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could ask for another extension if needed. Henderson said the county is required to maintain the facility, or an eligible activity, for five years after the project is completed and a monitoring period begins.

Commissioners approved payment to Cooley for \$6,002, which was the amount remaining from the \$500,000 grant to spend. They withheld \$68,186, the balance of the claim. The matter is to be discussed at the next commissioners' meeting with the contractor, the design engineer, superintendent Martha Lewis and Henderson.

- EDC**
- Carroll County Economic Development Director Daryl Smith presented a report of strategic directions outlining a five-year strategies plan for EDC. Three imperatives for future growth were emphasized. They were:
- Build on leadership in agriculture;
  - Create a real estate development plan; and
  - Raise money.

Smith said EDC must "tackle controversy" in order to build on current agriculture leadership and reach out to agriculture businesses and services to become located within the county.

EDC plans to purchase options to buy or lease land suitable for development and at least one parcel within a month as part of the real estate development plan. He said target locations included land adjacent to the Hoosier Heartland Highway near other businesses for expansion and attraction.

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Vice President Dick Bradshaw explained the need for funding to enhance the economic development of the county. He said the economic development income tax "is the perfect vehicle to make these things happen."

EDC and chamber projects to fund included:

- Acquire shovel-ready sites which could include the purchase, lease, rent or option on land, accept land donations, utilize land already belonging to Carroll County, assist private parties to obtain land and funding for grants and legal expenses related to land acquisition;
- Promote the county with comprehensive signage;
- Develop a countywide database;
- Create, maintain and improve local government Web sites;
- Erect a welcome center near the HHH; and
- Support the comprehensive land use development plan with funding, monitoring the plan and promoting an updated zoning ordinance.

Other projects included training for business owners, marketing the county by networking and supporting non-governmental groups to promote economic development in the county.

Bradshaw said a formal request to the council to raise EDIT from .10 to .25 will be made at the Wednesday morning council meeting. He said the plan would be for the money generated by the increase to be put aside for EDC and chamber activities.

In a follow-up *Comet* interview, Bradshaw said approximately \$468,000 total new tax revenue would be raised by the increase. However, that money would be divided among other cities and towns in the county. The commissioners would reallocate approximately \$250,000 for the proposed projects. He said commissioners would decide which projects to fund, but the money would be dedicated entirely to economic development and utilized only by EDC and the county chamber.

**Flood damage assessments**

As opposed to what was previously reported, county assessor Doris McLeland advised property reassessments for flood damaged buildings and land would be for the 2007 assessment, pay 2008, tax year. McLeland was given permission to request a transfer of \$12,000 to hire a firm to provide the work.

McLeland said the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance informed her office of the correct procedure. She said it was clear that the reassessments would be for 2007.

DLGF Field Representative Steve McKinney agreed with McLeland and told the *Comet* Monday afternoon that IC 6-1.1-4-11 permits a form of disaster relief for these types of events. He said the next reassessment date is in March so technically, the recent flood occurred in 2007 for assessment purposes. He said all adjustments are to be made by Dec. 31, 2008.

McKinney urged anyone with flood damage to call (888) 739-9826 to request a form or go to the Web site at [www.dlgr.com](http://www.dlgr.com) and click on 'forms' for a download. The document should then be sent to the county assessor's office on the first floor of the courthouse.

**Other business**

The revised road excavation ordinance was approved and is effective immediately. It will be published twice in the *Comet*. A \$500 violation fee component was added.

The county will share GIS data mapping with Delphi. All costs associated with the project will be assumed by the city.

A four-year contract for a \$14,500/year lease to house the county extension office was approved.

Additional fire alarms and smoke detectors will be purchased out of the cumulative capital improvement fund, with council approval, for \$1,624.30. The equipment was recently required by insurance inspectors.

A bridge inspection report was presented by Leo Rumschlag, the county-hired bridge inspector. After comparing bridge conditions in 2005 and 2007, he said "things are better than they used to be."

A copy of the report can be viewed at the county highway department in Flora.

An application for Ina K. Small to Carroll Manor was approved.

Jefferson Township resident Pat Robertson urged commissioners to halt all CAFO construction until the health and environmental impact studies can be done to determine health risks.

