

COUNCIL MINUTES - MAY 1, 2006

Absent: Ben Smaltz
David Yarde

MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Treasurer Sue Bauermeister requested \$7,000 in overtime monies for her budget. Installation of new tax software and the short session legislation changes ending March 14 gave reason to believe that she might wait until the June meeting to request the additional monies. In a normal year the deadline for the abstract of taxes from the auditor's office to be approved by the state auditor is March 15. The new tax software proved to be very efficient allowing the auditor to finish in far less time than the past few years in spite of the learning curve which was anticipated. This enabled the auditor and treasurer to set the date for tax collection earlier than originally expected.

A motion by Robert Wilder to create the overtime account under emergency circumstances and transfer \$4,000 from part time help was seconded by Keith Crow and carried. This will allow the auditor time to advertise for appropriations for the June meeting.

MATTER OF PLAN COMMISSION

An appropriation of \$800 was requested for the plan commission within the consultant fees account. The current zoning administrator Sally Rowe has recently resigned her position, and monies are required to pay a consultant until a new appointment can be made. Commissioner Ort explained that former administrator Sharon Kline will work under an independent contract four days per week for up to four hours per day at \$15.00 per hour until a qualified planner is appointed.

Councilman Wilder stated that this is an important position and requires a person with specific qualifications. A motion by Keith Crow to approve the appropriation was seconded by Larry Moughler and carried.

MATTER OF MINUTES

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

MATTER OF GARRETT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Garrett Library Director Cate Birdseye distributed revised copies of the Garrett Library Capital Project Plan for 2007. Cate explained that last year was the first time for the capital projects fund to be used in Garrett. The challenge to maintain the library and provide computer services is very great. About \$8,000 is needed yearly for computer hardware and software. This includes anti-virus and filtering systems. Not every home has a computer, and when there are factory closings, computer use in the library is greatly increased.

The library has acquired 6 homes, five of which are now being demolished. This will allow for general expansion and increased parking. The library board would like to renovate the sixth house behind the library making it accessible to the handicapped for additional uses such as GED classes, reading groups and garden club.

The main library was renovated 10 years ago, but now needs painting, replacement windows and an elevator. The library provides services for every age from babies to after school teen programs to elderly or disabled residents of Millers Merry Manor nursing facility.

Councilman Wilder stated that the 4 county libraries are making great efforts to serve the public and further motioned to accept and approve the Garrett Public Library Capital Project plan for 2007. The motion was seconded by Don VanWye and carried

MATTER OF WATERLOO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Linda Dunn director of the Waterloo Public Library presented the capital projects plan for 2007. Ms. Dunn mentioned uses of the monies to support basic technology, repairs and maintenance, licensing fees and that the library has begun a GED program. The board is working to share programs with other county libraries and has 10 public computers for access to Internet services.

A motion by Robert Wilder to receive the report and approve the plan was seconded by Larry Moughler and carried unanimously.

MATTER OF APPROPRIATION

A motion by Don VanWye to approve the request for \$125,000 for dust control on gravel roads for the 2006 summer season was seconded by Keith Crow and carried.

MATTER OF REGIONAL MARKETING PARTNERSHIP

Waterloo Town manager DuWayne Nodine introduced John Sampson of the Northeast Indiana Regional Marketing Partnership, who explained that the purpose of his organization was that of marketing northeast Indiana to the world. This would be done by proposing a cooperative effort of private business and government leading to a commitment to do something to attract companies which would offer an average income to the area derived from manufacturing. Employment in this area as well as the average wage is down at present, meaning that persons are working much harder for less money. The decline in the auto industry is responsible for this. The area must reach out to bring in more jobs.

A comprehensive strategic regional marketing plan is proposed to market the region domestically and internationally to attract new business and create employment. The surrounding counties must pull together taking advantage from each. A combined presence on the Internet is needed. This will not replace the current functions of the local economic development agencies, but will bring leads to the counties so that they may then take over. The advantage will be a team of local persons to market the region and eliminate duplication of effort. This will employ a more focused and effective use of the Internet. The strategic plan has five points. 1) Domestic and international marketing 2) Lead fulfillment and data interpretation 3) Brand awareness 4) Regional Cooperation and 5) Start up cost and contingency. The 5-year budget will be \$6,500,000 resulting in 1) Region job quality 2) Average annual wage 3) Economic diversification 4) Regional total job growth 5) Tax revenues 6) Regional image.

