



Burns and Thompson are winners

Comet staff report

Tony Burns and Tricia Thompson have won the Republican nomination for county sheriff and prosecuting attorney, respectively, in Carroll County.

Burns defeated John Chapman by a margin of 2,633 votes (77%) to 771 (23%).

Thompson defeated incumbent Rob Ives by a vote of 2,061 (62%) to 1,279 (38%).

In the State Representative District 24 Republican race, Carroll County voters narrowly chose incumbent Richard W. "Rich" McClain over Richard "Rick" Eller. The vote was 1,721 (52%) to 1,568 (48%).

At the federal level, Republican incumbent Chris Chocola won out over Tony

Zirkle for U.S. Representative District 2. Carroll County votes were 2,353 (76%) to 742 (24%).

Joe Donnelly easily won in Carroll County over Steve Francis the Democratic nomination for U.S. Representative District 2. The vote was 514 (77%) to 157 (23%).

Running unopposed for county offices on the Republican ballot were Don Currie, Circuit Court judge, 2,735 votes; Beth L. Myers (incumbent), auditor, 2,868; Jane Brewington (incumbent), treasurer, 2,666; Doris L. McLeland (incumbent), assessor, 2,854; Loren T. Hylton (incumbent), commissioner District 1, 2,594.

Republican candidates running unopposed for county council seats are: Ronald "Ron" Slavens, District 1, 517 votes; Jerry L. Hendress (incumbent), District 2,



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824; Ann Brown (incumbent), District 3, 688; Nancy S. Cripe (incumbent), District 4, 717.

Running unopposed for county treasurer on the Democratic ballot was Pamela J. Mansfield, 618 votes.

A total of 4,187 registered voters (14.419%) cast ballots in Tuesday's Carroll County Primary election. Of the total, 3,446 were Republican and 719

William Michael Penn by a vote of 290 (78%) to 80 (22%).

Running unopposed were Nicklaus H. Cronk, District 2, 405 (98%), and Jerry L. Sparks, District 3, 258 (98%).

Write-in candidate Phil Burkle defeated Diana L. Vice, for an at-large position on the Rossville Consolidated School Corporation (RCSC) board of school trustees. The vote in Carroll County was 128 (78%) for Burkle and 37 for Vice (22%). Burkle also carried the vote in Clinton County.

Jon Kathrens Jacoby was unopposed in RCSC Board Precinct 35. In Board District 1, Louie Coble defeated Anthony G. Deibel by a vote of 47 (56%) to 37 (44%).

In Carroll Consolidated School Corporation (CCSC) David W. Lambert, Flora, District 2, and

Eric E. Johnson, Logansport, District 5, ran unopposed.

Louie Coble and Anthony G. Deibel, both of Burnettsville, sought the District 1 (includes Carroll County) position on the Twin Lakes School Corporation board of school trustees.

Township trustees

All candidates for township trustee, on both ballots, ran unopposed.

Democrats were: Alan D. Jackson, Burlington; Helen L. Schilling, Deer Creek; Clayton C. Hutson, Democrat; Robert "Bill" Dittman Jr., Jackson; James L. Tribbett, Liberty; Amanda Robinson, Madison; and Joann V. Vianco, Tippecanoe.

Republicans were: Carmen L. Slavens, Adams; Lawrence R. Lambert, Flora, District 2, and

Commissioners vote to exclude Jefferson Twp. from sewer district

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

The seats were filled and the walls were lined with opponents to the Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District's providing service to Carroll County residents in Jefferson Township. After hearing from many who explained their positions and some who offered alternatives, Carroll County Commissioners voted two-to-one to request, from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, exclusion of Jefferson Township from the district. The action took place at the Monday morning commissioners' meeting.

Reading from a petition in favor of exclusion, signed by approximately 250 county citizens, Jefferson Township resident Pat Robertson stated, "I believe that our elected officials have a legal and moral obligation to the citizens they represent..."

The opponents' petition called for commissioners to present a petition or resolution to IDEM Commissioner Thomas W. Easterly with the exclusion request.

"I have a degree of feeling for the people right on the lake who need a system," commissioners' president Bill Brown said. "But I would endorse signing on to this (petition)."

"I feel there's got to be a cheaper way to deal with sewage," commissioner George Mears said.

Jefferson Township resident Terry Dill said, "I'm proud to be a citizen of Carroll County. I appreciate the openness of this meeting."

"But this has to be considered a tax because you can't shut it off like a public utility," he added. "If you don't pay, they will sell your property at a sheriff's sale."

Both Brown and Mears voted in favor of the request. Commissioner Loren Hylton took a different view. "I can't agree with it 100 percent," he said. "I don't want to throw the project out."

