

## County Council Meeting

March 7, 2011

Present: Ben Smaltz, President

Janet Ordway, Vice President

Robert Wilder

Alan Middleton

William VanWye

Attorney: Donald J. Stuckey

Keith A. Crow – Televised, non-voting

Larry Moughler – absent

Auditor: John W. Fetters

## MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING:

The Public Hearing on the issuance of Bonds for the establishment of the Central Communications Center opened at 8:30 AM as advertised. Ben Smaltz opened the meeting with an introduction of the Bond Hearing. No one was present from the Public, therefore the Hearing was closed.

MATTER OF 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCES 2011-1 AND 2011-2:

Robert Wilder made a motion to approve Ordinances 2011-1 and 2011-2 on their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings, Janet Ordway second and all approved.

Ordinance 2011-1: An ordinance of the County Council of the County of DeKalb, Indiana, authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds of the County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed two million five hundred seventy thousand and 00/100. Dollars to procure funds to be applied to a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of a Central Dispatch facility in the County, together with expenses incidental thereto, including expenses in connection with the issuance of the bonds.

Ordinance 2011-2: An ordinance of the County Council of the County of DeKalb, Indiana, appropriating the proceeds derived from the sale of General Obligation Bonds heretofore authorized to be issued and designated as "County of DeKalb, Indiana, General Obligation Bonds of 2011" for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping a Central Dispatch Center in the County, together with expenses incidental thereto, including expenses in connection with the issuance of the bonds.

## MATTER OF MINUTES:

Alan Middleton made a motion to approve Minutes for February 7, 2011, Robert Wilder second and all approved.

## MATTER OF ADDITIONALS:

## Cumulative Capital (253):

The County Sheriff, Don Lauer was in to request the funding from Cum Cap (253) for the purchase of five vehicles, the equipment including labor needed to outfit these vehicles and video cameras for these vehicles, the total for all of this \$187,668.00. Janet Ordway made a motion to approve, William VanWye second and all approved.

The County Commissioners are requesting an additional from Cum Cap (253) to Courthouse Building/Structure Repair (33670) in the amount of \$20,000 to replace the entire pressure vessel section of the boiler in the Courthouse, modify the piping to fit the new boiler configuration, reinstall the existing Gordon Piatt burner on the new boiler, leak test and restart the boiler and dispose of the old boiler. Robert Wilder made a motion to approve, William VanWye second and all approved.

## County General (100):

Sheila Stonebraker, the County Assessor was in to request \$75,828 from County General (100) to cover the reassessment budget account (34330), contractual services. Robert Wilder made a motion to "Table" the request, William VanWye second and all approved.

Roger Powers has received two State grants totaling \$7750 for office Computers, printers, and monitors for Homeland Security Office. He will pay for the Equipment first and then the State will reimburse the County which will go back into the County General Fund. Janet Ordway made a motion to approve, William VanWye second and all approved.

## Local Road &amp; Street (120):

The Highway Department is required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to have private land mobile radio systems within their band width to migrate to a narrow band width. He is requesting an additional of \$42,000 from Local Road & Street to Auto & Communications (22320) to replace 22 mobile, 3 hand held and 4 base radios. Robert Wilder made a motion to approve, Janet Ordway second and all approved.

## Cumulative Bridge (250):

The Highway Department is requesting an additional of \$72,000 from Cumulative Bridge (250) to (35380) for preliminary engineering, construction management and construction inspection for the proposed bridge rehabilitation project for bridge #18 and \$375,000 from Cumulative Bridge to (35385) for the bridge rehabilitation project for bridge #18 on 19<sup>th</sup> Street over Cedar Creek in Auburn. Robert Wilder made a motion to approve, Alan Middleton second and all approved.

**LEPC (330):**

Homeland Security is asking to open an account 330.32780.000.330 with \$1 from LEPC and \$8,500 from LEPC to put into this account for Sam George Assoc. to do a Hazard Analysis. Alan Middleton made a motion to approve, Robert Wilder second and all approved.

**Reassessment Fund (801):**

The County Assessor is requesting the balance in the Reassessment Fund to be broken down into the following accounts: \$9,999 to (10800) – PTABOA board member pay; \$2,499 to (22110) – Office Supplies; \$6,341 to (33220) – postage; \$8,000 to (33730) – Copy machine maintenance; \$44,999 to (34020) – ratio study; \$35,999 to (34140) – software maintenance; \$163,921 to (34330) – contractual services. Robert Wilder made a motion to approve, William VanWye second and all approved.

**Pre-trial Diversion Expenditures (910):**

Claramary Winebrenner, DeKalb County Prosecutor is requesting approval of Pre-trial Diversion Expenditures: \$165 to the National District Attorneys Association for 2011 membership dues for herself; \$75 to the National District Attorneys Association for Donald Shively 2011 membership dues; \$182 for Kelly Morris to attend a Prescription Drug Symposium December 10, 2010; and \$550 for dues to the Association of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys, Inc., for Claramary Winebrenner for 2011. Janet Ordway made a motion to approve, William VanWye second and all approved.

