

Council directs auditor to pay all due loans

Hears more money will be needed for payroll this month

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

Carroll County Council agreed to honor 2008 financial obligations and repay all inter-fund loans with money currently accumulated in the general fund. They learned however, after the repayment, more money would have to be borrowed to cover expenses the following week.

According to county auditor Beth Myers, who recommended the action, approximately \$56,509 would remain in county general after repayment of all inter-fund loans. She said claims to be paid after approval by commissioners at the Monday morning meeting would equal between \$81,000 and \$82,000. Myers recommended another loan from the Rainy Day fund for \$120,000 for short-term expected expenses. She said the county paid \$400 interest for the bank line of credit loan in 2008.

Council approved Myers' recommendation in a 4 to 2

split vote. Ron Slavens and Steve Ashby voted against the action.

After the vote, Slavens said he would prefer to have borrowed the funds from another account. He said the Rainy Day fund, which was repaid just prior to the most recent loan approval, was not a day-to-day revolving cash fund for the council to rely upon. Ashby said he would only vote to borrow from the bank and pay interest on the loan thereby forcing council members to take the loan seriously rather than treating it in a casual manner.

Ann Brown said she would not allow the new loan to be treated with anything other than the seriousness it deserved. She said she would "stand up in the middle of the table" to object if that situation were to present itself.

Former county auditor Donna Romien suggested Myers and the council consider an advance draw on property taxes, which have not gone through settlement, rather than borrow

from a fund. Myers said she would consider that option later in the year when needed.

Slavens made a motion to direct the auditor to only include general fund receipts and disbursements in the year-end financial report. He said the measure was necessary because the published 2007 year-end balance was not accurate. He said the incorrect information was supplied to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance as well as the consultant hired to advise council members about future financial decisions. He said because of the incorrect information, both of those entities made mistakes when advising the council about how to proceed.

Brown provided the second for the motion, which was approved.

Other business
Deer Creek Township resident Angie Murray was appointed to the Delphi Public Library Board of Directors for four years.

Donation ordinance 2008-13 for the county parks was approved.

Myers was directed to advertise for a second tax anticipation loan.

Outgoing county highway superintendent Ron Francis was granted permission to advertise for a truck driver and a mechanic.

Burlington

Cheryl Milburn
Burlington 566-3453

Plans are under way for a Burlington Christmas Walk on Nov. 22. Shops will be open from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Santa is expected to arrive at 5 p.m. Children are encouraged to participate in a coloring contest. Prizes will be awarded on the 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Coloring pages may be picked up at various locations throughout Burlington and the surrounding area.

Veterans of the Burlington community will be honored at a veteran's program to be held Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Community Park Building. This will be an opportunity to show patriotism and give thanks to the men and women who have served this country. Larry Lowry, Cass County Veteran's Service Officer, will be speaker at a short program. All veterans, their families and the public are invited. A free light meal will be served. The event is being sponsored by the Burlington Masonic Lodge in cooperation with American Legion Post 414.

Park Board will meet at 7 p.m. today, Wednesday, in the Community Park Building.

Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the town hall.

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

fire station.

Crossroads Community Christian Church will have a talent show on Nov. 23. Individuals and acts may sign-up now at the church.

Faith Church of Christ is collecting non-perishable food items for the Kokomo Urban Outreach. The church also collects 15 bottles each of shampoo and conditioner for CAM, the ministry to the homeless. CWF is collecting travel size shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, bar soap and toothbrushes for family gift bags at the Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital.

An all-church carry-in Harvest Meal will be held Sunday at 12 noon at Faith Church of Christ.

First Brethren WMS will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Sterling House.

The First Brethren Church celebrated the beginning of the church in Burlington, started 125 years ago in 1883. One hundred fifty attended. Guest speaker was Burlington native, the Rev. Kurt Stout, senior pastor of the First Brethren Church in North Manchester. He is the son of Allen and Cynthia Stout. Following morning worship, pictures were taken and a carry-in dinner was served.

Crossfire Youth Ministry of Oakland Christian Church will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Washington Twp.

Marilyn Hile
Deer Creek 859-4871

Deer Creek Presbyterian Church is having a book club for adults and older teens. Discussion of the book, "The Color of Water by James McBride," will be at 7 p.m. on Nov. 24. The group will meet in the church library.

Deer Creek Community Center is hosting a Longenberger Basket Bingo party on Friday at 6:30 p.m. The party is to support the community center.

