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group agreed to ask INDOT to consider a separated-grade alternative to the at-grade T intersection now planned at the extended Main Street exit. Without planning for grade separation now, the exit might be at risk of being lost should the HHH become interstate-level access in the future. Without the exit, the opportunity for a business route through Delphi's historic downtown could be lost.

A second request to INDOT was an alternative to the valley section of highway that requires fill, up to a level of 30 feet in spots, for the roadway to rest upon. The concern is over the impact that this amount of fill will have on the valley, the floodplain, and the viewlines of the area. At issue is where the fill would be mined without negative impact to the historic district and surrounding area. Equally of concern is the depth of the cuts to be made on the south side of Deer Creek and the impact of the viewlines there.

The group also agreed that the design for the bridge at Deer Creek needed to be attractive and to make a statement about our community. Although no specifics were determined as to what the bridge should look like, one



Monon High Bridge

The Monon High Bridge was one of the sights on the recent trail hike sponsored by Delphi Historic Trails. The Monon High Bridge Trail and the historic Deer Creek Valley will be affected by the route of the Hoosier Heartland Highway. A local committee is working with INDOT to lessen adverse impact and come up with solutions for retaining the historic integrity of the area. Photo provided

suggestion was a façade treatment that would blend with the coloring and texture of the slate bluff that will be visible from the bridge.

Dan McCain is the current chairman, and Anita Werling, co-chairman, of the local committee involved with evaluating INDOT's plans. Other members of the committee are affiliated with the local historical organizations, the Rural Historic District and local governmental representatives. **Public input sought**

More meetings of the group

are being planned. Meanwhile, if members of the public wish to express their opinions to INDOT regarding Context Sensitive Solutions for the Deer Creek Valley portion of the SR25 Hoosier Heartland project, they can do so by picking up a comment form at the Canal Center or by emailing Aimee Kindred, INDOT SR25 Project Coordinator at akinred@indot.in.gov. Additional information can be accessed at the Heartland Highway's website: <http://sr25study.in.gov>.

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approved, however Slavens voted against the measure.

Slavens asked commissioners' president Loren Hylton, who was in the audience, if the commissioners were shopping for a different agent for health insurance.

"We're not shopping for agents," Hylton replied. "We're shopping insurance plans."

Slavens said the county could possibly save money by soliciting quotes from more than one agent.

"I agree with Ron," council president Rob Baker said.

He said he "would feel more comfortable talking with different agents."

"There's no way we're going to be able to afford what we have now with the budget we were given," Hylton replied.

Property tax rebate

Slavens made a motion to move the amount of property tax rebate, \$709,454.38, plus an additional \$30,462 for a total of \$739,916.38 from the general fund into a separate account for tracking purposes and to more fully indicate the true picture of how much money remained in county general. Slavens' plan was to then do an inner-department loan from the reassessment fund to county general as replacement money. Myers said the reassessment fund contained \$601,567.17 in reserve.

Treasurer Jane Brewington was called to the meeting to discuss the situation. She advised the reassessment money was in certificates of deposit (CD). She said one CD was going to come due Jan. 12. After checking with the bank during the meeting, she reported the CD was worth \$682,746.04, but it would cost \$8,973.74 in penalties for early withdrawal.

Myers advocated leaving the money in county general, where she originally put it.

"Everything has been forced today," Ann Brown said.

Ashby said it was a difficult situation for the council to struggle "to make the books work and make do."

"I have a hard time thinking it got put in there in the first place," Slavens said, referencing the auditor's decision to put the rebate money into county general.

It was decided to leave the rebate money in county general until Jan. 12 when the reassessment money could be used to replace it in county general without penalty.

Slavens recinded his motion.

Highway department
Highway superintendent Ron Francis explained he needed 13 transfers from various line items totaling \$3,245.01 for operators and mechanics who worked 14 hours overtime during the recent snow storm.

Myers asked Francis if social security and PERF were included in the transfer requests. "I don't know," he replied.

Myers determined an additional \$546 was needed for the required expenses. After consulting with office staff at the highway garage, Francis proposed an additional transfer of

\$586.82.

