

**DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
May 13, 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 went over the Insurance renewal from Gallagher, highlighting the savings areas. Don Grogg feels like the Short-term and Long-term insurance should all be rolled out at July 1<sup>st</sup>. There was discussion on how the 3% increase would be shared with the employees, and how to get the amounts the employee pays more evened out across the board. Don Grogg is having Dotty go back to Gallagher with some questions.

**MATTER OF COURTHOUSE SOIL & WATER SEPTIC ISSUES**

Allen Haynes was in to discuss the update to the Septic Issues Collaborative Solutions from 2014. He handed out a book, with the areas of concern that included maps and explanation. In the update the team included questions and answers for Living, Buying & building in an Identified Area of Concern for septic issues, this helps Chris Gaumer in Developmental Services when patrons ask questions.

The Commissioner's acknowledge receipt of the updated Septic Issues Collaborative Solutions dated March 31, 2019.

Allen Haynes, Cathy Manual & Chris Gaumer discussed the potential issues that are happening in the county with septic issues. There were five options given for how to remedy the situations and what role the Commissioners are going to have when these issues arise. Don Grogg asked Cathy if she was aware of any grants to help the patrons, and she is only aware of grants for those over 65 years of age. The septic committee is looking for guidance and how to handle the issues that may arise.

**MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS UPDATE**

Kellie Knauer and Tim Baker were in to discuss updates. There was discussion on the proposed change order that will be forth coming. Don Grogg's opinion is the 'roof curve vents' part of the change order is not substantiated and he feels that design was either wrong or Elevatus should go back to the company that sent the wrong material. The Commissioners are ok with the trim around the windows part of the change order.

Don and Bill were out on site, and there is an I-beam that was engineered incorrectly and the beam is coming up an inch and 3/16<sup>th</sup> short. Don Grogg is having Kellie run the issue past Tony Vie to see what his suggestion would be on how to handle the situation.

### **MATTER OF TRAFFIC FLOW DISCUSSION**

Steven Brown with DABEC came in to discuss the round-a-bout proposal. Don's biggest question is the cost of the project. Steven Brown said there had been some chatter on the project that have some misconceptions in them, one of them being the design of the round-a-bout is a single lane, not a double lane and his firm did have pre-certification by INDOT when they were seeking INDOT work; they got out of that line of work a few years back when those types of projects were drying up, the certificate is only for the ability to file a bid for projects, it has nothing to do with the qualifications or standards or quality of work of the firm. Further discussion took place on utility lines/poles, billboards and logistics of the proposed round-a-bout. There was a patron in that lives in the area the round-a-bout is proposed that I concerned with the values of the homes being reduced due to the round-a-bout and also that the vehicle head lights would be an issue in the windows of homes close to the round-a-bout. Mr. Brown explained that research proves that the values of the homes would actually increase, and that the vehicle headlights would not be an issue as they would be aiming a different degree than what they currently are.

Steven Brown explained that his firms' contribution is 3-fold:

- ~Provide Required Engineering Services, whether internally or externally

- ~Give additional Right of Way for no compensation

- ~Construction Costs are open ended, so far the Redevelopment Commission has approved a not to exceed amount of \$225,000, anything over would be on DABEC

### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Ben was in with the report from USI Consultants on the Spencerville Covered Bridge. The recommendation is to not allow any pedestrians or vehicular traffic on the bridge in any capacity.

Ben walked Community Corrections with Scott Karst and Geiger to go over the punch list. There are some errors at the site, and a lot of pointing fingers right now. Ben said he will have to go back out because they got rained out during the walk. Further discussion took place on other issues including erosion control. Scott Karst is going to write up a new punch list for Ben to review and go from there. Ben will keep the Commissioners updated.

### **MATTER OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR GEIGER EXCAVATING**

The Commissioners accept the original maintenance bond that was received by Jim McCanna.

### **MATTER OF NE INDIANA WORKS-ELECTED OFFICIAL AGREEMENT**

Kathleen Randolph was in to request Don Grogg's signature for the Regional Elected Officials' Agreement. Both Dotty Miller and Anton King talked highly of Northeast Indiana Works Program. Kathleen explained they are putting together better correspondence for the Elected Officials and the Commissioners will be receiving via email.

William Hartman made a motion for the president to sign the Elected Officials' Agreement Region 3, Seconded by Jacqueline Rowan and all approved.

### **MATTER OF COUNCIL ON AGING –ANNUAL GRANT**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion for the president and attorney to sign Resolution 2019-R-7 for the 2020 Pass-Through Agreement for Council on Aging. Seconded by William Hartman and all approved.

### **MATTER OF MINUTES**

William Hartman made a motion to approve minutes with the change dated May 6, 2019. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve Special Claims as written, William Hartman seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS**

William Hartman made a motion to approve the following travel requests:

- 1) Mark Olivero, Cory Swagger, Ben Nordmann, Todd Hendrickson, Adam Squiller, Joe Carlin, Kevin Likes and Marcia Linsky to travel to Carmel on June 7<sup>th</sup> to attend the Annual Update Seminar. The estimated cost of \$3,258.56 is to be paid from Commissioners travel.
- 2) Derek Bergdall to travel to French Lick on July 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> to attend SRO Training Conference. Estimated cost of \$96.00 to be paid for from Commissioners travel.

Seconded by Jacqueline Rowan and all approved.

Mark Olivero was in and stated that his employees would car pool to save on mileage.

### **MATTER OF COUNTY HOME REPORT FOR APRIL 2019**

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

### **MATTER OF BLACK KNIGHT USER AGREEMENT**

William Hartman made a motion for all to sign the Black Night Bulk User Agreement, seconded by Jacqueline Rowan and all approved.

### **MATTER OF ACCIDENT REPORTING**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion that Brenda Myers names be taken off of the responsibility listing and the Sheriff Security officers being listed as first, HR and then Homeland Security, seconded by William Hartman and all approved.

*William Hartman left around 2:20*

**MATTER OF LANDSCAPING ON NORTH ENTRANCE**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve the Summers Landscaping proposal to be paid from LITED #17, Donald Grogg seconded and all approved.

**MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

Other discussion included the following topics: Wood-Land-Lakes, Cathy Manual subpoena, Town of St. Joe assigned certificate that mistakenly went up and sold at the 2018 Certificate Sale, F-11's for 2020, Tort Claim from Charles Pearsall, Food Inspection Schedule, LITED Plan, 1909 Mailbox, Legality of fire protection, and signage for no thru trucks and the enforcement of it.

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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