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ments and assign payment shares is planned for this year.

Sheriff's office
Another policy issue was discussed when sheriff Tony Burns informed council members the sheriff's office owes a credit card debt with late fees and finance charges. Council members voted 5 to 1 to pay the debt out of the commissary fund.

Slavens did not support the measure, but he was not the only council member to show reluctance.

"This is the last time I'll vote to pay for penalties and finance charges for any department," council member Steve Ashby said.

Ashby said the lack of a credit card usage policy had become a problem for the county.

Burns said the state board of accounts said the debt could only be paid out of the commissary fund by agreement between the county fiscal body and the sheriff.

"This is the only way I know to get rid of this debt," he said. "I didn't create this problem, but it is left to me to fix."

County auditor Beth Myers verified that some 2006 credit card claims were not paid in a

timely manner. She said required expense documentation was not received by her office in time to allow them to be paid on time.

Burns said his office recently received a \$5,000 invoice from PMSInc. as the law enforcement obligation of the 2006 jail study. He said he was unaware of the payment arrangements made by the former sheriff.

A payment decision was delayed to provide the auditor and the sheriff time to investigate payment arrangements.

The consensus of the council was to allow Burns to pay an incoming deputy the rate of pay of a one-year deputy, if the new hire has graduated from the law enforcement academy. The new hire will not be awarded county longevity.

Burns said the interviewing process was not completed and he was not ready to hire someone, but there were three applicants who have successfully completed law enforcement training.

Burns said although \$60,000 was budgeted for new cars in 2007, he will spend \$40,173, plus trade-ins.

"I'm in very good shape," he said.

He said he plans to use budget surplus for electronic installations in the cars and other needed equipment.

The council adopted an ordinance increasing the cost to purchase crash reports from \$3 to \$8, effective immediately.

Burns reported that a two-year-old state statute required all reports to cost not less than \$5, but Carroll County did not observe that law.

He said crash reports can now be purchased over the Internet. The company selling the reports charges more for each report and will reimburse the county \$8 per copy. Burns said receiving the same amount from all parties was equitable.

County Park Board
Bob Burton, president of the county park board, reported eight items listed as problems on an insurance report regarding Deer Creek Park at the January meeting, were reviewed by board members. He detailed the plan to rectify each situation.

Burton said further investigation revealed lead on the grounds was most likely not an issue. He discovered skeet shot in earlier years landed away from county property, therefore posing no health hazard to park users.

Burton said the total cost for the repairs would be approximately \$1,500, however the budget would not tolerate the extra expense in addition to the usual maintenance and upkeep costs.

"The board's mission is to try and regain users," he said.

Baker advised Burton to make as many repairs as possible by staying within the 2007 budget.

Finance report

Council member and finance committee chair Ann Brown reported the committee met "numerous times" in the past month. The goal was to determine if county financial resources were dwindling and if so, why.

She confirmed a deterioration of the cash balance. She said since 2002, county expenses have increased significantly and revenues significantly decreased.

Brown said she and the other committee members, Ashby and Slavens, determined the county employs an insufficient accounting system.

The committee was granted permission to contact the Indiana State Board of Accounts and request audit information. The audit would have to be paid for by the county.

"We have to get the top thing figured out first and then go down from there," Baker said in support of the recommendation.

County cell phone usage

Reminding council members that he was "sentenced to the cell phone detail several months ago," Ashby said he discovered one cell phone provider who would give a 25 percent group discount for service if the county joined with the City of Delphi.

He said when he began researching cell phone usage, the county was paying more than \$2,200 each month for service. The amount paid per month has been reduced to approximately \$1,818 and with the newest plan, the expected cost will be \$1,462, according to Ashby.

He emphasized the situation could easily get out of hand again without a county-wide cell phone usage policy in place. Ashby said the savings is due to cooperation of all departments right now. However, he reported one department which indicated during budget hearings it would not have cell phones after a grant to pay for them expired, has now contracted to have four cell phones.

Other business

Stephen Wagner and Arnold Abbott were appointed to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals.