**MATTER OF TRANSFERS:**

LEPC (330): From Equipment (44430) to other service fees (32780) in the amount of \$3,500 for services fees that will occur during this year. Alan Middleton made a motion to approve, Robert Wilder second and all approved.

From Rainy Day (798) to Highway Department Local Road and Street fund (34035) in the amount of \$190,000 for reconstruction of CR 31 – Ashley Project. To keep those funds separate from those that are already there, Jeanne Smith of the Auditor's Office has created a new number 120.34038.000.120 to pay those funds from and is calling it the Reconstruction of CR 31 – Ashley Project. Then the balance of the \$190,000 will revert back to the Rainy Day Funds as the County Council has requested. Robert Wilder made a motion to approve this transfer, Janet Ordway second and all approved.

**MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion on Self-Insurance negative balance: Auditor is to find out the total of County General Funds that were rolled into 2011 from 2010 and to call Mike Deniston of DLGF to see how much he suggest of these funds should be used to pay back the Self-Insurance. Also discussion occurred on PHP, our present Health Insurance provider is also running a negative balance. The County Council would like a (6) month report of the progress we are having with PHP and the present balance. If these numbers do not improve, the County has three choices: increase employee contribution, decrease benefits or increase what County budgets.

The Council asked Jim McCanna about the SDI TIF fund balance and what that money can be used for. His response was anything that deals with improvement in that TIF district such as bridges or road improvements and that they have helped with the Wilmington Township Fire Department Building in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Don Kaufman and Ben Smaltz would like a response to the taxpayers questions on the cost to them on different levels of A.V. on their property. Robert Wilder also mentioned his concern on the cost of bare farm ground.

The Commissioners and Council would like to know the number of new employees for Central Dispatch as a cost to the County. Hopefully the Auburn and Garrett Cities will help with the cost of these new employees through their decrease in their need of dispatch employees.

11A West project costs so far are around \$156,000 and an additional of \$450,000 is needed for the County's portion. Commissioners are asking for the Councils thoughts to continue or stop this project from I-69 to CR 17 as an Economic Development Area. Consensus was to continue with the project as long as State and Federal assistance follows through.

#### MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

The Commissioners have made an amendment to the Employee Handbook on the closing of the Courthouse for weather conditions or any other reason to close a building or department. To be paid for this cancelation, an hourly employee must use a sick or personal day, Salaried Employees and Elected Official are exempt.

#### MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:

William VanWye made a motion to adjourn, Alan Middleton second and all approved.

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

**Sec.1. BE IT ORDAINED (RESOLVED)** by the County Council of DeKalb County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the said municipal corporation the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

	AMOUNT REQUEST ED	AMOUNT APPROVE D	VOTE AY E	NAY
<b><u>Additional</u></b>				
<b><u>County General (100)</u></b>				
County Assessor (09)				
Contractual Services				
(34330)	\$75,828.00	<u>Tabled</u>	5	0
Emergency Management				
(33)				
Equipment (44430)	\$7,750.00	<u>\$7,750.00</u>	5	0
<b><u>Local Road &amp; Street (120)</u></b>				
Auto & Communications				
(22320)	\$42,000.00	<u>\$42,000.00</u>	5	0
<b><u>Cum Bridge (250)</u></b>				
Preliminary Engineering				
(35380)	\$72,000.00	<u>\$72,000.00</u>	5	0
Bridge Rehabilitation				
(35385)	\$375,000.00	<u>\$375,000.00</u>	5	0
<b><u>Cum Capital (253)</u></b>				
Non-Budgeted (50000)	\$187,668.00	<u>\$187,668.00</u>	5	0
Building/Structure Repair				
(33670)	\$20,000.00	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	5	0
<b><u>LEPC (330)</u></b>				
Other Service Fees				
(32780)	\$1.00	<u>\$1.00</u>	5	0
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(32780)	\$8,500.00	<u>\$8,500.00</u>	5	0
<b><u>Reassessment Fund (801)</u></b>				
Other (10800)	\$9,999.00	<u>\$9,999.00</u>	5	0
Office Supplies (22110)	\$2,499.00	<u>\$2,499.00</u>	5	0
Postage (33220)	\$6,341.00	<u>\$6,341.00</u>	5	0
Copy Machine				
Maintenance (33730)	\$8,000.00	<u>\$8,000.00</u>	5	0
Ratio Study (34020)	\$44,999.00	<u>\$44,999.00</u>	5	0
Software Maintenance				
(34140)	\$35,999.00	<u>\$35,999.00</u>	5	0
Contractual Services				
(34330)	\$163,921.00	<u>\$163,921.00</u>	5	0
<b><u>Pre-trial Diversion Expenditures (910)</u></b>				
Prosecuting Attorney				
(08)				
Non-Budgeted (50000)	\$972.00	<u>\$972.00</u>	5	0