

Voting machines

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county," commissioners' president Bill Brown stated. "It seems we have some big holes in county coverage."

According to Darling each area with a siren acts independently for when and how long to sound them. He is working on a comprehensive plan to coordinate activation at one location at the county sheriff's department in dispatch.

Darling indicated some sirens need to be replaced due to their age and effectiveness. Each siren costs approximately \$25,000.

He noted all sirens are outdoor warning systems and are considered ineffective when doors and windows are closed.

"People should take personal responsibility and purchase personal warning devices for their homes," Darling recommended.

County Highway Department
All new truck bids "exceeded our estimates by a considerable amount," stated highway supervisor Ramzi Awwad. He recommended the issue be tabled to allow him to "receive direction from the county council."

Awwad will apply for an INDOT grant by Jan. 31, for funds to build a bridge on CR500W over the Wabash River.

"This is one of the most difficult applications from which to receive funding," he said. Awwad said more than one application will likely have to be submitted before any money is secured.

A contract with the Troyer Group to provide inspection and preliminary design work for bridge #87, located southeast of Camden on Meridian Line Road, was approved.

The group will provide inspection and analysis of the bridge's current condition and a preparatory design plan to describe the scope of work needed.

Construction is expected in 2007 according to Awwad. He indicated there is \$100,000 in the highway department's budget for the work.

Awwad explained the process by which road work on the Carrollton Road was done. One day of paver training for workers and a one-day on-site visit from the paving company to answer workers' questions were held before the project was started.

A two-hour observation by the paving supplier plus the Local

Technical Assistance Program training specialist was done during the work. Awwad reported no recommendations for work improvement by the four experts were made.

Brown said the highway department employees welcomed the training and considered it as a way to "hone their skills."

"They are trying their best to do a good job," he said.

Brown reported that the person who criticized highway department work at the last commissioners' meeting was "politically motivated." He said the man told him he wanted to run for an elected office.

County resident Ed Oiler said he owns a farm at SR29 and 100S on which \$35,000 was spent in April of 2003 making a waterway. He complained that in 2004, the highway department's ditch thrower was brought through and damaged approximately 300 feet of the waterway.

Oiler said efforts to get repairs done by the county have been unsuccessful. Awwad stated he would assess the problem with Oiler in the morning of Nov. 22.

T.L. Regional Sewer District
County attorney Barry Emerson stated TLRSD's attorney Don Tribbett's verbal legal opinion about the sewer district's use of county-owned right-of-ways was the commissioners do not have the right to deny a public utility use.

Emerson previously stated his opinion about the right-of-way usage was the commissioners would have to grant permission for the sewer district to use them.

Emerson said he has not received Tribbett's opinion in writing but plans to review suggested applicable statutes before the next commissioners' meeting.

Other news
Brown announced the grant proposal for renovations and repairs to Carroll Manor was denied.

A resolution was provided and adoption was required by the funding agency, Department of Rural Affairs, before the county would be considered for future applications.

According to Emerson, the resolution stated an understanding of the denial, the reasons for denial and the intent of the county to reapply when the denial justifications have been addressed.

Commissioner Loren Hylton was appointed to the Comprehensive Area Plan Zoning Committee.

Two 2006 contracts with Indiana Assessment Service for on-going services, recommended by county assessor Doris McLeland, were approved. IAS will provide new construction assessments for \$10,000 and a consultant for \$8,700.

Courthouse offices will be closed on 12/19 from 12 to 1 p.m. for the annual Christmas Dinner.

Mears was appointed to represent the commissioners on the Carroll County Economic Development Board of Directors, replacing Hylton.

The next meeting is Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.

Drainage Board
County surveyor Wayne Chapman detailed work orders 63

through 73, completed in the past month. Work was done in Jefferson, Liberty, Carrollton and Jackson townships plus south of Bringham, south of Cutler and east of Flora.

Chapman said he is trying to do as much work as possible before weather prohibits progress.

A reassessment hearing was held for drain #71. A protest letter from property owners Norman and Coleen Blackburn was read by secretary Wanda Duff.

However, the recommended increased tax assessment of \$7 per acre with a \$10 minimum per property owner, was approved unanimously.

"This is the last reassessment we are going to do for a while," Chapman stated.

The next meeting will be Dec. 19 at 11 a.m.

Carriers married 50 years



Mr. and Mrs. James Carrier, 1803 Ashley Drive, Phenix City, Ala. 36867, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their whole family at a dinner at Red Lobster in Columbus, Ga. Later, they all met at home for ice cream and cake.

Carrier and the former Josie Pottinger were married on Nov. 6, 1955, in Phenix City.

They have three children, Diane, Gene, and Patricia; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Carrier is a member of the 1951 Delphi High School graduation class and often comes back for the Old Settlers Days in Delphi.

