

**COUNCIL MINUTES - FEBRUARY 6, 2006****Absent:** Robert Wilder**MATTER OF MINUTES**

A motion by Keith Crow to approve the minutes of the January meeting was seconded by Don VanWye and carried.

**MATTER OF SHERIFF**

Sheriff Dennis explained his request to transfer \$12,175 from auto communications to police equipment to replace radios for patrol officers in the sheriff's budget. Multiple problems are responsible for a second request for additional appropriations of \$15,603 for equipment repair for the refrigeration unit at the jail. Condensation within the wall behind the unit created the need to replace the wall and floor as well as replace compressors, motors and repair seals. A motion by Janet Ordway to approve the transfer and additional appropriation was seconded by David Yarde and carried.

The sheriff also explained that he will obtain quotes for 5 squad cars and one mini van as well as funds to equip the vehicles. Based on estimated costs for Chevrolet Impalas and van and \$35,000 in equipment the total cost would be about \$169,000.

Sheriff Dennis also stated that his weekend was extremely busy with the investigation of a crash on County Road 46A, which resulted in two fatalities.

**MATTER OF HOUSE BILL 1001 – JUVENILE DETENTION**

Probation officer Tim McAlhany explained his concerns for portions of House Bill 1001 with regard to juvenile detention. The current bill allows for placement of juveniles involved in court proceedings to be decided by the judge. The Family and Children Services department may recommend placement in an effort to avoid removing the juvenile from the community and home, but should the judge order institutional confinement, cost for the county could be prohibitive. Mr. McAlhany recommended that council members and commissioners contact their senators with concerns for changes to this legislation, or to ask that it be dropped from the bill completely.

Probation officer Kelly Mattes spoke briefly to reinforce the concern that placement of juveniles is better left unchanged.

**MATTER OF LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Eckhart Public Library director Janelle Graber presented her request for the library capital projects fund for 2007. Janelle announced the circulation for the library in 2005 was an amazing 199,950. The library has acquired a building for storage formerly known as the Junior Achievement Building. The building is sound and will need to be cleaned and repaired.

A motion by Janet Ordway to approve the Eckhart Public Library Capital Projects Fund Plan for 2007 was seconded by Don VanWye and carried unanimously.

**MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

A motion by Keith Crow to approve the commissioners' request for \$2,158 to increase the courthouse custodian's contract, which was overlooked when the budget was prepared was seconded by Larry Moughler and carried.

A motion by Don VanWye to approve \$658 in additional appropriations in the Superior Court II Clerk's budget to increase two salaries for deputies moved from Clerk Superior Court I was seconded by Janet Ordway and carried.

A motion by Keith Crow to approve \$83,505.58 in additional appropriations from the Aviation Capital Projects Fund to purchase a truck was seconded by David Yarde and carried.

A motion by Keith Crow to approve the commissioners' request for \$32,000 additional appropriations from CCD to replace 26 heat/air condition units in the courthouse was seconded by David Yarde and carried.

### **MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Current president of the board for the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership DeWayne Nodine explained that his group had revised their operating model in an effort to interface with the Fort Wayne Economic Development Alliance. Various members of the county board and interested parties present were Steve Bingham and Mayor Dave Wiant from Garrett, Bill Spone and Vivian Likes from the Auburn planning department, Kelly Knox from the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Jack Bercaw from Butler. Also present were Rob Young and Andy Brooks from the Fort Wayne Alliance and Jonathan Meyers, regional director of the IADC formerly Department of Commerce.

The DeKalb partnership board met with Senator Kruse who suggested that the group join with the Fort Wayne Alliance as a contractor for services. A contract with Fort Wayne would provide the county with a conduit for information and more sophisticated resources. The person employed by the DeKalb Partnership Board would be an independent contractor.

Jonathon Meyers is from Whitley County and is appointed by the governor to cover a 12-county area encouraging the formation of economic development groups to bring business to and maintain current status for already established businesses within the state.

Rob Young, president of the Fort Wayne Alliance gave informational background and an overview of the contract. The Fort Wayne Alliance is a 501C3 organization, which now has 8 full time employees and a 19-member board of directors working on over 100 projects. About 20% of the money and effort is spent to attract new business and 80% to help retain old businesses. The Alliance believes that it is responsible for retaining 8400 jobs in Fort Wayne.