"I'm really concerned," she said. "I think you should step back and take a look at it. If we're going to err at all, let's err in favor of the health of the citizens."

The engineering firm of Butler, Fairman and Seufert, along with the county, was recognized with a plaque for work done on the Carrollton Bridge. Payroll for \$171,289.16 was approved after Brown was assured by auditor Beth Myers there was money in the general fund to pay the claims. County general claims for \$114,541.41 and other county operating claims for \$48,536.38 were approved. County highway claims for \$64,813.38 were approved.

The next meeting will be Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.

**Drainage Board**

County surveyor Wayne Chapman's annual report indicated there were 55 work orders in 2007, which was less than the 62 for 2006. According to the report, \$95,581.55 was spent for 2007 work, however only \$52,604.96 from individual drain accounts was used to pay for the work. The 9050 drainage improvement account, with a current balance of \$126,746.02 was used for the difference.

The next meeting will be March 3 at 8:30 a.m.

**Frank J. Whitfield**

Frank "Pee Wee" J. Whitfield, 84, of Camden, died at 8:50 p.m. Jan. 29, 2008, at his residence.

Born Feb. 27, 1923, in Tusculum, Ala., he was the son of John Ivy and Leaner Crittenden Whitfield. He attended schools in Alabama. On Sept. 6, 1958, at the Camden First Baptist Church he married Mary Berniece McDowell-Lantz, who survives.

Mr. Whitfield was employed in maintenance at Custom Alloy in Delphi, where he last worked in December 2007.

He previously worked in Flora and Delphi at Capehart, Peters-Revington, SAYCO, and Alloy Craft.

For a number of years, he owned and operated Whitfield Simonize in Camden.

Mr. Whitfield was a member of the Camden First Baptist Church and the Camden Lions Club.

His hobbies included bird watching, gardening, and music. He enjoyed being with

his family and extended family.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Everett Gene Whitfield Sr. of Wentzville, Mo., John D. Whitfield (wife: Karen) of Brighthurst, and Frank D. Whitfield (wife: Shanell) of Camden; one daughter, Mary F. Stilson (husband: Bob) of West Lafayette; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark, a grandson, an infant great-grandson, four sisters, and three brothers.

Services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Camden First Baptist Church. Pastor Paul Marcellino officiated. Burial was at Camden Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Camden First Baptist Church, 255 E. Main St., Camden, IN 46917, or to the Camden Lions Club.

Cree Funeral Home, Camden, was in charge of arrangements.

**Mary E. Campbell**

Mary Ellen Campbell, 83, passed away Feb. 4, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in New Carlisle. She was born Jan. 25, 1925, in Logansport, to Frank and Bessie Rowe Clemans, both of whom preceded her in death. She married George William "Bill" Campbell on June 18, 1949, who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Campbell graduated from Wheaton College in Illinois and received two master degrees from Purdue University. After 44 years in the education field, she retired from Hillcrest Elementary School, where she first taught fourth grade and then became the school's first librarian. After retirement, she traveled the world.

Along with traveling, Mary loved to attend church, sorority meetings, Circle and Wednesday Forum.

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nancial assistance is received she said.

Petrie said when a victim registers, they will be given a registration number. That number will be useful when visiting the disaster recovery center. After visiting the center, victims will be contacted to arrange for a FEMA inspection of their property and belongings. In most cases, financial assistance will arrive in seven to 10 days after the inspection according to Petrie.

FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer Mike Smith recommended in a press release victims register with FEMA as soon as possible.

"Don't prejudice your eligibility," Smith said. "If you think you have damage related to the storm, register with FEMA. Even if you don't have all the necessary information or it was lost in the flooding. It's important that all residents get the assistance available to them as quickly as possible."

Congressman Joe Donnelly led the charge to expedite assistance to Carroll County first by meeting with local leaders and residents, then working with the Gov. Mitch Daniels to draft a request for a disaster declaration from President George Bush and finally by taking the lead in the congressional delegation to address the issue with the president requesting quick and positive action. Donnelly told the *Comet*

Tuesday he would stay in contact with the residents of Carroll County. He emphasized his Logansport office staff is ready to assist those who need help to overcome barriers and get the help they need. That phone number is (574) 753-2671. Residents can visit Donnelly's Web site at [www.donnely.house.gov](http://www.donnely.house.gov) for additional flood-related information.