All highway department transfers were approved unanimously.

Other transfers approved:

- Museum - \$928.04 from printing to curator and \$801.73 from equipment and exhibit repair to curator assistant;
- Commissioners - \$49,741.22 from cost of keeping juveniles to group insurance and \$165 from examination of records to drug testing;
- Joint courts - \$6,459.44 from jury and \$1,375 from jury meals and lodging both to additional pauper counsel;
- Treasurer - \$1,000 from part-time to computer update module;
- Sheriff - \$1,111 from meals for prisoners to medical, dental doctor;
- 4-H Building - \$800 from repairs to utilities;
- Extension Office - \$600 from fair to mileage;
- EMA - \$600 from training classes to vacation time;
- Probation Dept. - \$3,000 from home detention surveillance officer and \$2,500 from mileage/general office both to home detention provider; and
- E-911 - \$1,500 from full-time communications to part-time communications.

Other business

Brewington reported that the bank statements now balance with her records, however the funds-to-cash book is still not balanced. Brown explained that the ex-State Board of Accounts worker hired to help Brewington must meet with another expert and Brewington to straighten out the computer program data with the input data to make it meaningful. "We hope by the end of January we can get that done," Brown said.

Baker announced he would step down as president of the council for 2008. He said he recommended a two-year term-limit for the president spot in the future.

Myers reported that a letter from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance suggested counties with unapproved 2008 budgets revert to 2007 spending levels. Consensus was to follow the recommendation, which would include no salary increases for employees until the 2008 budget is approved.

Zoning administrator Dale Huffer was given permission to advertise for a replacement for his position due to his impending retirement. He was also given permission to solicit for legal counsel for APC.

Arnold Abbott and Christine Moore were appointed to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals.

Appeal

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Vreba-Hoff is a Dutch family-owned business with offices in Ohio and The Netherlands. The company helps bring dairy farm families from Europe to the U.S. to start new dairies. Once established, the company typically hands off ownership to the families.

The next meeting will be Jan. 4 at 8 a.m.

Police & Fire Calls

Police reports are gathered from available records on file at local police departments. This information is a matter of public record and does not imply guilt or innocence. Information for fire reports is also gathered from reports on file with local fire departments.

Delphi Police Dept.

Dec. 21, 5:33 p.m. - Theft, N. Wabash St. Lawn Ornaments taken from the residence of Lloyd Parks, 61, Delphi. Officer Chuck Kent investigated.

Dec. 21, 8:13 p.m. - Theft, Blockbuster Video. William Weatherwax, 20, Delphi, arrested on suspicion of theft of two books. Kent responded.

Dec. 21, 11:48 p.m. - Public intoxication/warrant service, N. Union St. Mathew Nickels, 27, Kokomo, arrested on suspicion of public intoxication and warrants in Tippecanoe County. Kent responded.

Dec. 21, 11:10 p.m. - Property damage, 914 Tally Ho Dr. Jose R. Sosa, 32, Delphi. After a crash, Sosa was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated and never receiving a driver's license. Officer David Yeager responded.

Sheriff's Dept.

Criminal/non-criminal reports
Dec. 20, 3:37 p.m. - Identity deception, 6700 block of W. CR100N. Deysi Lopez-Quintero, 23, Logansport, was arrested on suspicion of using a false name and social security number from a resident of Texas. Deputy Zachary Hall investigated.

Dec. 21, 9 p.m. - Identity deception, 6400 block of N. CR265W. Deputy Jason Dunning responded.

Dec. 22, 1 a.m. - Possession of paraphernalia, 12400 block of W. CR600N. Report of loud music resulted in the location of illegal drugs. Dunning responded.

Dec. 22, 12:22 a.m. - Theft, 227N. CR800W. Theft of Christmas ornaments including two white metal deer figures with lights. Sgt. Dennis Randle investigated.

Dec. 24, 7:20 p.m. - Theft, 100 block of E. Washington St., Camden. Residential theft reported. Hall investigated.

Dec. 24, 10:42 p.m. - Theft, 2900 block of N. CR935W. Theft of Christmas ornaments reported. Hall investigated.

