

COUNCIL MINUTES - NOVEMBER 6, 2006**MATTER OF MINUTES**

A motion by Janet Ordway by to approve the minutes of the October 2nd council meeting was seconded by Don VanWye and carried.

MATTER OF JUDGES' APPROPRIATIONS

Judges Kevin Wallace and Monte Brown explained their requests for additional appropriations. Earlier in 2006 the judges requested to contract with local attorneys to provide pauper counsel and guardian ad litem services. In both cases the judges have no money to honor the contracts for the remainder of the year. Judge Wallace requested \$20,118 for pauper counsel.

Judge Brown addressed the council as well and withdrew one request for \$3,500 stating that he was not aware that Judge Wallace had requested monies for the same uses.

Although both judges stated that they must provide these services, Councilman Wilder stated that he was unwilling to make a decision regarding any additional appropriations at this time.

MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Galen Everhart of the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership spoke regarding a proposed distribution center for the Town of Ashley. The site under consideration will need infrastructure and the Town of Ashley has pledged nearly all of its resources, including utility reserves and Major Moves monies to attract the interested party to build in this portion of DeKalb County. There is still an amount slightly over \$300,000 required, and Mr. Everhart asked that DeKalb County Government provide \$200,000 of this amount. It is assumed that there will be some state contributions to the funding of the project, but this is yet to be determined.

It was the consensus that the council would support the issue, but would defer to the commissioners to locate funding. Councilman Wilder commented on the development taking place in Waterloo, and applauded the forward looking attitude of these two small towns.

MATTER OF WELFARE APPROPRIATIONS

Welfare Director Mary Southern explained the request for \$411,000 additional appropriations within the Family and Children Fund. Various in home placements for children have risen in cost, and although the original budget would not have supported these increases large reimbursements from the state and federal sources are accessible. For example the cost for care of wards in therapeutic homes increased from 2004 at \$287,800 to the 2006 cost of \$594,000. A motion by Janet Ordway to approve appropriations from the Family and Children Fund was seconded David Yarde and carried.

MATTER OF PLAN COMMISSION

Zoning Administrator Clint Knauer explained his request for \$365 for travel monies. A motion by Keith Crow to approve the request was seconded by David Yarde. Councilman Wilder commented on the other request for appropriations totaling nearly one million dollars, and stated that he was not in favor of granting any appropriations until he was sure there was funding to cover them. The original motion and second were withdrawn, and replaced with a motion by the

same councilmen to deny the request, the motion was carried. It was suggested that the zoning administrator check with the commissioners for further travel monies.

MATTER OF SHERIFF'S REQUESTS

Sheriff Dennis explained his requests for appropriations from the misdemeanor fund. A motion by Robert Wilder to approve the request for \$33,864 for meals for prisoners and \$9,000 for electricity for the jail was seconded by Janet Ordway and carried.

The sheriff also requested \$3,900 for motor vehicle maintenance and \$5,777 for holiday pay for employees. When the 2006 budgets were drafted holiday pay for two new employees was not considered in the increase in the holiday pay line item, and vehicles must be maintained. Again there was a question of availability of funds, however the auditor reminded the council that payroll was one item which could not be lacking. A motion by Robert Wilder to approve these two items was seconded by David Yarde and carried.

MATTER OF RADIOS - REBANDING

Sheriff Dennis introduced Paul Brewer to explain the process required by the FCC for re-banding radios to 800 MHz. A handout further described the procedure for the 5-step process, which will be overseen by Nextel as the vendor. The county would make the following choices to begin. 1. Choose a single point of contact for the agency. 2. Determine who will perform the inventory of the current equipment. 3. Determine who will reprogram the radios. 4. Assign a "Records King" to maintain the financial records. 5. Complete the Agency Point of Contact Form"

MATTER OF LEPC BUDGET

The commissioners have appointed Roger Powers as the new director of emergency management for the county. Although Roger will not begin for another week, he has looked into the financial status of the department. The LEPC budget was not increased properly to furnish a raise for the secretary, although a raise was granted for the position. A request to transfer a total of \$400 from two other line items to fulfill the salary requirements for the remainder of the year was granted with a motion by Robert Wilder, seconded by Larry Moughler and carried.

A second request for additional appropriations in the LEPC budget was explained by the auditor. Laptop computers were obtained through a homeland security grant, but the computers must be paid for prior to reimbursement by the state. Money for the purchase was not available, but the auditor had advised that the LEPC Fund had enough for an appropriation which could then be reimbursed. A motion by Robert Wilder to appropriate \$12,000 for the computers was seconded by Larry Moughler and carried. When received, the reimbursement will be receipted back to the LEPC fund.

MATTER OF VISITORS BUREAU

Executive Director Richard Martin reported on the DeKalb County Visitors Bureau for 2006, and presented the 2007 budget. The projected income remains at \$230,000 for 2007 with no salary increase, but a slight increase in the operating expenses and a small decrease in the marketing expenses. Mr. Martin plans to do more direct mailing in 2007, and will decrease the cost of highway signs by asking the golf courses which use part of the advertising to assume a portion of the cost. The report also included results from a survey by Certec, Inc. regarding the economic impact of tourism and the travel industry, and the 2006 marketing plan. A motion by

Robert Wilder to receive the report and approve the 2007 budget for the visitors' bureau was seconded by Don VanWye and carried.

