

## DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

April 8, 2019

Commissioners Present:           President Donald D Grogg  
  Vice President Jacqueline Rowan  
  Vice President William Hartman

Others Present:                    Acting Auditor Susan Sleeper  
  Attorney James P McCanna

### **MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

Dotty explained that Central Dispatch had terminated a trainee and will begin interviewing as they are down one employee. Chris Gaumer has a position open in his GIS portion of his office and revamped the duties and have many interviews set up.

Dotty's HR support group had many out on Spring Break, so she is waiting for them to return to ask about how other counties handle PTO carryover. Susan explained the different feelings of the task force on PTO carryover. The taskforce is continuing to work on leave policies.

Dotty explained that there is a PERF meeting that will be held at the City Council Chambers on April 10<sup>th</sup>, for anyone to learn about PERF, but especially for new hires to understand how PERF works.

Dotty asked the Commissioners to think about when the security door begins to be used, who/how should citizen falls be handled? Dotty suggests that possibly the Security Team with the Sheriff Department be utilized to handle the reporting, the Commissioners agreed.

### **MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & LYNN REINHART ZONE MAP AMENDMENT**

The Plan Commission gives recommendations to the Commissioners of: favorable, unfavorable or no recommendations depending on the outcome of all the research for zoning variances, etc. No recommendation means basically the Commission did not feel strongly for or strongly against the rezone.

The Lynn Reinhart Zone Map Amendment public hearings were followed by law on January 16, 2019, February 20, 2019, and March 20, 2019. The proposed zoning will be changed from A2, Agricultural & R3, Village Residential to C2, Neighborhood Commercial. The Plan Commission voted a 'no recommendation' to the County Commissioners at the third public hearing on March 20, 2019.

Currently there is no commercial development taking place, and if development would be brought forth there would have to be a public hearing. This rezone piece of land is a different piece of land than previously proposed for the Dollar General store.

Lynn Reinhart spoke and was a little disappointed that the Plan Commission did not have a recommendation for the Commissioners. Don Grogg also is disappointed the Plan Commission did not have a recommendation. Mr. Reinhart affirmed everything that had been presented by Chris

Gaumer was accurate. Chris Gaumer explained that the Commissioners do have 90 days to make their decision, and may continue to their next meeting.

William Hartman made a motion to approve the Lynn Reinhart ReZone Map Amendment Resolution 2019-R-5, Ordinance UDO-53 to change the zoning from an A2 & R3 to a C2, as an in favor recommendation, Don Grogg seconded and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS UPDATE**

Kellie said the changes from week to week are amazing, the drywall continues to go up. Kellie stated that right now they are working through the little changes like data drops, etc. Kellie explained that the inmates would be on GPS devices while out working, and would then need to be charged outside of their room areas, the individuals would be allowed to have cell phones while out in society, but not inside the facility. There will be lockers to put items in before entering the room areas. Some of the items included in the soft costs will be able to be obtained for free through the vendors, for example the purchase of toilet paper from a specific supplier, that supplier then provides the toilet paper holders free of charge.

According to Steve Fetters, it is to the point that the Commissioners need to make a decision on whether to have an out building or not to have one. Steve Fetters said the contractor needs to get moving on the building, while everything is torn up vs. finishing the facility and having big trucks come back out to tear things up for the building later on. Kellie expressed her dire concern for needing the building for storage, as the facility does not have growing or expanding room inside. Kellie also explained that as part of their safety plan is to use the outbuilding in case an evacuation is needed.

#### **MATTER OF MOWING AT CANOE LAUNCH SITE**

Allen Haynes came to request 6 mowing's to take place at the Doc Coleman Landing this year. Richard Rudolph mow's for \$50.00 per session, via a contract with the Commissioners. Jim McCanna will get a contract written up between Mr. Rudolph and the Commissioners on a continuous basis until one of the parties terminates with a 60 days' notice. The funding for this is from the Commissioners LITED #45 Parks & Rec account.

#### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Ben Parker has two LPA vouchers for the Commissioners president to sign.

William Hartman made a motion for Don Grogg to sign LPA Invoice #8950 in the amount of \$15,285.00 for Countywide Bridge Inspections Des# 1592886 with 80% reimbursable amount of \$12,228.00 and LPA Invoice #84748 in the amount of \$2,600.00 for Reconstruction of CR 56, SR 2005 to CR 17: Des# 1702950 with 80% reimbursable amount of \$2,080.00, Jacqueline Rowan seconded and all approved.

Ben Parker has been working with INDOT, David Armstrong for the close out of the previous Community Crossings Grant Des# 1702643, it was discovered INDOT thought they had already send the close out to us, but he did not. Ben Parker now has the letter stating the close out is final.

Second driveway request at 2014 County Rd 40 from Mike Stitt, the Commissioners will allow a temporary drive to construct the septic, but will not authorize a permanent second drive.

Ben Parker received a call from Chad Fox on CR 34, on how to obtain driveway to access to his pole barn that was built. Ben and Chad talked to the neighbor who said he would be willing to do a deeded easement to give Chad access on the existing drive.

Ben talked to Pavement Solutions who bid the projects this year at \$595/hr for crack fill from State Rd 8 to US 6 and also CR 39 from State Road 427 to Steuben county line, total estimate is about \$58,000.00. Commissioners agree with this crack filling.

Discussion took place on CR 71, dust control, Newville drainage issue due to county tile, CR 60 east of 101 flooding due to county tile, and Fawn Creek.

#### **MATTER OF ORDINANCE 2019-R-6, DEKALB COUNTY CODE SECTION 9-1-1-40:**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve on the first reading for the speed limit to be changed to 45 mph on CR 11A from its intersection with CR 427 to its intersection with CR 56, and then continuing west on CR 56 to its intersection with CR 17, William Hartman seconded and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF MINUTES**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve with the correction, minutes dated April 1, 2019. William Hartman seconded, and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve Special Claims in the amount of \$1,689.84 consisting of warrant #'s 128529 thru 128531 and \$17,183.58 consisting of wire transfer #'s 11620 thru 11621, and General Claims in the amount of \$120,572.46 consisting of warrant #'s 128536 thru 128591 and \$292,762.01 consisting of wire transfer #'s 11622 thru 11707, William Hartman seconded, and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve the following travel requests:

- 1) Elysia Rodgers & Lynne Wahlstrom to travel to Plymouth on April 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> to attend the IEEE Spring Conference. Estimated cost of \$394.62 to be paid by department travel.
- 2) Bill Hunter to travel to Indianapolis on April 25<sup>th</sup> to attend IN APCO/NENA Conference. Estimated cost of \$107.92 to be paid by department travel.

William Hartman seconded, and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF PAYROLL**

William Hartman motioned to approve payroll for the period March 19 – April 1, 2019 Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

**MATTER OF DRUG FREE COORDINATOR PAY:**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion per the handbook and how it stands at the current time, Bonnie Emerson cannot hold both positions, William Hartman seconded and all approved.

**MATTER OF COUNTY HOME REPORT FOR MARCH 2019**

The Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the March 2019 County Home Report.

**MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

Other discussion included the following topics: Clifford property, Treasurer drop box, political sign posting, Drug Free Coordinator Contract, Bernie Sukala letter was read in the meeting dealing with sewage in the yard at 2733 SR 327, Cedar Creek Landing, Aquafer, jail plumbing issue, broadband discussion, Central Communication Director work hours, Trails Committee Meeting coming up on April 16<sup>th</sup>, Community Corrections outbuilding, Cedar Creek study and PTO.

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Donald D. Grogg - President

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Jacqueline R. Rowan – Vice President

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William L. Hartman – Vice President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan Bauman, Auditor  
Susan Sleeper, Acting Auditor