

**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	
<u>ADDITIONALS</u>					
<u>COUNTY GENERAL (0100)</u>					
<u>Commissioners (19)</u>					
Central Dispatch Phase 1 (3326) <i>RW/KC</i>	\$	105,000.00	<u>— 0 —</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>AVIATION (0600)</u>					
Equipment (99.4443) <i>DY/RW</i>	\$	10,500.00	<u>10,500</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (2530)</u>					
Central Dispatch Phase 1 (99.3326) <i>Jo/RW</i>	\$	105,000.00	<u>105,000</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>

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TRANSFERSCOUNTY GENERAL (0100)Sheriff (5)From: Auto & Communication  
(2232)To: Police Equipment  
(4452) *RW/DVW*\$ 3,000.00 3,000 6 0Prosecutor (8)From: Office Supplies (2211) *RW*

To: Equipment (4443)

\$ 149.99 149.99 6 0REASSESSMENT (0801)

From: Postage (99.3322)

To: Furniture & Fixtures  
(99.4441) *DVW/JO*\$ 249.45 249.45 6 0

ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 2005

NAYAYE

	<i>Big Sam</i>
	<i>Robert Walker</i>
	<i>David Jones</i>
	<i>Donald E. Van Wagon</i>
	<i>James Ordway</i>
	<i>Keith C. Crow</i>

ATTEST:

*Sharon G. Hayes*Sharon G. Hayes  
Secretary of Appropriating Body

**COUNCIL MINUTES - MARCH 7, 2005**

**Absent:** Larry Moughler

**MATTER OF MINUTES**

A motion by Don Van Wye to approve the minutes of the February council meeting was seconded by Janet Ordway and carried

**MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – AIRPORT**

With the use of a power point presentation, airport manager Russ Couchman made a request for additional appropriations for the purchase of a zero-turn radius mower. Far too much time is expended with the mowing equipment used presently, and the mower would also eliminate the ongoing cost of a contractor to do the mowing. Numerous light fixtures surrounding the runway and within the airfield pose a problem for larger equipment. The zero turn radius mower will solve this problem.

A motion by David Yarde to approve the additional \$12,000 for the Diesel powered Grasshopper mower with 62 inch deck was seconded by Robert Wilder and carried.

**MATTER OF CENTRAL DISPATCH**

Councilman Smaltz explained the issues concerning central dispatch and the need for a consulting firm, as the committee has taken the project as far as possible without assistance from planning professionals. Following requests for proposals and quotes Thayer Consulting was selected for this project. Ben had made a presentation to the commissioners requesting that they make a formal request for appropriations to begin Phase 1 of the planning.

Following numerous questions, answers were provided by members of the committee present. Ben is comfortable with information provided by local persons such as dispatchers and emergency medical technicians, but the community does not have individuals to perform all necessary functions. Although they have been invited to join, the only resistance is from the City of Garrett. However, they have been provided with all information. Goals have been set and Thayer will tell the committee how to accomplish the task, but at this time there is no final cost estimate. Thayer is not a local company, but there is no consulting firm located closer, and the county must move forward.

Councilman Wilder explained his opinion that this is similar to the separate phone systems used within the county in the past. Each system functioned well, but as technology advances, the systems joined and the result was one larger system without toll fees for calling a short distance within the county. Councilman Wilder urged the council to take a positive step.

Councilman Yarde felt that the county should know the end cost prior to making a commitment for a large sum.

Councilman Crow continued by asking why it is necessary to fix what already works well.

Ben explained that time is an issue when health care is at stake. The various stand-alone systems are working, but not as well. This is not a new concept, but the third try, and the most progress ever made toward central dispatch. The county must take the big step for funding.

Councilman Wilder answered Councilman Crow's question concerning payment by the individual fire departments. Actually the county does not pay, rather the citizens support the system through the 911 phone charges. Therefore, the council must raise the amount of the surcharge to support this venture. The DeKalb County 911 surcharge rate of \$.86 is the very lowest in the state.

Paul Brewer, director of 911 services explained that he pays the tax both in Auburn and in the county, as do many residents on their local as well as cellular phone rates. The equipment currently in use is constantly being replaced, and central dispatch will put Mr. Brewer's job in jeopardy as well as many others.

Answering Councilman Yard's question, the county presently dispatches for all emergency calls except Auburn and Garrett.

Randy Fox has been with emergency medical services for 28 years, and the original radios are still in use. Something must be done now before these begin to deteriorate.

Emergency workers need support, and the sheriff is willing to give up within his department to better serve the public. "Idealism is held by all," said Wilder, "but we want the best for our citizenry."

