

# Republican Party split?

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Deiwert

During an interview with incumbent mayoral candidate Lee Hoard that appeared in last week's *Comet*, it was stated that Hoard's bid for mayor was not supported by the chairman of the Republican Party, Sam Deiwert. The question arose whether or not Deiwert was acting as party representative or private citizen when he conveyed that message to Hoard.

When contacted by the *Comet* Friday, Deiwert explained the situation.

# County BZA plays significant role in city zoning issues

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Carroll County Board of Zoning Appeals was the official entity to decide if a proposed building project by North Central Health Services would be allowed at the intersection of Summit St. and Prince William Rd. last week. It seemed unfair to some residents that a county quasi-governmental agency would have the final say in what would happen inside the city limits of Delphi.

Carroll County Zoning Administrator Dale Huffer was able to shed some light on the situation.

"It's because the City of Delphi made the decision in 1971 to join Carroll County Area Plan Commission," Huffer said. "The county formed a planning commission in 1971 for all incorporated cities and towns, with the exception of Flora. And it was never changed."

"Delphi could form their own planning commission and zoning board," Huffer added.

"As the chair of the Republican Party, I don't consider there's been a split in the party," Deiwert said. "But there are people who are looking for me and Lee to scrap." "I have every right to make a personal opinion," Deiwert continued.

"Any disagreements I have (with Hoard) are about Sam Deiwert as a property owner and tax payer."

"As the Republican Central Committee, we are obligated to support the ticket and that's what we are doing," Deiwert concluded.

# Delphi to get social services complex

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The controversy over a proposed social services complex finally achieved a direction at both the Oct. 23 Carroll County Area Plan Commission (APC) and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meetings.

North Central Health Services (NCHS) was successful in a bid for a variance for a primary subdivision approval from APC and a special exception from the BZA to bring their plan of building a 12,000 square foot facility to fruition. However, the decisions were not without opposition from some neighbors. The process took close to four hours to unfold.

Opponents explained the proposed facility would not generate tax revenue, would be a significant violation of a zoning principle of combining residential and commercial interests, and would be a commercial development magnet. They voiced concern about traffic and safety for area children.

Proponents spoke about the benefits of consolidating five social services agencies and the ability to provide additional medical services to low-income families and individuals.

NCHS CEO and President John Walling explained he approached the city one year ago and "was told they were welcome."

Delphi Mayor Lee Hoard, noting that Prince William Road is not in good shape, promised city support for the project. He said department heads are committed to helping in any way possible.

John Hampton, Delphi City Council member appointed to APC, determined there had not been a traffic or road impact study done by NCHS or the city. He said the city developed a land use plan in the mid-90s and the area was zoned residential at that time. He questioned whether or not the county area plan could overrule the city's zoning ordinance.

Hampton said the city council voted to send a message of opposition at its Oct. 1 meeting. Since that time, the mayor and two other council members changed their votes to support the project at the selected site.

After a lengthy discussion and public comment time, area plan voted five-to-one to approve the variance and to send a favorable recommendation to the BZA. BZA voted unanimously in favor of the project at the selected site.

# APC issues 15 permits in October

Comet staff report

Fifteen permits were issued by Carroll County Area Plan Commission during October, for improvements amounting to \$514,400.

Residential permits with \$200,000 value were issued to persons in the following townships:

**Clay** - Ben and Nicole Thompson, residence.

Permits for remodeling and accessories were issued to persons in:

**Clay** - Larry Treece, addition;

**Deer Creek** - James Helms, storage;

**Delphi** - Rex and Robin Allbaugh, addition; Shirley Saltzman, deck;

**Democrat** - Jason and Nicole Howard, addition/garage;

**Jackson** - Paul and Maria Royer, storage;

**Jefferson** - Tim Chaplin, carport; Jeff Edgar, carport; Jack and Carolyn Phillippo, deck/storage;

**Madison** - Thomas Flora, pole barn;

**Rock Creek** - Jeffrey Rider, storage;

**Tippecanoe** - Robert Baker, storage; George Byars, storage.

**Commercial Permits**  
• J A Wise Farms, storage.

The total collected from permits issued was \$531, plus:

- James and Brenda Staggs, Special Exception Application, \$30;
  - Zimpfer Development, variance application, \$30;
  - Zimpfer Development, special exception application, \$30;
  - North Central Health Services, subdivision application, \$55;
  - North Central Health Services, special exception, \$30.
- Total collected from permits in October was \$706. Year-to-date total collected is \$13,370.

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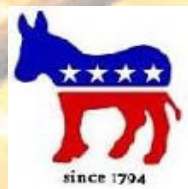
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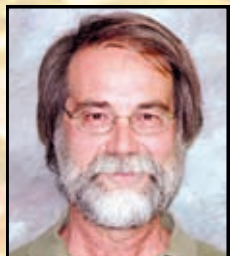
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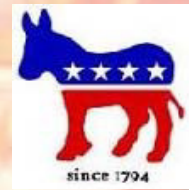
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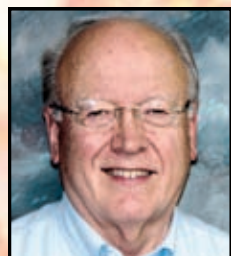
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