

Council responds to property tax increase opponents

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

Opponents to the proposed county-levied property tax increase visited the Carroll County Council meeting Thursday morning to address concerns with the county leaders.

Tom VanSickle asserted there was no organized group mobilized to stop the proposed increase to .0233 per \$100 assessed valuation. However he said he secured more than 50 signatures on a petition against the county-instituted increase.

"We as property owners don't want our taxes to go up," he said speaking on behalf of his wife and himself. "This is a big learning process for us."

The expressed purpose to re-establish the cumulative capital improvement fund is to accumulate the money needed to address jail facility issues, by either building a new jail or renovating the current one.

"We're trying to do the right

thing," council president Rob Baker said. "We're going to spend some money, that's the bottom line. Somebody's not just going to walk into Carroll County and say here's the money."

Council member John Blackburn shared with VanSickle the state's concerns about the condition of the jail facility contained in a written report.

"I think we're opening our door for a lawsuit," council member Carl Abbott said. "How else are we going to fund this?"

"There are only so many options allowed by the state for us to pay for things," council member Jerry Hendress continued. "I guarantee you, we'll look at other ways to pay for this."

Other business

Council members unanimously voted to recommend to commissioners a denial of professional insurance claims for Carroll Superior Court Judge Jeffery Smith and Circuit Court Judge Don Currie.

Currie advised council members the county provided judges professional liability insurance for approximately the past 10 years.

"None of the surrounding counties provide this," explained council member Ann Brown to the judges and council members.

She said judges are covered by the current county policy. Additionally, both judges are state employees and have coverage as such she said.

The following transfers were unanimously approved:

- Custodians - \$6,000 from equipment repair to air conditioning/furnace;
- Commissioners - \$6,000 from costs of keeping juveniles to examination of records; and
- Highway - \$16.50 from drainage and assessments to current charges/licenses.

Reassessment was granted a re-appropriation of \$7,000 for postage.

No future meeting date was set before adjournment.

Fall Festival is Saturday

Comet staff report

The annual Fall Festival promises a fun-filled day of music, food, entertainment and more in Camden on Saturday.

The day will begin with breakfast being served from 7 to 9 a.m. by the Camden United Methodist Church in the Community Building.

Entertainment is planned throughout the day and will feature Justin Tyme, Sharayah Red Elk, Resurrection, Chalisa

Keaton, Neon Dove, and Insomnia.

There will be craft and flea market vendors, games for kids, and food. Garage sales will be held throughout the town.

Miss Camden Paige Keys and her court will reign over activities. Also on hand will be Little Miss Alexis Melendez and Little Mister Noah Abbott.

At 10:30 a.m. Saturday the for-

mal dedication of the Camden-Jackson Township Public Library garden will take place at the northeast corner of the library grounds. In the event of rain, the dedication will be held Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Fall Festival committee includes Chuck and Tammy Mullendore, Keene and Melissa Red Elk, and Jeff and DeAnna Sieber.

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spring of 2005.

The following August, the Camden-Jackson Township Public Library offered to provide \$1500 for an application to be written by McCain for a matching funds grant from the Carroll County Community Foundation for the purpose of finishing the garden. The grant award was made and plans for the planting, statuary and furniture began.

A committee was established by the Camden Community Preservation Society for planting. Co-chaired by Elizabeth Morrison and Billie Hedder, assisted by Curt George, McCain and Reanna Morrison, the garden soil was prepared and plants were selected.

The new drainage system installed at the time of the excavation of the soil was a major determining factor in the finished

garden. Most of the elaborate planning was pared down to meet the needs of the town, the library and the original plan. A highlight of the garden is the grasses native to Indiana. Grown near Kirklint by David Gallagher and Amy J. Jones, the ornamental grasses offer some of the greatest variety and diversity of any other groups of perennials.

"These grasses met our needs in various areas of the garden," said McCain. "To satisfy the request of a garden that would be self-sufficient, the grasses fit right in. Also our main focus of the children's area was the study of Indiana History. To finish off their curriculum these grasses again became important. It is our hope that the finished product will be pleasing to all and viewed as an eloquent part of our library and its grounds."