The next meeting will be March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Meagan M. Herron-Hughes



Meagan Marie Herron-Hughes, 18, passed away Feb. 22, 2007, at 8:04 p.m. at Logansport Memorial Hospital. She had been ill a short time, and was a patient there since Feb. 17.

She was born Dec. 24, 1988, in Lafayette, to Ann Herron Hughes.

Miss Herron-Hughes was a junior at Logansport High School.

She was a member of Delphi United Methodist Church and participated in Special Olympics and Logansport Girl Scouts.

She also enjoyed any outdoor activities, her high school creative art class and listening to rock music.

Surviving are her parents, Ann and Michael Hughes of Delphi; a sister, Destiny Hughes of Dunn, N.C.; her maternal grandparents, Frank and Sharon Herron of Delphi; her paternal grandfather, Joseph Schwartz (wife: Jana) of Brookston; her paternal grandmother, Nancy Parrott (husband: Larry) of Florida; her maternal great-grandmother, Helen Leftwich of Delphi; her maternal great-grandfather parents, Mary and Harold Pearson of Florida; two paternal step-grandfathers, William Hughes and Robert "Bert" Stevens, both of Delphi; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Her maternal great-grandmother, Martha Wagoner, and her paternal step-grandmother, Debra Stevens, preceded her in death.

At 8:04 p.m. Thursday, she passed from our loving arms to God's grace and Jesus' loving arms, surrounded by her loving parents, family and friends.

Services were held Feb. 24 at Delphi United Methodist Church, officiated by Rev. Todd Ladd. Burial was at Masonic Cemetery in Delphi.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Creative Friends Art Class, c/o Logansport High School, 1 Berry Ln., Logansport, IN, 46947. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and church.

Gerald F. Klinker

Private services for Gerald F. Klinker, 71, of Camden, were held Thursday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport. Father Christopher Weldon officiated and burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport.

He died at 7:50 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at Mulberry Health & Retirement Community, Mulberry.

Born Feb. 3, 1936, in Lafayette, he was the son of Ralph Raymond and Eva Ferguson Klinker. He was married on June 18, 1955, in Lafayette, to Nancy J. Gilbert, who survives.

Mr. Klinker was a former airline mechanic and technician for American Airlines. He also owned and operated Klinker & Sons Construction Company.

A 1954 graduate of West Lafayette High School, he graduated from Purdue University with an AAS degree in aviation maintenance technology. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in industrial supervision from Purdue in 1967.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Colleen Klinker of Georgia; five sons, Andrew Klinker of Illinois, Gregory Klinker of Michigan, Matthew Klinker of New Hampshire, and Christopher Klinker and Jerry Klinker, both of Indiana; eight grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.

A brother preceded him in death.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may be sent to: www.gundrumfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries

Angelina R. Gearish

Angelina R. Gearish, 89, died Feb. 22, 2007, at 8:55 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi. She had been a resident there since 2002.

Born Feb. 8, 1918, in Logansport to Joe and Victoria Caputo Righi, she married Robert Gearish in Logansport.

Mrs. Gearish was a member of Delphi United Methodist Church. She retired from Globe Valve in Delphi.

Surviving are a brother, Fred Righi of Logansport, and two sisters, Malvina Daniels and Mary Raber, both of Delphi. Mrs. Gearish was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a sister, Cecilia Pashon.

Services were held Saturday at Davidson Funeral Home in Delphi, officiated by Pastor Micah Hudson. Burial was at Ever Rest Cemetery in Logansport.

Memorial contributions may be made to Delphi United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Thomas H. Stipp

Thomas Hughes Stipp, 49, of Los Angeles, Calif., passed away Feb. 21, 2007. He fought a long and valiant battle with cancer.

Born Aug. 8, 1957, in Logansport, he was the son of Buddy Harlan and Esther Hughes Stipp. His parents preceded him in death.

Mr. Stipp was a member of First Baptist Church in Camden and later Delphi United Methodist Church.

