



## County orders study for SR75 connector to HHH

By Debbie Lowe  
Staff writer

The Carroll County Commissioners have decided to work with, rather than against, the Indiana Department of Transportation to design an intersection in the Hoosier Heartland to promote economic development in the county.

"This is the time we have to be talking to the state about the new road," commissioners' president Bill Brown said at the Monday morning meeting.

The commissioners hired the Troyer Group to provide a feasibility study for a connector road from SR75 to the new highway. The \$44,000 study will address transportation costs, and the environmental and economic impact to Carroll County.

County highway supervisor Ramzi Awwad said a formal study was needed

to pursue an 80/20 federal grant. To meet the INDOT funding deadline of July 31, the study must be completed in approximately 50 days.

One option presented by Troyer Group representative Mario Parasel was to extend SR75 in a straight line to SR25, which would mean building a new road.

"For us, that's pretty ambitious," Brown said.

The other two options discussed briefly included using portions of existing roads, but bringing them up to highway standards.

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce representative Dick Bradshaw urged the commissioners to act.

"The iron is hot, let's do this," he said. "We are very much in favor of this project."

"It's up to us to build Carroll County,"

Brown said. "It's not up to INDOT to build Carroll County. I am totally in support of doing this study."

"But, just because we spend \$44,000 on this, that doesn't mean that INDOT will accept the plan," he warned.

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"The cost seems high, but what will the cost be if we don't do this?" asked commissioner Loren Hylton.

The funding for the study was unanimously approved and will come from Economic Development Income Tax, a fund managed solely by commissioners. **Carroll Manor renovation**

Carroll Manor renovation project experienced a pause, or a "bump in the road," when PSMInc. grant coordinator Lester "Spike" Shepler announced that his certification expired and he was unable to obtain new certification at this time.

According to county attorney Barry Emerson, the PSMInc. contract stipulates they will provide a certified grant coordinator. Shepler said he made arrangements with an associate to fill that requirement.

However, concerns were raised by county auditor Beth Myers, Hylton and Carroll Manor Administrator Martha Lewis about PSMI's past performance with the project.

According to Myers, the first two grant proposals were not scored due to a delay in the submission of paperwork from the planning grant that PSMI coor-

minated.

"Things haven't been completed in the past," Hylton said. "That doesn't sit well with me."

"I'm not going to deny that the close-out of the planning grant was slow," Shepler said. "I'm asking you guys to stay the course with me. I've put a lot of work into this."

Lewis and Myers advocated for someone outside of PSMI to be involved as grant coordinator.

Tina Henderson of Mendenhall and Associates LLC, who was the grant coordinator for the Rockfield Sewer District with the Office of Rural Development, gave permission for the county to use her certification so that the grant would still be considered for funding. She said she would work with PSMI or alone so the Carroll Manor **Continued page 5A**

### Lights out in Flora



Half of Flora was without power for about 25 minutes for the start of the work day on Tuesday morning. Ted Donoho (pictured) of Flora Utilities said three regulators failed at the north substation – cause unknown. He said they burned up internally and shorted out, causing a little oil leakage. The oil, which had started to catch fire, was contained with sand and floor dry. Regulators are what regulates the voltage on the lines. Donoho said they all checked out less than three months ago. To restore power to the town, workers threw the switches to tie into the south substation. Further testing will be done to discover the cause of the regulator failure. Comet photo

## Flora hears plan to digitize ordinances

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Steve Egley of Battleground pitched digitizing town ordinances to the Flora Town Council at Monday night's June meeting. Egley explained that he is an engineer who works in the software field at Purdue Research Park.

After joining Battleground's Town Council in the 1990s, he learned that no one knew what ordinances the town had. He worked out a program to organize the ordinances, making them look like as much like the original document as possible. Once digitized word searches can be made, finding any ordinance that contains that word.

