

Commissioners' Meeting
March 12, 2007

Present:

William C. Ort
Connie R. Miles
Don C. Kaufman

Attorney:

James P. McCanna

Auditor:

John W. Feters

MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Emily Engel, county nurse, presented an application and papers on new assistant county nurse Tamara McMaken. Emily would like to waive the 80% reduction of salary. Tamara and family are covered by her husband's health insurance. Don Kaufman motioned to approve application for employment of Tamara McMaken to the DeKalb County Health Department, as Assistant Public Health Nurse and to waive the 90 day 80% salary reduction, Connie Miles second and all approved.

MATTER OF TAX BILLS:

Sue Bauermeister discussed the collection of property taxes, due to the fact the tax rates will be later, tax bills are going out late. John Feters and Sue discussed the local advertising of voluntary payments of last year's 2005 pay 2006 spring payment that can be used to make 2006 pay 2007 payment that will be adjusted on 2006 pay 2007 fall tax statement. System is ok in handling this method. Tax sale courtesy notices will be sent out as notification to property owners that are in tax sale jeopardy.

MATTER OF SRI:

Connie Miles motion to approve William Ort to sign SRI Tax Sale Addendum, Don Kaufman second and all approved. John and Sue will take papers for SRI to sign this Friday March 16, 2007 when they go to the meeting.

MATTER OF HANDBOOK:

Brad Stump handbook issues from the department head meeting:

1. Total number of sick day accumulations before they disappear current class 1 employee 18 days, Sheriff's office 60 days. Would like to see class 1 employee sick days increased.

2. Sick Bank days, page 4-11-1-2 employee must be off 10 days. Would like to see this adjusted to apply to oncoming care or rehabilitation. Jim McCanna stated that there is a Committee to approve leave and would like to base it on Department Head recommendations for approval of longer leaves.

3. Sick days for new employees needs to be looked at.

4. Donating sick days from one employee to another: Linda Means would like to see something in the manual stating this can not happen.

Gary Hillabrand stated his views and concerns over the handbook:

1. Page 42 sick leave abuse, please re-do verbiage

2. Suggestion of adding personal days

MATTER OF COURTHOUSE CLOCK:

Clint Stephens checking on getting started on the main clock repair. Ok to start and will be done in approximately five or six weeks by Tim Schlotter from Timothy's Jewelry and repair service out of Kendallville Indiana.

MATTER OF RETIREE HEALTH CARE:

Lou Metelko from Pyramid Health Care for retirees and 65 and older benefits were discussed. County does not offer a program for retirees at this time. In conclusion they were asked to bring in a proposal for Commissioners to consider a stamp of approval for retirees to self insure themselves.

MATTER OF CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATION CENTER AND JAIL ANNEX:

Greg Wheling from MOAKE PARK presented drawings showing proposed sketches of Consolidated Communication center and Jail Annex. Plans have changed with looking for a possible location to house the Communications center at another location. Keep these plans, will follow through when making final decision.

MATTER OF AMENDMENT NO. 3, SKY BANK TRADE SERVICES:

This amendment forms an integral part of our Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. Amendment No. 3 to Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. 1400035708 issued February 15, 2006. Copy of Amendment No. 3 on file. Expiration date, February 14, 2007 extended to February 14, 2009. Connie Miles motion to approve Amendment No. 3 to Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No.

1400035708 issued February 15, 2006, Don Kaufman second and all approved.

MATTER OF VOTING MACHINES:

Letter from Center of Integrity, Empowerment and Fairness, (CIEF, Inc.) asking for us to offer our old voting machines the 46-4M to help flourish democracy in Benin, West Africa. Steve Shamo was with Jackie Rowan to discuss the Microvote Infinity voting machines. We were loaned some of these voting machines last year and Jackie is requesting for the purchase of these machines and more to total 40 machines costing \$127,160. Life expectancy of the machines is 10 plus years and there is a lease option with an outside financing source.