Following the death of their mother, he and his sister, Susan Manahan of Long Beach, Calif., were raised by their uncle and aunt, Charles and Jean Hildebrandt, and their cousin, P.J. Everett, all of Delphi.

Mr. Stipp graduated from Delphi Community High School in 1975 and attended Ball State University. He later moved to Los Angeles, where he was employed for 29 years in administration at Cedar Sinai Hospital.

Mr. Stipp is survived by his sister, his cousin, P.J. Everett, aunts, uncles, and other cousins.

His wishes were that no services or memorials be held.

William F. Lang Jr.

William F. Lang Jr., 72, of Tell City, died Feb. 26, 2007, at his home.

He was born Dec. 12, 1934, in Delphi, to William Frederick Sr. and Susie Price Lang. His marriage was to Donna Remaly on Aug. 28, 1960, and she survives.

Mr. Lang served on the sheriff's departments in Carroll and Spencer counties and was active in the National Guard in Perry and Carroll counties. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Evanston.

Surviving are two daughters, Ronda Cardin of Evansville and Robin Neukam of Haysville; two sons, Billy Lang of Birdseye and Eric Lang of Tell City; four grandchildren; three stepchildren; two step-great-grandsons; and a sister, Lena Sue Schroeder.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Evanston. Visitation will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Zoercher-Gillick Funeral Home in Tell City and one hour prior to services at the church. Burial will be in the church's cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church for the Sunday School, Sonshine Childcare and Preschool.

Lloyd Yost Quinn

Lloyd Yost Quinn, 89, of Ames, Iowa, died Feb. 1, 2007, at Green Hills Health Care Center in Ames.

He was born June 16, 1917, in Cutler, to Emery Lloyd and Velda Ruth Yost Quinn. On June 9, 1945, he married Jeanette Bell in Frankfort. She preceded him in death in 2001.

Mr. Quinn was professor of microbiology at Iowa State University from 1949 until his retirement in 1987.

Among those surviving is a sister, Beth Jackson of Marietta, Ga.

Services and burial were Feb. 6 in Ames.

Vicki L. Martin

Vicki L. Martin, 52, of Flora, passed away at 10:36 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at her residence.

She was born June 3, 1954, in Logansport, to George L. and Mary V. Ritcher Walters Sr. She attended Carroll schools. On April 30, 1971, she married Ray Martin in Kokomo.

Mrs. Martin was employed by CDC Resources as a caregiver.

She was a member of the Valley View Baptist Church in Flora.

Mrs. Martin enjoyed spending time on the computer talking with her friends, shopping, and watching midget racing.

She is survived by two daughters, Amy Jo Martin Ostler (husband: Larry) of Frankfort, and Jodi Lynn Martin Wood (husband: Mike) of Burlington; one son, Clifford Ray Martin III of Flora; a sister, Mary Wiggam (husband: Stan) of Kokomo; a brother, George L. Walters (wife: Carol) of Flora; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at Valley View Baptist Church. Pastor Bill Godbey will officiate. Burial will take place at Zion Cemetery in Bringham.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Diabetes Foundation or the American Heart Association.

Reinke Funeral Home, Flora, was in charge of arrangements.

Edwin E. Cunningham

Edwin E. Cunningham, 73, of Lafayette, passed away Feb. 23, 2007, at 8:47 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Logansport on July 20, 1933, he was the son of the late Everett and Ethel Houck Cunningham. His marriage was to Justine Hackett on July 20, 1957, in Delphi, and she survives.

Mr. Cunningham graduated from Delphi High School in 1951.

He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Lafayette and a camping club. He served in the Army from August 1953 until June 1955. He had been a supervisor at Eli Lilly & Co.

Surviving are two sons, Michael Cunningham (wife: Kim) of Des Moines, Iowa, and Marc Cunningham (wife: Missy) of Centerville; a daughter, Michele Dimmick of Lafayette; a sister, Elaine Potterf (husband: Larry) of West Lafayette; and five grandchildren, Ashley Dimmick, Kelli Cunningham, Derek Dimmick (wife: Jessica), Myles Cunningham and Mason Cunningham.