Egley said that when digitizing the ordinances it is best to start at the present and work backwards to save time and money by not including ordinance repeals. He suggested that town officials not have him upgrade the ordinances but once every one or two years

and not go any longer than four years.

Egley's proposal, which includes 10 copies, is valid until Aug. 1. He said once given the ok to start it would take him four months. After complete, they will go to the town clerk-treasurer for review, another four to six weeks, and then back to him to finalize which should take an additional four to six weeks.

Council members decided to review his proposal and make a decision at the July meeting. Marshal's report

"We've had five dog bite reports in the last month and usually we only have one or two a year," stated Town Marshal Paul Redmon. He said that the town ordinance regarding pets stipulates that they be registered at the town office. Proof of proper vaccinations is required.

"People need to be responsible for their animals," commented council president Josh Ayres.

Redmon added, "It's the **Continued page 5A**

## Delphi water utility customers have new rates

By Debbie Lowe  
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Although Delphi's water utility customers experienced a 12 percent rate increase on their latest bill, no significant projects will be undertaken until at least the second year of the rate hike.

Delphi Mayor Lee Hoard said many residents believe projects, other than those that must be undertaken immediately, will be started with the additional revenue generated from the newly instituted hike. However that is not quite true.

"It will be in the second year of the hike before advance projects can be done," he explained at the Monday night city council meeting.

According to a report provided by water superintendent Gary Hathaway, the approximate net gain expected in Phase I of the plan is \$14,859, \$52,332 in Phase II, \$93,511 in Phase III and \$108,592 in Phase IV.

Hoard and council president Carolyn Pearson said the rate increases were designed so as to not present a financial hardship for residents living on fixed incomes while still netting the city some much needed additional revenue.

**Other business**

No decision was reached about the establishment of a vicious animal ordinance. Hoard pre-

sented ordinances from three municipalities and council members discussed differences and similarities.

City attorney Miriam Robeson was directed to compile the information along with Delphi's current ordinance and propose a new set of guidelines at the next meeting.

The street department is installing a caution light on Hamilton Street near the softball diamond. The project was made possible with a \$1,000 donation by the Oddfellows, help from other city departments and Carroll County REMC.

Parks superintendent Richard Farrar reported over 90 youth are registered for summer recreation, which is a significant increase over last year. He said there were 50 children in tennis as compared to 26 last year.

June 18, from 7 to 11 a.m., is the date and time for the airport's fly-in breakfast. Airplane rides will be offered and there will be a static aircraft display.

Airport manager Brian Stirm said family activities would continue into the afternoon at Canal Park.

Stirm reported after a visit by the state airport inspector, the airport was directed to move a pile of dirt from the southern end of the runway within 30 days.

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### 175-year celebration in 2007

## Camden motto, logo chosen

Comet staff report

Camden will be 175 years old in 2007. A motto and logo for the celebration were revealed at a kick-off meeting Monday night at the Camden United Methodist Church.

The motto will be: "A Town of Loyalty and Pride." The black and gold logo was designed by the officers in charge of the event, and printed by Brian Foreman.

Both the motto and the logo will be used by the town over the next year, leading up to the big event on July 21 and 22, 2007.

Officers are Jeff Sieber, president; Deb Foreman, vice president; Pat Casserly, secretary;

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and Dan Casserly, treasurer.

The following committees and coordinators were formed Monday night:

Entertainment - Shawn Telpher.

Community Displays -

Maryanna Selvidge.

Food - Diane Wertz.

Publicity - Marge Sieber.

Promotional Items - Melissa Red Elk.

History - Shirley Schock.

Photography - Jana Rouhier.

Revenue - Dan Casserly.

A quilt donated by Jane Penn will be raffled off to get some starting money.

A booth will be set up at the

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**Officers for Camden celebration**

Camden is beginning to plan for its 175-year celebration in 2007. Officers, pictured above with the celebration logo, are, l-r - Jeff Sieber, president; Pat Casserly, secretary; Deb Foreman, vice president; and Dan Casserly, treasurer. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

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