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explain the purpose of his visit at the meeting.

Hardison said IPC has no definite plans for the land if it became available to purchase immediately.

"There are no guarantees about how the land would be used," he added.

Discussion arose about options for the land which included selling all of the property and relocating Carroll Manor to another site and landscaping the current site using fill dirt from on-going IPC construction for an earthen barrier between the properties.

"How do we get to there from here?" asked commissioners' president Bill Brown expressing an interest in holding the land auction.

County council member Ann Brown said, per Indiana law, all county land sales must be approved by the council.

The matter was tabled pending further fact-finding.

Highway department

Highway superintendent Ron Francis reported the bridge on 200N is now open. He said the Xenia Bridge near Cutler will be open Thursday for a time before it is closed again for painting.

Commissioners voted to close the Adams Mill Bridge while INDOT paints a bridge on SR75 in Carroll County in the near future. That project is expected to last approximately three weeks.

Other business

Payroll claims for \$171,174.56, highway claims for \$454,469.13 and county operating claims for \$391,773.14 were approved.

Commissioners denied a claim by Carroll Circuit Court Judge Donald Currie for professional insurance payment upon recommendation of the county council.

Tri Kappa will post a sign advertising the Cheryl Miller 5K walk Sept. 23 through 30. The Family Clinic of Delphi will use the courthouse lounge Nov. 14 for a board meeting.

The next commissioners' meeting will be Aug. 18 at 9 a.m.

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Obituaries

Marie J. McGinnis



Marie J. (Stephen) McGinnis, 93, formerly of Lafayette, died at 3:16 a.m. Aug. 29, 2006, at Manor Care of Kokomo.

Born July 21, 1913, in Middleburn, West Virginia, she was the daughter of Samuel O. and Stella M. (Reed) Stephen. She married Howard J. McGinnis in 1939 in West Virginia and he preceded her in death on June 8, 1978.

She had resided in Kokomo for the past six years, having previously resided in Flora and then Lafayette for 37 years.

Mrs. McGinnis worked on the frozen food line at Green Giant in Lafayette and was a house mom for 10 years at Purdue University before retiring.

She was a member of Faith Baptist Church, Lafayette, and the church's XYZs.

She enjoyed sewing, flowers, cooking, and word search puzzles. She loved kids and babysitting.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia A. McKinley (husband: Thomas) of Kokomo and Helen M. Young (husband: Max) of Lafayette; a daughter-in-law, Jane McGinnis; a brother, Floyd Donald Stephen (wife: Donna) of Follensbee, WV; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, James S. McGinnis, her parents, three brothers, and one sister.

Services were held Saturday at Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette. Interment was at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Faith Baptist Church, Lafayette.

Patricia A. Bolin

Patricia A. (Bieghler) Bolin, 63, of Magazine, Ariz., died Aug. 30, 2006.

Born April 18, 1943, in Carroll County, Ind., she was the daughter of Raymond David Bieghler and Eunice M. Johnston. She married Wallace L. Bolin on Feb. 15, 1964, in Carroll County, and he died March 18, 1990.

Mrs. Bolin had worked as a retail clerk.

She was a member of St. Peters Lutheran Church in Camden.

Surviving are two brothers, James Bieghler of Rochester and Howard J. Bieghler of Flora; one sister, Alice Elzbeck of Camden; and several nephews and nieces.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services were held Monday at Cree Funeral Home, Camden. Burial was at Camden Cemetery.

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Mary E. Bruck



Funeral mass for Mary E. Bruck 77, of Logansport, was held Monday at All Saints Catholic Church, Logansport. Father Christopher

Weldon officiated. Burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery.

She died at 2:58 a.m. Sept. 1, 2006, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born Sept. 23, 1928, in Carroll County, she was the daughter of Raymond and Hazel Vernon Penn. Her marriage was on Sept. 6, 1948, to Robert Francis Bruck, who survives.