The Economic Development Alliance can be described as a broker for sizing up jobs and resources for a community and a contact for regional marketing of the same to attract business to the area.

The DeKalb Partnership needs a director or economic development official. The salary would be paid from CEDIT monies pledged by the county and various communities within.

Andy Brooks spoke briefly stating that he owns business and property in both Allen and DeKalb Counties. He further believes that the counties need each other to form a stronger group to obtain information for development opportunities and that DeKalb County definitely needs to pursue a person to fill the position of director.

Councilman Yarde asked if a location for office space had been established, whether a point system would be used, and if a non-paying entity could be excluded from the project. The answer was that several office areas are under consideration and that the project must always retain a positive attitude for selecting areas with potential as persons employed in Fort Wayne may live in DeKalb County just as DeKalb County business may employ persons from the surrounding areas.

Attorney McCanna explained the possibility that not every small town in the county may choose to participate, and the county is struggling with some of these issues. However 52% of the support money will come from the county CEDIT plan with the remainder of the money for

the contracted person coming from the surrounding communities. The board will oversee the director.

President Smaltz listed options of importance and reminded the council that there were means to be free of the contract should the situation prove to be less than anticipated.

A motion by Janet Ordway that the council approve the union with the City of Fort Wayne was seconded by David Yarde and carried.

#### **MATTER OF CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT**

Clerk Jackie Rowan and GIS director Brad Stump explained their need for additional furnishings for the second superior court clerk's office and the GIS office to be resituated in the current space occupied by the Union Township Assessor. The commissioners will request \$12,000 in additional appropriations from CCD in March for the project, but a scheduled 6% cost increase in February could be avoided if the council would allow the order to be placed prior to the appropriation.

It was the consensus of the council members that the appropriation for the two offices and cabling for the computer equipment would most likely be approved, and the order should be placed.

#### **MATTER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Veteran Service Officer Brian Lamm announced that he has organized a Veterans' Day parade and would appreciate the support from each of the council members and the districts represented.

#### **MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Keith Crow to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Larry Moughler and carried.

**WHEREAS**, certain extraordinary emergencies have developed since the adoption of the existing annual budget, so that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. **NOW THEREFORE**, to meet such extraordinary emergencies:

**Sec.1. BE IT ORDAINED (RESOLVED)** by the County Council of DeKalb County, Indiana, that for the expense of said municipal corporation the following sums of money are hereby herein specified, subject to laws governing the same:

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	VOTE AYE	NAY
<b><u>ADDITIONALS</u></b>				
<b><u>COUNTY GENERAL (0100)</u></b>				
<b><u>Courthouse (20)</u></b>				
Fees (1055) <i>Kc/Lm</i>	\$ 2,158.00	<u>2,158.00</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
<b><u>Jail (23)</u></b> <i>Jo/Dy</i>				
Equipment Repair (3362)	\$ 15,603.00	<u>15,603.00</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
<b><u>Clerk-Superior Court II (36)</u></b>				
Employee Wages (1114) <i>DW/So</i>	\$ 658.00	<u>658.00</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
<b><u>PUBLIC AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (0610)</u></b>				
Capital Outlay (99.4421) <i>Kc/Dy</i>	\$ 83,505.58	<u>83,505.58</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
<b><u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (2530)</u></b>				
Non-Budgeted Expenditures (99.5000) <i>Kc/Dy</i>	\$ 32,000.00	<u>32,000.00</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>

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February 6, 2006  
TRANSFERS

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COUNTY GENERAL (0100)Sheriff (5)

From: Auto & Comm (2232) *Jo/ox*  
 To: Police Equipment (4452)

\$ 12,175.00 12,175.00 6 0

Sunny Meadows (24)

From: Farm Operating (2252)  
 To: Farm Equipment (4446) *Dy/DVW*

\$ 800.00 800.00 6 0

ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2006

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ATTEST:

*B. Small*  
*James J. ...*  
*Donald E. Van Wye*  
*Port Ordway*  
*Larry Moughler*  
*Keith A. Crow*  
*Sharon G. Hayes*

Sharon G. Hayes  
 Secretary of Appropriating Body