MATTER OF CHASSIS AND EQUIPMENT BIDS FOR HIGHWAY:

Here are the bid results for two (2) dump truck chassis and dump bodies as presented on March 12, 2007:

Norris Truck Service:

(2) 2007 International 7400 (ordered)	\$116,806.00
(2) 2007 International 7400 (in stock)	\$105,982.00

Selking International:

(2) 2007 International 7400 (ordered)	\$120,210.00
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Stoops Freightliner and Sterling:

(2) 2008 Sterling L 8500 (ordered)	\$107,996.00
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McCormick Motors, Inc.:

(2) 2008 Chevrolet CC8500 (ordered)	\$117,600.00
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W.A. Jones Truck Bodies:

(2) Crysteel Dump Bodies (ordered and installed)	\$55,970.00
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All bids were within our specification limits with the exception of McCormick Motors. Chevrolet does not offer 18,000 lb. front axle or suspension. Connie Miles motioned to take bids into consideration for two weeks, Don Kaufman second and all approved.

MATTER OF AT&T UTILITY PERMIT:

Don Kaufman motion to approve AT&T utility permit to place telephone lines to Bear Creek Estates, Connie Miles second and all approved.

MATTER OF BRIDGE STUDY:

Connie Miles motion to approve LPA Invoice Voucher for Bridge Study Cum Bridge for \$10,300, Don Kaufman second and all approved.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY:

Connie Miles motion to approve William Ort to sign Assurance: Designation No. 0400034; County Road 427 and County Road 60 in DeKalb County Indiana, Don Kaufman second and all approved.

MATTER OF APPOINTMENT:

Don Kaufman motion to approve William Ort to sign the Certificate of Appointment of Joseph Messer to the DeKalb County Economic Development Commission, Connie Miles second and all approved.

MATTER OF MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS:

Don Kaufman motion to approve miscellaneous claims, Connie Miles second and all approved.

MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH:

Roger Powers brought in James M. Lohman managing member of Shepherd Group, LLC and Jim Ehlinger the Project Manager of Omni Source Corp. to discuss the possibility of purchasing formally Auburn Foundry building on 11th street. Three options:

1. Triple net lease with county renovating themselves
2. Omni doing some renovating
3. 100% renovating by Omni

Commissioners will discuss with DLGF and Mike Claytor and put together ideas for possible lease to purchase agreement.

MATTER OF ELEVATOR:

Connie Miles motion to approve William Ort to sign contract with Abell/Irvin Elevator for 25% down of \$20,978 for Elevator Cylinder replacement materials amounting to \$5244.50, Don Kaufman second and all approved. William Ort gave the auditor, John Feters, directions to send a check for \$5244.50 to Abell/Irvin Elevator service Company.

MATTER OF PUBLIC TRANSIT:

Connie Miles motion to approve DeKalb County Rural Public Transit System feasibility study letter from James English, Don Kaufman second and all approved.

MATTER OF PHONE BILL:

Don Kaufman motion to approve phone bill of Dan Fry, Connie Miles second and all approved.

MATTER OF MILEAGE:

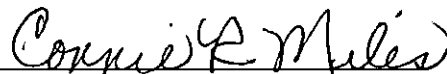
Don Kaufman motion to approve mileage and registration for John W Fetters to go to Indianapolis, Indiana on March 22, 2007 for a Budget and Finance seminar, Connie Miles second and all approved.

MATTER OF PAYROLL:

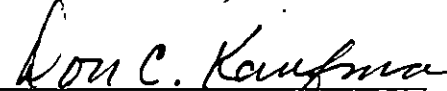
Don Kaufman motion to approve payroll, Connie Miles second and all approved, 2/23 thru 3/8 *J.W.F.*



William C. Ort, President



Connie R. Miles, Vice President



Don C. Kaufman, Member

Attest: 
John W. Fetters, Auditor