"We're here to serve the people of Carroll County," Donnelly said. "Whatever people need, we will help them. If they need a meeting with FEMA and can't get that set up, I want them to call my office and we will help them get through this."

**Wayne L. Swaim**



Wayne Lee Swaim, 76, of Burlington, passed away at 12:48 p.m. Mon., Feb. 4, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Born Jan. 17, 1932, in Lafayette, he was the son of Leo M. and Mary Susan (Randolph) Swaim. He married Savannah Jo Avery on Dec. 24, 1950, in Russiaville, and she survives.

Mr. Swaim was retired Burlington Town Marshal, a position he held for 30 years.

He also held positions with the Carroll County Sheriff's Dept., and served as a Carroll County Commissioner, Burlington Township trustee, and Burlington town councilman.

He graduated from Forest High School and Plainfield Police Academy.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1949 to 1951. He was a member and past officer of the Police League of Indiana, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and Burlington American Legion Post 414.

He served for many years on the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Swaim held a private pilot's license and owned his

own plane. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, his family, and dog.

He served as deacon and elder and enjoyed working in the church and spending time at the coffee shop.

Surviving with his wife are his foster parents, Kathleen and Hubert Bozworth of Burlington; four daughters, Taunya Andrews (husband: David) of Kokomo, Teresa Butcher (husband: Dan), Tammy Dyer (husband: Bob) and Teleena Kelly (husband: David), all of Burlington; 11 grandchildren, Nicole Bright, Keristen Ford, Katrina Scagnoli, Adam, Caleb and Andrew Butcher, Kristin Parkevich, Chris and Jordan Dyer, and Daniel and Jessika Kelly; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the Church of Christ in Burlington. Pastors Dan Butcher and Tim Pohlman will officiate. Burial with military rites will be at Burlington Cemetery. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at Neptune Funeral Home, 44 Michigan Rd., Burlington, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Knightstown Veteran's Children's Home, Knightstown.

**Carolyn S. Moyers**



Carolyn Sue Moyers, 67, of Delphi, died Feb. 2, 2008, at her residence.

She was born March 30, 1940, in Delphi, to Mona Crim Marris and the late Minnie Marris. She was divorced.

She retired from Peters-Revington Furniture in Delphi as a custodian in 2004 after working there since 1988.

Surviving are her mother in Monticello; seven children, Mike Schnepf and Johnny Schnepf, both of Tennessee, Lisa Maddock and Daniel Kenneth Moyers, both of Lafayette, and Kathleen Martin, James Martin and Danny K. Moyers Jr., all of Delphi; a sister, Jane Penn of Delphi; two brothers, Thomas Marris of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and Robert K. Burns of Washington; and 11 grandchildren.

Friends may call today, Wednesday, from 11 a.m. until services at 2 p.m. at Davidson Funeral Home in Delphi. Pastor Jason Moyers will officiate. Burial will be at I.O.O.F. Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.davidsonfh.com](http://www.davidsonfh.com).

**Other Death Notices**

**Mary Eileen Ritchie**, 87, a Dayton area resident, died Feb. 2, 2008, in St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born Nov. 21, 1920, in Lafayette. On April 17, 1938, she married F. Merle Ritchie in Lafayette, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Ritchie worked in sales at Bowers Cards for several years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Delphi. Survivors include a daughter, Keltie Knott (husband: Jim) of rural Delphi. Visitation will be today, Wednesday, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel, with a funeral Mass there at 10 a.m. Feb. 7. Burial will be at Dayton Cemetery.

**Births**

Seth and Sesaly (Duff) Reifert of Delphi are parents of a 6-pound, 13-ounce son, Josiah Dale, born Jan. 16 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents are Neda K. Duff of Delphi, Randy and Marti Duff of Rantoul, Ill., and Mike and Linda Reifert of Delphi. Maternal great-grandmother is Wanda Duff of Delphi.

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**Hospital Notes**

Opal Bowman is recuperating from surgery at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi.

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