

DECATUR COUNTY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 19, 2006

The Decatur County Council held their December 19th meeting with the following present: Ernie Gauck- President, Rheadawn Metz, Tom Carroll, Geneva Hunt, Al Knecht, Rose Hellmich, Ken Owens and Bridgett Weber- Auditor.

Mr. Owens moved to approve the November 21st meeting minutes as read and Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Frank Manus requested the County Council's support for the airport. Mayor Manus feels the relationship between the city and county is good. The city wants to move forward and hopes the county is also. FAA is requesting a decision by February 2007. Mr. Manus said that the current location will be one of the potential sites. Mr. Carroll said "No Company has asked the City and County to build an airport". Mr. Jon Dooley stated that a quality airport must be here before businesses will come. Mrs. Metz does not like current location and does not want to see eminent domain. Mr. Carroll stated that legislation has changed and that farmland would most likely not be taken by eminent domain. Mr. Dooley stated that the airport has proper distance with the ball diamonds. Phil Goddard stated that his family's property connects to the current airport and does not want to lose more land. Goddard family lost land when the bypass came through and their land is not for sale. Gary Herbert of the City Council wanted to know if a different site was chosen would the County Council be in favor of it. Mr. Owens moved to relinquish the county's part of the airport to the city if they want to proceed with the current location of the airport and Mrs. Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gerald Hall stated that the alternative site has not been discussed with owners. Mayor Manus has spent some time with the Mayor of Marysville and believes their airport is too far away from the Honda Plant.

Mr. Gauck recognized Mr. Knecht (8 years) and Mr. Carroll (24 years) for their years of service on the County Council. Mr. Knecht thanked Council members for mentioning his time spent on County Council. Mr. Carroll stated he feels fortunate for the time he has spent on County Council and feels quite a bit was accomplished during that time.

Bud Ryle - Animal Control requested the use of monies from 2006 Cum Cap budget used to build the animal shelter to purchase cages. Mr. Owens moved to allow cages to be purchased with 2006 Cum Cap monies and Mr. Knecht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

William O Smith – Prosecutor discussed using monies available in the Check Enforcement Fund and the Marijuana Eradication Fund to supplement salaries for the Child Support Administrative Assistant to bring her salary up to a Court Reporter salary and Jon Oldham so he may work more days on marijuana testing and Council members agreed. Mr. Gauck signed Consent to Employment Status of Prosecuting Attorney.

Judge John Westhafer submitted an application to Homeland Security for equipment and cameras for the courthouse. Grant application is pending until further funding is available. Judge Westhafer asked if someone from Council would consider serving on a committee to discuss courthouse security. Council members agreed to discuss it again at their next meeting.

David Bottorff/Angie Dvorak – Association of Indiana Counties discussed state dog tax repealed in July 2006. Counties have the option to adopt a local tax. Council members agreed to allow the Auditor to work with township trustees on amounts to be paid for dog kills.

Mr. Knecht moved to approve appropriation transfers and Mrs. Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY GENERAL

AREA PLAN

TRANSFER FROM: BUILDING INSPEC 0101-079-1000.06
TRANSFER TO: OFFICE SUPPLIES 0101-079-2000.13 \$ 500.00

TRANSFER FROM: BUILDING INSPEC 0101-079-1000.06
TRANSFER TO: OFFICE EQUIP 0101-079-4000.52 500.00

COUNTY EXTENSION

TRANSFER FROM: PT CLERICAL 0101-011-1000.06
TRANSFER TO: TEACHING SUPP 0101-011-2000.15 200.00

SUPERIOR COURT

TRANSFER FROM: PETIT JURORS 0101-201-1000.33
TRANSFER TO: OFFICE SUPPLIES 0101-201-2000.13 150.00

TRANSFER FROM: PETIT JURORS 0101-201-1000.33
TRANSFER TO: EQUIPMENT 0101-201-4000.41 1,990.00

TRANSFER FROM: BAILIFF 0101-201-1000.03
TRANSFER TO: EQUIPMENT 0101-201-4000.41 850.00

HEALTH

TRANSFER FROM: PERS MED HEA 0801-610-2000.13
TRANSFER TO: PERSONAL HC 0801-610-3000.11 7,000.00

PARK

TRANSFER FROM: MAINTENANCE I 1301-801-1000.03
TRANSFER TO: MAINTENANCE 1301-801-2000.32 410.00

TRANSFER FROM: MAINTENANCE I 1301-801-1000.03
TRANSFER TO: UTILITIES 1301-801-3000.51

TRANSFER FROM: MAINTENANCE I 1301-801-1000.03
TRANSFER TO: SERVICE CONT 1301-801-3000.64 320.00

Mrs. Hellmich moved to ask Larry Meyer to be on the Fair Board for 2007 and Mrs. Metz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hunt moved to accept the 2007 Council board appointments as listed and Mr. Carroll second the motion. Motion carried.

The date for the next County Council Meeting will be January 16th at 9:00am.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Mr. Knecht moved to adjourn and Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Ernest Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____