Faith Lutheran Church is inviting second graders and older to attend a First Communion Class after worship service on Nov. 16. Interested parents should contact Pastor Matt.

The Good Neighbor Gals met recently for lunch at Silver Lake in Logansport. Those attending were, Dot Fulton, Mary Ellen Johnson, Marilyn Hile, Doris Jean Bryan, Ellen Herr, Helen Forgey and Dottie Delaplaine.

Remember neighbors and shut-ins with calls and visits.

Transfers

- Custodians - \$500 and \$100 from furniture and fixtures to supplies and to other supplies, respectively;
- Treasurer - \$1,300 from deputy to part-time clerical;
- EMS - \$781 from radio repair and \$600 from postage to telephone;
- Commissioners - \$101 from membership dues and \$150 from change of venue to examination of records;
- Highway - \$2,500 from grader blades and \$2,350 from flood damage clean-up to repair parts;
- Reassessment - \$10,000 from first clerk to part-time and \$5,000 from first clerk to mileage; and
- E-911 - \$300 from Teleco to mileage.

The next meeting is Nov. 24 at 8:30 a.m. for 2009 budget adoption.



Republican Women to meet Nov. 17

Carroll County Republican Women will meet at Carroll Manor Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Husbands or a guest are invited. A catered meal will be served for a cost.

Call Donna Romein at (765) 564-3403 or Clara Rider at (765) 564-3058 by Nov. 10 to RSVP. Bring canned goods for the food pantry.

Camden

Mary Whitfield
Camden 686-2553

Camden-Jackson Township Public Library Board will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Reading Room.

Camden Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 13 in the library's Reading Room.

United Methodist Women will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church. Devotions will be given by the hostess, Marge Sieber, and the lesson by Cathy Weaver.

A Veteran's Day program, sponsored by the Camden American Legion, will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Community Building.

The Board of Christian Education of the Baptist Church will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the church.

Camden Council of Churches met last Thursday evening in the United Methodist Church. Plans were made for the Camden Com-

munity Thanksgiving Service to be held Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Lutheran Church.

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Delphi Police Dept.

Oct. 28, 8:09 p.m. - Theft, 1228 Old Camden Rd. Several pieces of gold jewelry taken from the Anna Douglas residence. Officer Shane Bernhardt investigated.

Oct. 29, 212 a.m. - Public intoxication, Canal Park. Romney R. Soper, 37, Camden, and Gienna D. Garcia, 40, Delphi. Bernhardt investigated.

Sheriff's Dept.

Criminal/non-criminal
Oct. 25, 9:21 a.m. - Criminal mischief, 413 W. Main St., Camden. Home owned by Anthony Dickerson vandalized. Det. Steve Mullin investigated.

Oct. 25, 4:25 p.m. - Burglary, 1502W. 1200N., Burnettsville. Attempted forced entry to the home of James Fitzwater. Mullin investigated.

Oct. 26, 6 a.m. - Burglary, Mike Thomas, rural Camden, reported theft of a firearm. Mullin investigated.

Oct. 26, 10:23 a.m. - Auto theft/receiving stolen auto parts, 10536 N. Earl Ave., Monticello (Jefferson Township). Vehicle owned by Richard Rakos stolen and later recovered near the residence. Mullin investigated.

Flora Police Dept.

Oct. 27, 10:22 a.m. - A battery was reported at 204 E. Columbia St. During the course of the investigation, Zakry Gutierrez, 20, Flora, was arrested for domestic battery. Chief Paul Redmon, Officer Mark Thomas and Deputy John Chapman investigated.

Oct. 29, 8:44 a.m. - A domestic disturbance was reported at 215 N. Division St., Apt. 44. Redmon

investigated.

Oct. 30, 10:27 p.m. - A juvenile complaint was taken at 100 Center St. Officer Dunning investigated.

Oct. 31, 9:29 a.m. - A domestic disturbance was reported at 604 Kenrick St., Lot 43. Redmon investigated.

Oct. 31, 3:29 p.m. - A vehicle driven by Todd A. Yates, 38, Cutler, struck a vehicle driven by Joyce M. Ritchey, 60, Cutler. Thomas investigated.

Nov. 1, 5:45 PM - A vehicle struck an Embark telephone box near 1788W. SR18 and left the scene. Thomas investigated.

Nov. 2, 7:17 p.m. - A domestic disturbance was reported at 404 W. Capital St. Officer Josh Disinger investigated.

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