved.

MATTER OF FENCE AT AIRPORT:

Toby Steffen from Butler, Fairman and Seufert Civil Engineers – discussion on the fence west of airport at the corner of 427 and 60, next to the east side of 427. Fence needs to be moved 1 foot. This will be taken care of in the spring.

MATTER OF 11A EAST AND 427 PROJECT:

Jamal Anabtawi discussion on project – resolution on speed limit and speed limit sign needs to be posted before construction begins. Meeting of residents on 11A east set for January 31st at the World War II Museum at 1:00 PM. Also, February 22nd at 10:00 AM there will be a meeting on this project at the Kruse Building.

MATTER OF RATES FOR COBRA:

From Ron Peconge – Proposed COBRA Rates for 2007 Plan year. The following rates have been approved:

Medical Plan

Benicomp Advantage

Single \$476.06/month

Single \$90.73

EE + Spouse \$1104.63/month

EE + Dependent(s) \$972.22/month

Family \$1379.63/month

Family \$181.46

Connie motion to approve these rates of predicted cost plus 2% administrative fee, Don second and all approved.

MATTER OF SHERIFF'S USED CARS:

Don motion for Chuck to sign titles of sold Sheriff's used cars after we have received payment, Connie second and all approved.

MATTER OF PAYROLL:

Don motion to approve payroll 22/07, Chuck second and all approved, 1/12 thru 1/25

J.W.F.

MATTER OF BONDS:

New Process Steel and Steel Dynamics were the two bond purchasers for New Millennium Building Systems project. SDI bought out New Process Steels' interest in New Millennium. SDI to buy bonds from New Process Steel. Don motion to approve assignment of bonds on the New Millennium Building Systems and authorizing Jim P. McCanna as County Attorney and John W. Fetters as the County Auditor and register for the bonds, and we agree there are no taxes on the transfer, Chuck second and all approved.

MATTER OF CLIFFORD EXCAVATING:

Mark Strong wants to freeze payment to Clifford Excavating (the February payment). Council is to approve the \$5000 but do not pay until clearance from Mark Strong.

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Attest:

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