

**COUNCIL MINUTES - MARCH 6, 2006****Absent:** Larry Moughler**MATTER OF SHERIFF**

Sheriff Dennis presented results of the previous weeks bids for police patrol vehicles and a listing of the current vehicles within the fleet of existing sheriff's cars. Vehicles to be sold were hi-lighted. Bids were received from local dealers for Chevrolet and Ford 4-door sedans with police engines. A bid for a mini-van of each make was also requested.

Councilman Yard questioned whether the sheriff would prefer the Ford or Chevrolet vehicles. The sheriff feels that the Chevrolet is a smaller but safer car because it is front-wheel driven and better suited to snowy weather conditions. The Ford is larger and is better suited to one or two deputies of larger or taller stature.

The commissioners advertised for an appropriation of \$169,000 from the CCD fund to purchase the vehicles, based on an earlier estimate. The bids to be accepted by the sheriff will total \$147,000 for 5 cars and one mini-van. This also includes \$32,000 to equip the vehicles.

A motion by Keith Crow to approve the additional appropriation as well as a transfer for the jail was seconded by David Yarde and carried.

Sheriff Dennis also reported the count of inmates at the jail was low at a total of 66.

**MATTER OF MINUTES**

A motion by Janet Ordway to approve the minutes of the February meeting was seconded by Don VanWye and carried.

**MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

A motion by Don VanWye to approve a request by Judge Monte Brown for \$335 to purchase a robe was seconded by Robert Wilder and carried.

A motion by Robert Wilder to approve an additional appropriation of \$10,000 for maintenance contracts for the highway department was seconded by Janet Ordway and carried..

A motion by Janet Ordway to approve \$4,000 within the pre-trial diversion fund for purchase of software for the prosecutor was seconded by Robert Wilder and carried.

**MATTER OF AIRPORT**

Airport manager Russ Couchman and aviation board secretary, Brad Stump presented the Pavement Management Plan and explained the contents of the packet, which also included a diagram for reference.

Issues of the airport monthly newsletter "Prop Wash" containing pictures of some newly acquired maintenance equipment were also distributed. A jeep and two motorcycles were acquired at no cost other than the travel or shipping expense. Further plans include the purchase of hand held GPS units

## **MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS**

The highway department would like to purchase a screener with monies from the Cumulative Bridge Fund. This cost for this piece of used equipment is \$74,900. A second request was made for \$8,000 for culvert tile.

Councilman Wilder asked the commissioners to explain the use of the Screener. This equipment will be placed in various locations as needed to separate aggregate from other soil materials removed from ditches by using the Gradall. The gravel recovered will be reused and the soil returned to the private landowner. A motion by Robert Wilder to approve both appropriations for the Screener and culvert tile from the Cumulative Bridge Fund was seconded by Keith Crow and carried.

The commissioners requested \$11,102 for a copy machine for Superior Court II and \$12,000 for furnishings for the Superior Court II Clerk and the GIS department and cabling for the projects. A motion by Keith Crow to approve the request from Cumulative Capital Development was seconded by Don Van Wye and carried.

A motion by Don Van Wye to approve a transfer of \$17.28 from telecommunications to equipment for the coroner to cover the remaining cost of a newly purchased laptop computer was seconded by Janet Ordway and carried.

## **MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH**

President Smaltz explained the use of the Enhanced 911 system response to emergencies and the desire to combine, upgrade, replace and unite the various smaller emergency service units to avoid duplication of services.

Bret O'Connor of Thayer Consulting presented an executive summary for the study done for the creation of central dispatch. Members of the technical committee also present included Randy Fox, Paul Brewer, Mike Good, Mike Van Zile, Jack Smith, Sheriff Dennis, Chris Schweitzer, Marty McCoy and Greg Beal.