Services were Feb. 26 at Soller-Baker Funeral Home Lafayette Chapel, officiated by Pastor Herb Wingard. Burial at a later date will be at Rock Creek Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Tippecanoe County Public Library Talking Books Program or Christ United Methodist Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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The three men worked from midnight to morning spreading 20 tons of gravel over the inside surface of the bridge in efforts to keep it from washing downstream. Brown said water was being forced through slits in the siding as powerful as a fire hose.

"It was a rushing torrent," he said. "It was so loud and everything was shaking violently, but once we got the gravel in place, it wasn't shaking anymore."

Brown said he credits their efforts and steel support rods, which he said were singing from being stretched so taut, for keeping the bridge in place.

"I'm sure those two things are important reasons the bridge is here today," he commented.

After floodwaters subsided, it was evident major renovations were needed in order for the bridge to remain viable.

County commissioners approved the bridge's biggest rehabilitation to date and work began in the summer of 2005.

Lower and upper chords were replaced along with the stabilization of the cast iron abutments.

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The floor system and siding were also replaced.

"Once we got into it, there was a lot more rot than had been anticipated," Brown explained. "But we wanted to do it right this time."

The original Wheelock abutment, the heart of the bridge's support system, remains. Brown said that feature, along with guidelines followed during the bridge rehabilitation, helped keep the bridge on the register at the State Historic Preservation Office.

Re-opened to traffic in October 2006, the bridge is once again a visible symbol of the county's heritage.

Bill Brown encouraged residents and visitors to enjoy a quiet country drive to see the rehabilitated bridge.

"Lancaster is a sight to behold," he said. "It's a beautiful area and a bright spot in the county's history. To visit and enjoy Lancaster Bridge and our county's many other historic sites is truly wonderful."

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said he did not inform Sprinkle he had a right to seek legal council and he did not inform Sprinkle that he had a right to refuse to let police search his room.

When questioned by county prosecutor Tricia Thompson, Mullin testified he believed he had a valid search warrant to perform a search of the entire house.

He said computers were found in different areas of the house, including both Munson's and

Sprinkle's bedrooms. The computers were found to be networked with a cable using a router. Mullin said some of the same photos, which implicated both men, were found on computers in both bedrooms.

Other items found in Sprinkle's bedroom were clothing items allegedly belonging to the victims in the case.

Thompson argued there was substantial basis to obtain the warrant. She said Sprinkle did not show an expectation of privacy due to the computers being networked and his sharing of confidential passwords with Munson.

Thompson said Sprinkle was not in custody at the time of the search and police officers were not obligated to advise him of his rights.

"The warrant said to search diligently," Thompson concluded, "and the officers did that."

A Feb. 20 order issued by Currie stated the search warrant did not limit the search to the bedroom of one or more of the individuals living in the home, but rather was inclusive of the entire "residence."

The warrant gave officers permission to "...search for the presence of evidence of child pornography in digital or printed form including all forms of digital storage such as DVD, DC, hard-drives, memory sticks, floppy disks and other digital media or storage mechanisms, as well as any prints of such photographs."

The order further stated, "law enforcement officers executing the warrant had specific authorization to search and seize electronic digital media...the challenged evidence taken and seized pursuant to the search warrant were not obtained in violation of the defendant's fourth amendment rights."

However, Currie sided with the defense to suppress evidence seized that was not electronic data in nature, such as clothing, stating the items were "outside the scope of the search warrant."

Sprinkle is scheduled for trial March 19 at 9 a.m. in Carroll Circuit Court.

Other Death Notices

Robert A. Wilson, 19, of Monticello, formerly of Flora, died Feb. 19, 2007, in the emergency room at White County Memorial Hospital. He was born June 6, 1987, in Lafayette, to Robert H. and Teresa A. Howard Wilson. He was a member of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Flora. Surviving are his parents; a stepmother, Debra Wilson of Lafayette; a sister, Alisha Wilson of Monticello; and a stepbrother. Services and burial were held last week.

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DO NOT place new flowers and/or arrangements at the cemetery until after May 23rd.