DeKalb Counties' contribution would be \$17,053 to cover cities and towns. Mr. Sampson predicted that for every 5,000 jobs 6,905 secondary jobs are created to pay 38,431 annually at \$19.21 per hour to generate \$3,372,443,480 in total earnings which could result in \$205,872,980 in expenditures and \$32,182,340 in deposits of area banks.

Janet Ordway asked if Mr. Sampson had performed these services in other areas. Mr. Sampson stated yes, that he lives in Hamilton County, which has experienced a great amount of growth. Councilman Wilder commented on growth from Allen County in the form of home construction. Attorney McCanna commented as a member of the Economic Development partnership that the new partnership would be co-chaired by Keith Busse of SDI and Jim Marcusulli of Star Financial Bank. The partnership is seeking a commitment from the county and feels the county has the funds for this. They are hoping to go public with this on June 6 and

Mayor Yoder will be on the board of directors. The mayor spoke and explained that Lincoln Schrock's group has developed into this partnership. The mayor further explained that this is a 5-year-commitment as that is the time needed to assess the results. The need for 100% backing from all governmental units to market the whole region is a must and the mayor supports all levels of commitment for the return on investments. Attorney McCanna called for the council to endorse the program. A motion by Keith Crow to support the program was seconded by Robert Wilder and carried unanimously. Councilman Wilder stated that he feels thanks and support are in order.

MATTER OF CUMULATIVE BRIDGE -- SMALL STRUCTURES

A motion by Keith Crow to approve all requests for appropriations for small structures such as culverts within the Cumulative Bridge Fund was seconded by Robert Wilder and carried.

MATTER OF BUDGETS

Following discussion it was decided by a show of hands that the recommendation for salary increases for 2007 budget preparation would be 3%.

MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Keith Crow to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Robert Wilder and carried.

Monday

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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 REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	VOTE AYE	NAY
<u>ADDITIONALS</u>				
<u>COUNTY GENERAL (0100)</u>				
<u>Plan Commission (13)</u>				
Consultant Fees (3284) <i>KC/Sm</i>	\$ 800.00	<u>800.00</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Highway (0200)</u>				
Dust Control (75.3235)	\$ 125,000.00	<u>125,000</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (2500)</u>				
Sm Structure #87 (99.35245) <i>CK/RW</i>	\$ 16,000.00	<u>16,000</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Sm Structure #97 (99.35250)	\$ 14,000.00	<u>14,000</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Sm Structure #100 (99.35255)	\$ 18,000.00	<u>18,000</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Sm Structure #102 (99.35260)	\$ 14,000.00	<u>14,000</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Sm Structure #149 (99.35265)	\$ 21,000.00	<u>21,000</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Sm Structure #183 (99.35270)	\$ 16,000.00	<u>16,000</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Sm Structure #241 (99.35275)	\$ 10,000.00	<u>10,000</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>TRANSFERS</u>				
<u>COUNTY GENERAL (0100)</u>				
<u>EMERGENCY MGT (33)</u>				
From: Publications (2215) <i>DVW/Sm</i> To: Telecommunications (3324)	\$ 128.08	<u>128.08</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

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HIGHWAY (0200)From: Contractual Services
(73.3433)To: Operating Supplies *Rw/DW*
(73.2213)\$ 1,000.00 1,000. 5 0LOCAL HEALTH
MAINTENANCE (0510)From: Operating Supplies
(99.2213)To: Equipment (99.4443)
DW/BM\$ 1,995.00 1995.00 4 1COUNTY GENERAL (0100)Treasurer (3)

From: Part Time (1075)

To: Overtime (1105)

\$ 4,000.00 4,000 5 0

ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2006

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ATTEST:

Sharon G. Hayes
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County Auditor