MATTER OF TRANSFERS

Airport Manager Russ Couchman addressed the council to explain a request for transfers within the airport budget. A motion by Robert Wilder to approve two transfer from real estate and drainage tax \$6,500 to repairs and ground maintenance and \$750 to non budgeted expense was seconded by Janet Ordway and carried.

Due to the lateness of the meeting, the president asked if more information was needed for any other transfer. A motion by Don VanWye to approve all remaining transfers was seconded by Robert Wilder and carried.

MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Following a brief discussion a motion by Robert Wilder to table all remaining general fund transfers until the December meeting was seconded by Janet Ordway and carried. Discussion and a recommendation from the commissioners caused the previous motion to be changed to except the \$200,000 requested by the commissioners for health insurance. The motion by Robert Wilder to approve the request for insurance was seconded Don VanWye and carried.

A motion by Don VanWye to approve all additional appropriations for the highway department was seconded by Larry Moughler and carried.

MATTER OF PROSECUTOR – PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND

A motion by Janet Ordway to approve the prosecutor's request for expenditure of \$8,332 from the pretrial diversion fund was seconded by Don VanWye and carried.

MATTER OF 2007 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

A motion by Robert Wilder to adopt the 2007 Holiday Schedule as approved by the commissioners was seconded by Don Van Wye and carried.

DeKalb County 2007 Holiday Schedule

New Years Day	Monday	January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King Jr.	Monday	January 15, 2007
President's Day	Monday	February 19, 2007
Good Friday	Friday	April 6, 2007
Primary Election Day	Tuesday	May 1, 2007 May 8, 2007
Memorial Day	Monday	May 28, 2007
Independence Day	Wednesday	July 4, 2007
Labor Day	Monday	September, 3, 2007
Fair Day*	Friday	September 28, 2007
Columbus Day	Monday	October 8, 2007
General Election Day	Tuesday	November 6, 2007
Veteran's Day	Monday	November 12, 2007
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 22, 2007
	Friday	November 23, 2007
Christmas	Tuesday	December 25, 2007

* Courthouse closed to public on Fair Day, September 28, 2007. Employees may choose to use a vacation day or work.

MATTER OF APPOINTMENT

A motion by Don Van Wye to appoint Robert Novy to the Garrett Public Library Board for the remainder of the term vacated by the resignation was seconded by Janet Ordway and carried. The appointment will run through December of 2008.

MATTER OF JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

To allow time for scheduling the auditor asked the council to determine a date for the first meeting for 2007. At least one council member would not be available for January 2nd and it was decided that the first council meeting would be January 8, 2007.

MATTER OF UNIFORMS

Commissioner Ort asked the council for an opinion concerning what constitutes a permissible expense for uniforms for the jail. The statute is fairly clear in that it states that uniforms are to be provided for law enforcement officers to be worn in the performance of their duty. Recently claims have come from the sheriff's employees for shoes, shirts, boots and jackets to be worn by kitchen staff and other employees who are not deputies or jailers. Commissioner Ort read the statute for the council. Councilman Wilder stated that in his opinion the statute is quite clear, the uniform is just that shirts and pants for officers, not clothing or shoes for other employees.

MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH

There being no other business, Councilman Smaltz asked for questions regarding central dispatch, and stated that a resolution is necessary from the commissioners in order to proceed.

Commissioner Ort responded that throughout the lengthy meeting most discussion had concerned a lack of funds. In light of other issues such as tax sales, bankruptcies, layoffs, insurance problems, and changing to 800 MHz radios it just does not seem to make sense that the county should incur more debt when the system now in place works fairly well.

Councilman Smaltz stated that he would rather put his family into the hands of a new system than the present, as the dispatches from Garrett are poor.

Councilman Wilder feels that the county is well capable of funding this by bonding, and that a mandate to provide the service may be forthcoming. The county must take steps toward this and the leadership should come from the county commissioners. Plan A. at \$9.6 million is high, but the plan should be adopted as recommended by the consulting firm.

Attorney McCanna stated that the plan should probably be for \$10 million to allow for underwriting costs which could be as much as \$800,000. Current financing might be at 6% for 20 years.

Commissioner Kaufman stated that he has had no response from taxpayers for proceeding with the process. The calls he has received in favor of the project were all from fire fighters. Commissioner Kaufman was not in favor of financing the project at the projected cost.

Councilman Crow stated that the current cash flow problem is a mitigating factor, as well as the lack of participation by the City of Garrett and the problems with changes in radio equipment for 800 MHz.

Councilman Smaltz questioned what the response would be if the need was for a sewer project. Would the answer be different? The 911 fees will be coming in, and there is a need to show forward thinking.

Councilman Wilder stated that \$105,000 has been spent on the study, and wondered if the county is thinking to scrap that and do nothing.

MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

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

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>Sheriff (5)</u>				
Motor Vehicle Maint (3361)	\$ 3,900.00	<u>3,900</u>	7	0
Holiday Pay (1110) <i>RW/DY</i>	\$ 5,777.00	<u>5,777</u>	7	0
<u>Plan Commission (13)</u>				
Travel (3323) <i>AC/DY</i>	\$ 365.00	<u>- 0 -</u>	1	6
<u>Commissioners (19)</u>				
Humane Shelter (3420)	\$ 3,000.00	<u>(tabled)</u>	7	0
Care Of Inmates (3419)	\$ 160,000.00	<u>(tabled)</u>	7	0
Insurance (1220) <i>RW/SO RW/DW</i>	\$ 200,000.00	<u>200,000</u>	7	0
<u>Circuit Court (25)</u>				
Legal Fees (3282)	\$ 25,000.00	<u>(tabled)</u>	7	0
<u>Superior Court I (26)</u>				
Legal Fees (3282)	\$ 20,118.00	<u>(tabled)</u>	7	0
<u>Superior Court II (27)</u>				
Legal Fees (3282)	\$ 3,500.00	<u>(tabled)</u>	7	0
Guardian Ad Litem & Court (3432)	\$ 6,500.00	<u>(tabled)</u>	7	0
<u>HIGHWAY (0200)</u>				
Sand / Salt (74.2276)	\$ 25,000.00	<u>25,000</u>	7	0
Petroleum Products & Supplies (76.2221)	\$ 50,000.00	<u>50,000</u>	7	0
Tires (76.2233) <i>DW/hm</i>	\$ 10,000.00	<u>50,000</u>	7	0

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FAMILY & CHILDREN
(0310)

Care Of Wards In Foster Homes (99.32500)	\$ 57,000.00	<u>57,000</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
Care Of Wards In Therapeutic Foster Homes (99.32510)	\$ 153,000.00	<u>153,000</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
Care Of Wards In Institutions (99.32520)	\$ 50,000.00	<u>50,000</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
Preservation Services (99.32540)	\$ 100,000.00	<u>100,000</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
Miscellaneous Cost Of Wards (99.32550)	\$ 57,000.00	<u>57,000</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION
(0910)

FOR REPORTING
PURPOSES ONLY

Non-Budgeted Expenditures (99.5000)	\$ 8,332.00	<u>8,332.00</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
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COUNTY MISDEMEANANT
(0936)

Non-Budgeted Expenditures (99.5000)	\$ 33,864.00	<u>33,864</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
Non-Budgeted Expenditures (99.5000)	\$ 9,000.00	<u>9,000</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>

LEPC (1330)

Non-Budgeted Expenditures (99.5000)	\$ 12,000.00	<u>12,000</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
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TRANSFERS

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COUNTY GENERAL (0100)Coroner (7)From: Photography Equip
(4450)

To: Other Supplies (2272)

\$ 300.00

3007 0

DVW/RW

Extension Office (12)

From: Travel (3323)

To: Part Time (1075)

\$ 958.64

958.647 0Plan Commission (13)

From: Printing Services(3331)

To: Office Supplies (2211)

\$ 150.00

150.7 0From: Equipment Repair
(3362)

To: Office Supplies (2211)

\$ 200.00

2007 0Brd Of Zoning Appeals (14)

From: Printing Services(3331)

To: Office Supplies (2211)

\$ 350.00

3507 0

From: Legal Notices (3333)

To: Office Supplies (2211)

\$ 24.40

24.407 0Circuit Court (25)From: Other Service Fees
(3278)To: Employee Wages
(1114)

\$ 1,704.00

1,7047 0Public Defender (28)From: Equipment Repair
(3362)

To: Equipment (4443)

\$ 100.00

100.007 0Title IV-D (30)From: Other Service Fees
(3278)

To: Office Supplies (2211)

\$ 150.00

150.007 0

From: Depositions (3311)

To: Office Supplies (2211)

\$ 200.00

200.007 0From: Equipment Repair
(3362)

To: Office Supplies (2211)

\$ 150.00

150.007 0Emergency Mgt (33)From: Radio Equipment
Repair (3366)To: Furniture & Fixtures
(4441)

\$ 1,100.00

1,1007 0

RW/gm

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AVIATION (0600)

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From: Drain/Real Estate
Taxes (99.3239)
To: Repair & Maintenance
Supplies (99.2231)

RW/Jo

\$ 6.500.00

6,5007 0

From: Grounds Maintenance
(99.3360)
To: Non-Budgeted
Expenditures(99.5000)

\$ 750.00

750.7 0

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
(0500)

From: Equipment Repair
(99.3362)
To: Furniture & Fixtures
(99.4441)

\$ 731.65

731.657 0

LEPC (1330)

From: Printing Services(3331)
To: Part Time (1075)

RW/Jo

\$ 400.00

4007 0

ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2006

NAYAYE

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	Robert Welder
	Donald E. H. Wynn
	Janet Orduway
	Larry Moughler
	Keith A. Crow

ATTEST:

Sharon G. Hayes
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County Auditor