Mrs. Bruck was retired from J.C. Penney in the Logansport mall after many years of employment.

She was very active in All Saints Parish, where she was a member of the All Saints Ladies Society, Daughters of Isabella. She was also a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Bruck was a volunteer with the Mary Dykeman Guild at Memorial Hospital for 20 years.

She was an active member of the Logansport Art Association. For several years she and her husband delivered Easter dinners for the Knights of Columbus.

She enjoyed her sport activities and served on the board of directors of the Logansport Women's Bowling Association. She was an avid golfer in the association.

She was also a big Elvis fan.

Surviving with her husband are a son, Larry D. Bruck (wife: Marcy) of Logansport; a daughter, Sandra Diane Stout (husband: Gayle) of Burlington; four brothers, William Penn (wife: Sue) of Delphi, Carl Penn (wife: Carolyn) of Clymers, Pat Penn of Burrows, and Phillip Penn (wife: Terry) of Logansport; a sister-in-law, Marge Penn of Star City; a brother-in-law, John Bruck (wife: Jean) of Logansport; five grandchildren, Allison Bruck of Indianapolis, Jennifer Parker (husband: Steve) of Burlington, Connie Page (husband: Bill) of Kokomo, Suzanne Stout of Fishers, and PFC Scott Stout, USMC, Calif.; six great-grandchildren, Logan and Kaitlyn Parker, Dawson, Maverick and Jakob Page, and Faith Stout; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Penn, and an infant sister, Phyllis Penn.

Arrangements were handled by Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport. Condolences may be left online at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com.

Jeanette A. Campbell

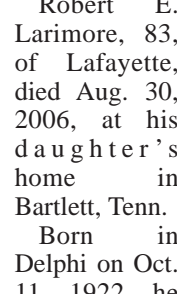
Jeanette A. Campbell, 71, of Delphi, died at 1:43 p.m. Aug. 30, 2006, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born July 17, 1935, in Cass County, she was the daughter of Harold and Mary Francis Frye Logan. She was married in 1952 in Peru to Myron G. "Gib" Campbell, who preceded her in death on Dec. 1, 2005.

Mrs. Campbell had been employed at T.M. Morris Manufacturing Company.

Surviving are three sons, Greg

Robert E. Larimore



Robert E. Larimore, 83, of Lafayette, died Aug. 30, 2006, at his daughter's home in Bartlett, Tenn.

Born in Delphi on Oct. 11, 1922, he was the son of Charles and Irene Shockey Larimore. He was a 1941 graduate of Delphi High School.

He married Isabella Angelosanto on June 23, 1945.

Mr. Larimore retired after 33 years as a draftsman with Alcoa Aluminum's Lafayette Operations Extrusion Division.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th Division. He served in Africa, Sicily and Italy, where he was wounded on Sept. 11, 1943, and awarded the Purple Heart.

Mr. Larimore was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Crime Watch and a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He was an avid outdoorsman and belonged to the Conservation Club in Lafayette and many other wildlife and conservation groups.

Surviving are a daughter, Deborah A. Schafer (husband: John E.) of Bartlett, Tenn.; two grandsons, Garrett Dunnewold of Memphis, Tenn. and Austin Schafer of Somerset, N.J.; and three sisters, Barbara Nelson and Edith Isaacs, both of Delphi and Joann VanNatta of Battle Ground.

He was preceded in death by his wife Isabella; six sisters, Beatrice Isaacs, Ruth Bayer, Evelyn Pritchard, Deloris Eberle, Betty Maxwell and infant Marybelle Larimore; and two brothers, Donald Larimore and Edgar Larimore.

Service will be held at Morning Heights Cemetery in Delphi on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Military graveside rites will be conducted by Delphi American Legion and VFW. Pastor Jeff Martin will officiate.

After the service, family and friends are invited to a light lunch at the Stone Barn on Washington Street in Delphi.

Memorials may be made to Kidney Foundation, 30 E. 33rd St., New York, NY 10016 or Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250.

Davidson Funeral Home, Delphi, was in charge of arrangements.

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