Copies of the presentation were distributed and Mr. O'Connor explained that his company specializes in public safety. Mr. O'Connor also explained that throughout his presentation he would use a term PSA meaning Point of Safety Application. Following the power point presentation Mr. O'Connor listed the two alternatives he believes are available to resolve the existing situation among and between the county and cities. The first alternative would be to improve and update all existing services with in-house dispatchers without making any personnel changes. This would also require additional education for some. The second alternative would be consolidation of all existing services and dispatch operations into a central location.

Councilman Crow asked if there will be mandates from the state and or federal government in the areas of Homeland security. There are no mandates for central dispatch.

Randy Fox explained the SAFE-T program and 800 MHz trunked system requirements, which Randy feels would be the least expensive method. There would be several alternatives for a mobile data system needed to send data back and forth between areas.

Although local funding would be most logical there were recommendations regarding the possibility of federal and state grants, but these may not be available.

Mr. O'Connor explained the six steps for implementation for 2006, and the remainder of the 13 steps for 2007 and 2008.

1. Promote the idea for central dispatch to the public
2. Form a governing board
3. Hire a director
4. Develop policies
5. Develop a technology plan
6. Adopt a final formal plan and acquire a site for the facility
7. 2007 - Begin construction

8. Train communicators
9. Move to the SAFE-T program
10. Purchase and implement a common Spillman System
11. Procure additional integrated systems
12. 2008 - Complete construction and install and test equipment
13. Cut over to the consolidated center

Councilman Smaltz stated his feelings regarding the entire program, saying that it is good government to provide services. Mr. Smaltz further feels that the program is definitely not a cost saving measure, but is being proactive to improve an inadequate system.

Councilman Wilder agreed with Councilman Smaltz concerning consolidation, and expressed his appreciation to the committee for the work on central dispatch. Janet Ordway seconded Mr. Wilder's statements.

Councilman Smaltz feels that it is necessary to speak to the community to decide if there is a need for this system. Mr. Smaltz also feels that it is necessary for the commissioners to affirm said need by offering to support the proposal and to proceed.

#### **MATTER OF AUBURN TIF DISTRICT**

Councilman Smaltz asked the auditor for an explanation of the problem with the Auburn TIF district. The auditor stated that the issues had been resolved. When pressed further for an answer, which Mr. Smaltz stated, was due the people of Auburn, the auditor attempted to explain that she was not prepared to give a statement in a public meeting without knowledge of the request. Mr. Smaltz further asked when the auditor would have an answer, to which she responded that she did not know when one might be available.

#### **MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Keith Crow to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Robert Wilder 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>Superior Court II (27)</u></b>				
Uniforms (2220) <i>DVW/RW</i>	\$ 335.00	<u>335.00</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
<b><u>HIGHWAY (0200)</u></b>				
Maintenance Contracts (76.3363) <i>RW/So</i>	\$ 10,000.00	<u>10,000</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
<b><u>PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION (0910)</u></b>				
Non-Budgeted Expenditures (99.5000) <i>Jo/RW</i>	\$ 4,000.00	<u>4,000</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
<b><u>Cumulative Bridge (2500)</u></b>				
Equipment (99.4443) <i>RW/AC</i>	\$ 74,900.00	<u>74,900.</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
Culvert / Tile (99.2280)	\$ 8,000.00	<u>8,000.</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
<b><u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (2530)</u></b>				
Non-Budgeted Expenditures (99.5000) <i>AC/DVW</i>	\$ 11,102.00	<u>11,102.00</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
Non-Budgeted Expenditures (99.5000) <i>AC/DVW</i>	\$ 12,000.00	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
Non-Budgeted Expenditures (99.5000) <i>AC/DY</i>	\$ 169,000.00	<u>147,800</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>

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TRANSFERS

COUNTY GENERAL (0100)

Coroner (7)

From: Telecommunications  
(3324)

To: Equipment (4443) DW/JO

\$ 17.28

17.28

60

ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF MARCH, 2006

NAY

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*Reg Smay*

*Robert W. Wells*

*Danica Upde*

*Donald E. W. Wye*

*James Ordway*

*Keith A. Crow*

ATTEST:

*Sharon G. Hayes*

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Secretary of Appropriating Body