A motion by Janet Ordway to approve the appropriation of \$105,000 from Cumulative Capital Development was seconded by Robert Wilder and carried. David Yarde cast a nay vote.

A motion by Robert Wilder to deny the request for \$105,000 from the general fund was seconded by Keith Crow and carried.

### **MATTER OF HAVA**

Clerk Jackie Rowan stated that the county has received \$100,000 for new voting machines for impaired voters, and \$50,000 to update the software to be used. The first new machines were purchased in 1989 but not used until 1990. The new Infinity machine is the size of a laptop computer and the county is now purchasing 39 of these machines which were certified in 2002.

A letter for Steve Carter explained that two systems must be used, but they will not work together. There will be no training on the new machines until later, but they must be in place by January 2006.

Quest is a new mandate by HAVA, the Help America Vote Act, for a new (SVRS) State Voter Registration System. Wiring for the Quest system is now in place within the Clerk's office. This will accommodate two screens on each desk for the clerk and voter registration deputy, and requires the purchase of 4 PCs, 1 Laser printer, 1 scanner, 3 bar code readers and 3 label printers. All of the equipment will be furnished by the state, but the training for use of the system will be an expense for the county.

The third concern for HAVA involves the accessibility to the polling places. Only two of DeKalb Counties' polling places passed the criteria for accessibility, 27 failed. Clerk Rowan presented a list explaining the problems for each polling place. Public facilities must accommodate ADA for polling places, but churches and other private facilities are not required to be compliant.

Councilman Crow questioned what might be done to explore other means to make the facilities compliant, and Councilman Smaltz feels that the problem will become a greater issue as organizations will not want to be recognized as non-compliant with ADA, and therefore not allow the use of a private facility.

### **MATTER OF NEW AGRICULTURE AGENT**

The new DeKalb County Agricultural Agent was introduced by youth educator Jamie Sukala. Dave Holloway expressed appreciation for the introduction and opportunity to meet with the council members and commissioners.

### **MATTER OF GIS**

GIS director Brad Stump explained the new statewide GIS program. Aerial photography for the mapping of each county will be conducted by the state, but the resolution will be the same

for all areas unless otherwise designated and paid for by the organization making the request. The resolution requested by the cities and towns for greater accuracy would cost a total of \$75,000 for the entire county. There is a total of 269 square miles within the county, but only 50 square miles are cities and towns. The committee for GIS would like to petition the mapping company to photograph the cities and towns at a higher resolution with the county to pay half of the total cost with the remainder to be split among the various cities and towns. The photography must be done before the trees begin to get their leaves.

Chris Schweitzer explained why the City of Auburn wants the better resolution, but dialogue with the state indicates that there will be no small area update. Countywide participation is necessary. The City-County GIS program has attained state and national recognition. The timeline is very frustrating, but the investment is paramount to maintaining the partnership.

Brad estimates the county expense to be between \$7,500 and \$10,000.

A motion by David Yarde to support using up to \$15,000 for the purpose of additional resolution for the mapping was seconded by Keith Crow and carried unanimously.

### **MATTER OF TRANSFERS**

The sheriff was asked to explain his request for transfer, as the letter was an exact copy of the request made in February. Following the explanation that the first request was for the new van and the second for two new patrol vehicles, but the letter was not edited, a motion by Robert Wilder to approve the sheriff's request to transfer \$3000 from auto and communications to police equipment for lights to equip 2 new vehicles was seconded by Don VanWye and carried unanimously.

A motion by David Yarde to deny the coroner's request to transfer funds was seconded by Robert Wilder and carried.

A motion by Keith Crow to approve the transfer of \$149.99 for the prosecutor from office supply to equipment was seconded by Robert Wilder and carried.

A motion by Don VanWye to approve the transfer of \$249.45 from postage to furniture and fixtures within the reassessment budget was seconded by Janet Ordway and carried unanimously.

A motion by Robert Wilder to transfer \$38.88 from postage to office supplies for the veteran service officer was seconded by Don VanWye and carried unanimously.

### **MATTER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The council is invited to meet with representatives of the probation department, the department of family and children, and the judges regarding the cost of supporting juvenile issues as it relates to the growth in the county. The county continues to grow, but has little money to support the programs and staff necessary throughout the various county offices which deal with issues from building and taxes to care of inmates. The meeting is to be held on March 23 in the large meeting room in the office building.

The commissioners will receive bids for new courthouse windows during their meeting at 2:00. On Friday Clint will conduct a tour for the council members to inspect the various courthouse windows in need of replacement.

### **MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

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