

Commissioners' Meeting Feb. 26, 2007

Present:

William C. Ort

Don C. Kaufman

Attorney:

James P. McCanna

Auditor:

John W. Feters

MATTER OF MINUTES:

Roger Powers presented a fire grant letter from the state that needed signatures from President of Commissioners and fiscal agent. Jim McCanna gave approval of the paper work and said Roger Powers would be the fiscal agent. Don Kaufman motion for approval of the grant and for William Ort to sign the grant, William Ort second and all approved. There will be possible changes for snow emergency procedures. Steuben, DeKalb, and Lagrange counties are all operating on the same level system. Roger Powers is working with Jack Smith of the IS Department on a possible web site which will give general information on snow emergency levels, highway routes that are clear first, etc. This will give all around faster communication for emergency and determine which roads are emergency routes. Roger Powers has an appointment with the Garrett City Mayor, police chief, and fire chief at 10:00 AM to discuss Central Dispatch. Roger presented an estimated budget worksheet for Central Dispatch funds for the Cities of Auburn and Garrett and the county. This worksheet shows number of part and full time employees, salaries and benefits from each location.

Auburn City:		Garrett City:		County:
5 full and 4 part	\$174,796	4 full and 3 part	\$135,162	12 full \$405,941
benefits:	85,505		63,000	161,133
Total	<u>\$260,301</u>		<u>\$198,162</u>	<u>\$567,074</u>

Total Payroll 2007 for 21 full and 7 part-time: \$1,025,537

New Central Dispatch Payroll for 22 full time employees: \$1,159,767

Money needed to meet Central Dispatch Payroll: (\$134,230)

MATTER OF COUNTY FARM:

Adam Strong presented pictures of repairs at the county farm that were completed: fence across feed lot, new post and wall back of mow, some rafters split so they were put back in place and new 2 by 6's attached for support. Eave spout on the lean-to needs to be taken care of, causing water to flow under mow. It was suggested for Adam to call Buckmasters to replace automatic waters.

MATTER OF CLOCK:

Clint Stephens presented a letter for a proposal to repair DeKalb County Courthouse clock. Tim Schlotter of Timothy's Jewelry and Repair service out of Kendallville, IN is the one Clint has found to be the best selection. Tim has estimated that it could take as much as 25 hours to accomplish this repair. His shop rate of \$100.00/hour which could make this repair as much as \$2500.00. This estimate includes any parts that need to be manufactured to return the main clock to optimal operation. Parts and labor would be guaranteed for one year from the date of completion. An annual maintenance contract could be negotiated at the time. This estimate does not include lines to slave clock or other damage throughout the courthouse. This estimate could be reduced by as much as \$500.00 by utilizing our maintenance staff to perform some of the less intricate jobs. They highly recommend this option as our maintenance staff could also be trained to inspect the clock movements and perform periodic minor maintenance.

MATTER OF VERIZON WIRELESS:

Laura Salzer, Verizon Wireless government representative will get with departments for which the county pays for wireless service; Sheriff, IS, Homeland Security, Plan Commission, and Building Inspector. There is a wireless agreement for government employees to receive a 19% discount and other benefits for service.

MATTER OF MEDICAL INSURANCE:

Benicomp came in for review and questions on current policy, discussion on possible change of plan for out of county employees' options. At this time no changes with Three Rivers Preferred with respect to out of county employees. Spreadsheets were presented on Case Reports and Summary of Plan.

MATTER OF MAGAZINES:

Don Kaufman motioned to deny magazine order for Judge Carpenter, William Ort second and all approved. Judge Carpenter's magazines are still being denied, no legal line item in budget. He needs to ask for a line item when doing the budget this summer.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY:

Don Kaufman motion for William Ort to sign LPA invoice of \$9,531.20, second by William Ort and all approved. Eric Patton presented an AT&T utility permit to place telephone facilities for the Vilas of Coventry subdivision on County Road 46A. Don Kaufman motion to approve the AT&T utility permit, William Ort second and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL EXPENSE:

Don Kaufman motioned to approve John Feters travel expense to Plymouth, IN for DLGF Mini-course for new officials on Local Government Finance, William Ort second and all approved. Don Kaufman motioned to approve Cheri Bushee's travel expense to a seminar as Township Trustee-Assessor of Spencer Township, William Ort second and all approved.

MATTER OF TERRORISM INSURANCE:

Don Kaufman motion to approve the rejection of terrorism insurance coverage, William Ort second and all approved.

MATTER OF SPECIAL CLAIMS:

Don Kaufman motion to approve Special Claims, William Ort second and all approved.

MATTER OF AVIATION MEETING AND TRAVEL EXPENSE:

Don Kaufman motion to approve Russell Couchman's travel and Aviation meeting expenses, William Ort second and all approved. In the future he must request approval in advance otherwise claim will be denied.

MATTER OF PAYROLL:

William Ort motion to approve payroll, Don Kaufman second and all approved, 2/9 thru 2/22

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William Ort

William C. Ort, President

Connie R. Miles

Connie R. Miles, Vice President

Don C. Kaufman

Don C. Kaufman, Member

Attest:

John W. Fetters

John W. Fetters, Auditor