Property damage reports
Dec. 3, 4:25 p.m. - CR1150W. at CR250N. Samantha N. Rusk, 20, Monticello. Deputy Mike Thomas responded.

Dec. 8, 10:30 p.m. - CR300W. Near CR1100N. Derek J. Wagoner, 18, Logansport. Thomas responded.

Dec. 20, 9:42 a.m. - Sheriff's Department parking lot. Lori A. Sustarsic, 32, Lafayette. Jailer driving a county-owned vehicle, struck another vehicle in the parking lot. Maj. Tobe Leazenby responded.

Dec. 27, 11:23 a.m. - CR500N. near CR400W. Kayleigh Morgan, 18, Delphi. Thomas responded.

Dec. 28, 10:30 a.m. - SR29 near CR700N. Sean M. Smith, 18, Bringhurst. Deputy Grant Davidson responded.

Dec. 28, 11:55 a.m. - CR300N. near CR525E. Justin D. Moffitt, 17, Flora. Maj. Tobe Leazenby responded.

Deer Reports

Dec. 3, 7:30 a.m. - SR29 at SR218. Deborah Rider, 32, Young America. Thomas responded.

Dec. 25, 6:30 a.m. - Towpath Rd. near CR350W. Robert S. Davis, 35, Burnettsville. Davidson responded.

Dec. 27, 7:24 p.m. - CR500N. Near CR400W. Gary E. Foreman, Jr., 30, Delphi. Deputy Jay Schimmel responded.

Camden

Mary Whitfield
Camden 686-2553

Camden American Legion Auxiliary Unit 413 will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 7 in the Legion

Burlington

Cheryl Milburn
Burlington 566-3453

Burlington Town Council met Jan. 1 in the town hall to sign marshal Jill Hammond's contract. Afterwards, the council met in work session to familiarize themselves with their new positions.

Newly elected town officials will have an open house at the town hall on Jan. 2, 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Residents and business owners in the town and township are welcome to stop by to offer suggestions and discuss ideas and concerns. Snacks and drinks will be served.

Kiwanis will meet Saturday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and meeting at the fire station.

Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Burlington on Jan. 8 from 1 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Park Building.

Burlington Area Community Center has a van available to transport residents to doctor and hair appointments, shopping, etc. The only expense is a voluntary donation for gas and driver. To schedule pick-up, call 566-3192.

Faith Church of Christ will have a carry-in meal on Sunday at 6 p.m.

Board game night will be the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Faith church. Volleyball competition will be the fourth Thursday night each month at 6:30.

Channel 2

Programming for Jan. 2-9 is listed below:

Wed., Jan. 2 - Not on the air.
Fri., Jan. 4 - 8 p.m., Live audio of Carroll vs. Clinton Central girls' basketball game on www.broadcastsport.net.

Sat., Jan. 5 - 8 p.m., Live audio of Delphi vs. Rossville boys' basketball game on www.broadcastsport.net.

Sun., Jan. 6 - 10:30 a.m., Live worship service from Flora First Brethren Church. 7 p.m., Worship service from First Brethren Church taped earlier in the day; Carroll vs. Clinton Central girls' basketball game.

Tues., Jan. 8 - 7:30 p.m., Live audio of Rossville vs. Frankfort girls' basketball game on www.broadcastsport.net.

Wed., Jan. 9 - 7 p.m., Delphi vs. Rossville boys' basketball game.

Home. Evetta Recher will be the church.

Volunteer Firemen will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Fireman's Lounge.

Classes will resume for students on Jan. 7.

Camden Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 in the town hall.

Camden-Jackson Public Library Board will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 9 in the Reading Room.

United Methodist Women will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 at

Thirteen members of Aim Hi Extension Homemakers Club met Dec. 20 for a Christmas party and gift exchange at The Stone House Restaurant in Delphi. Devotions were given by Colleen Franek. Secret pals were revealed and new names were drawn. The birthday song was sung to Mary Trapp and the anniversary song to Mrs. Franek. Hostesses were Maryanne Berkshire and Evetta Recher.

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