The couple requests that gifts be omitted, but cards will be welcomed.

Sheriff

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can decide what to do."

Council member consensus was to obtain county attorney Barry Emerson's legal opinion, revisit the issue with AIC, and discuss it at the next council meeting.

Animal control
Randle said the animal control commission recommendations included picking up cats that bite or do damage only, instituting a live-trap fee of \$5, and assessing a \$20 fee to residents who want to have an unwanted animal, other than a dog, picked up by the animal control officer.

Pet owners would be charged \$55 for dogs and \$40 for cats for impound services for three days. A contract for services with shelter services provider Dr. Lawrence Stauffer is also recommended.

The commission suggested township trustees be responsible for collecting dog taxes.

"I'm concerned about the future," Camden Town Council President Ralph Rohrabough said. "Five years from now when you don't have Doc Stauffer, what are you going to do?"

Parade Marshal

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of friends here."

He is very pleased to be Flora's parade marshal. The parade is Saturday at 12:30 p.m. and has the theme, "St. Nick's Express."

Santa's coming to town

Santa will ride into Flora on a trolley and take part in the town's Christmas parade on Nov. 26.

The parade will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will follow a new route this year. It will start at JLP's corner office at Willow and Clark St. and will continue up Clark to Center St., then turn onto Main, and then to Division in order to go past the senior citizen housing. It will end at the Flora Utility Shop (old Pioneer weigh station) on the north end of town.

Parade entrants will be accepted until starting time.

In case of bad weather, the alternate date for the parade will be Dec. 3 at 11 a.m.

This year's theme is St. Nick's Express. Following the parade on Saturday, Santa will accept visitors at his house on Center Street until 4 p.m.

The Santa House also will be open Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"I have a real problem saying absolutely no cats," council member Jerry Hendress said. "I like the idea of residents taking responsibility if they want a cat taken care of."

Blackburn stated he was not in favor of spending county money for cats.

"It sounds like things have been fairly ironed out," Baker told Randle. "But we need something like a document presented to us so we can vote on it."

Other news
Ed Bisch and Arnold Abbott were appointed to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals.

Emergency Medical Services Director Mike Durr and county zoning administrator Dale Huffer were granted permission to hire needed personnel.

Hendress was appointed to the area plan comprehensive zoning plan committee.

Additional
A request by Randle for \$5,000 additional funding for medical services at the jail was unanimously denied.

Randle said a detainee suffered a concussion and a broken shoulder in an altercation at the facility recently. That person was taken to an emergency room and those costs are not covered by the county's medical provider he said.

Randle explained he did not want to use money currently in his budget because it was earmarked for replacing a stove in the jail's kitchen and repairing or replacing furnaces before the end of the year.

Consensus of council members was for Randle to move funds within his budget to cover the medical costs.

The next meeting will be Dec. 20 at 8 a.m.

Beard, Dornette exchange vows



Mary Beard and Clifford "Bud" Dornette III, exchanged wedding vows Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of the late Woodrow and Martha Hawn, formerly of Delphi. He is the son of Clifford and Bette Ann Dornette Jr. of Cincinnati.

Pastor Greg McDaniel officiated the double ring ceremony, as the bride was given in marriage by her children Scott Beard and Stacy Beard. Organist was Swany Fetters and flutist was Teresa Hay.

Maid of honor was Stacy

Beard of San Jose, Calif.

Performing the duties of best man was Jeff Dornette, brother of the groom.

A garden reception was held at the couple's home, 117 Overcliff Rd., Cincinnati. Guest registrar was Marcia Sweeney. Program attendant was Celsie Myers, niece of the bride.

The bride is a 1964 graduate of Delphi High School. She is employed at National City Mortgage in Cincinnati.

The groom is a 1975 graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He is also employed with National City Mortgage.

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Flora Lions Club's 22nd Annual **"PETE AWARD"**
A community service award named after the late DeVere "Pete" Hoffman
Past Winners:
Von A. Burton, Gail Ennis, Richard Letter, Mabel Wharton, Eldon Pressler, Joyce Sparks, Al Grumbling, Norm Beck, Tom Adams, Lucille Brown, Martha Hoffman, Gerald Clingenpeel, Jerry L. Reinke, Al Moss, Mary Catherine Carter, Dr. Alvan Eller, Pete Jackson, Judy Ayres, Darrell Hoffman, Juanita Wilson and Pat & Charlie Meade.
Qualifications:
1. Demonstrated outstanding service in one of the following areas: Humanitarianism, Community Affairs, Commerce, Government.
2. Service over an extended period of time or ongoing.
Nominations:
Citizens from the greater Flora area are encouraged to send nominations with a list of qualifications to:
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817 S. Circle Dr., Flora, 46929
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