When pressed by audience members to agree with the action, he

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Williams offered superintendent position in Rush County

Rushville Consolidated School Corporation Board of School Trustees announced at their Tuesday evening board meeting, they reached an agreement with their top candidate, Dr. John Williams, to become the superintendent of public schools.

According to Kevin Green of the *Rushville Republican*, the board's action lasted approximately 45 seconds. The meeting then continued to other agenda items.

Rushville Consolidated School Corporation has a high school enrollment of approximately 800, 1,000 in the middle school and 1,400 in the four elementary schools.

Current superintendent Ed Lyskowski tendered his resignation effective June 30, 2006.

Rush County is located east of Indianapolis.

Williams was unavailable for comment Tuesday evening.

Williams has been superintendent of Delphi Community School Corporation for 13 years. He came to Delphi at the age of 45 after having

worked as assistant superintendent of the Lake Central School Corporation for five years. He had 10 years of experience as high school building principal at Fountain Central at Veedersburg.

He was appointed to serve two, two-year terms on the executive committee as an Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents North Central District III chairman.

He and his wife, Debby, who is principal of Camden Elementary School, have four children.

Wrangling the regulations

APC attempts to corral setbacks and restrictions

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

Carroll County's 30-year-old zoning regulations are thought by many to be more of a liability than a dependable guide for zoning issues.

"I think what we have is shaky at best," said Carroll County Area Plan Commission member Pete Wagoner. "I think we need to get something on the books as soon as we can."

Mailing label goes here

Wagoner said Carroll County's ordinance was written for small confined feeding operations, or CFOs. The scope of animal production in the county has changed in the last 30 years he said.

Wagoner spoke in favor of "tweaking" current CFO requirements, which he described as regulations for operations of approximately 300 head, and then developing regulations for concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs), which he described as larger enterprises.

The proposed mega-dairy to be built near Cutler would be an example of a CAFO.

Wagoner said changes were needed to give county zoning administrator Dale Huffer "guidance about how to proceed."

APC vice president and leader of

the April 25 evening meeting in the absence of president Bob McCain, Wayne Chapman concurred with Wagoner.

"If we had something in writing, it would make Dale's job easier."

Wagoner said to rely on the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for local regulations was not advisable.

"IDEM is not concerned with our infrastructure or development," he commented.

However Flora resident Dave Lambert disagreed with Wagoner. He said IDEM looks at all aspects of construction for production purposes before issuing permits.

"They aren't going to let you build something that will leak into the ground," he said.

He also did not agree there should

be a differentiation made between small and large operations.

Lambert said a reasonable setback is 750 feet. That number is 250 feet more than the current regulations demand.

"Hog production drives this county. Look at the taxes produced," he stated. He urged commission members to explore the consequences of their actions before changing the requirements.

Travis Flora of Bringhurst concurred with Lambert. He also said he thought IDEM did an adequate enforcement job.

"An operation my size would do more damage environmentally (than a larger one)," he said.

Terris Ayres of Bringhurst cautioned APC about developing regulations more stringent than the ones

IDEM mandated.

Dale Pullen of Cutler spoke in favor of APC's reviewing and revamping current zoning ordinances.

"Thirty-year-old ordinances are ridiculous," he stated emphatically. "You boys will end up in court."

Dave Miller of Flora urged APC members to research environmental and historical facts before adopting changes.

Wagoner said the agriculture industry is "an important part of the local economy." However he recognized only five percent of the population of the county are agriculture producers. He said the other 95 percent of the population needed to be represented as well.

"Some way, we have to strike a balance here," he concluded.

"APC is not going to make a decision in a vacuum," APC attorney Patrick Manahan advised. "I recommend all of you submit your ideas in writing so they can be shared."

"Please take the time to write down your ideas and submit them to Dale (Huffer)," he went on.

Huffer distributed zoning ordinances from White, Clinton and Cass counties for review before the next APC meeting. The issue was tabled for further discussion at the May 23 meeting.

Other action Extensions were granted for three re-zoning requests involving properties in Sunset Park.

No recommendation was sent to the Board of Zoning Appeals about a special exception request to build a

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A treat for Mother Groundhog



This groundhog lives in the wild at Wildcat Wildlife Center near Delphi. She was orphaned as a baby a year ago when her mother was hit on the road. Someone brought her to the Wildlife Center. Volunteers took care of her and then released her to the wild, not knowing if they would ever see her again. As it turns out, she tunneled under an old storage shed on the Center's property, hibernated for the winter and then emerged around Groundhog Day. She still remembers those who cared for her because she responds to their voice. She now feeds for herself, but volunteers have been giving her some treats since she is a nursing mother. The Center admits 2000 wild patients a year (orphaned or injured), and could use more volunteers. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

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