

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 19, 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 brought back the Compensatory Time Policy that was reviewed by the labor law attorney. Don Grogg feels the policy is very wordy and confusing. There needs to be some verbiage so that the absolute determination comes down to the Commissioners. Discussion took place on the policy, whether to keep it or totally get rid of the policy with the exception of the Sheriff's department. The Commissioners will discuss with the Sheriff and hash over the policy.

MATTER OF EASEMENT AT CR 61 & CR 40: AEP-DELONZA HALL

No show

MATTER OF UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Kellie Knauer was in to talk about a few new issues that arose with the project. Kellie has not heard back from Tony yet on the furniture quoting parameters, but will continue to reach out to him to keep things moving. Jack Smith was in to explain there were 3 TV's that were not accounted for in the data drops to allow for independent viewing, he said there will be a change order coming to accommodate the needed data drops. There are also two missing data drops and mounting for 2 TV's in the men's dayroom that were on the drawing but eliminated due to windows but then never added back in to the plan. Kellie said to solve the men's dayroom issue the data drops would be in the ceiling and TV's mounted from the ceiling. Steve Feters reported there were not any ADA slip resistant protocols in the sidewalks, he informed the contractor to put them in and get everything concurrent, so a change order will be coming for that cost. Steve also reported the mechanical doors will not open all the way because it hits the safety rail. Steve informed the Commissioners that the manufacturer will be paying for the correction. The masonry should be close to finished by end of week, as well as the sidewalks and siding.

MATTER OF THE CONDITION OF CR 45: LISA NEW

No Show

MATTER OF HIGHWAY:

Ben brought two claims for chip & seal for the Commissioners to review. INDOT is wanting an 8 ft. right-of-way on County Road 56, Ben feels a 5 ft paved and 3 ft stone right-of-way is sufficient and will submit the plan to the state. INDOT said that usually when land is acquired for a project that usually the land purchase is split down the middle and ½ from each landowner, but since this is all on the north side there could be some repercussions from future landowners. Ben also mentioned there will be drainage issues when the County Rd 56 project goes in that will need addressed.

Ben met with Jeff Thomas at Fawn Creek and informed him to move the sign, update the maintenance bond and complete the paperwork for encroachment, after all is received Ben will be ready to accept and move forward. Brooks wants to meet with Ben on the Highlands addition. Discussion also took place on whether or not to accept future additions but make the additions responsible for the winter maintenance. Ben will talk with Bill Hartman from Allen County and discuss how they handle their additions and maintenance of roads. ARC and NIPSCO have been working and blocking county roads, causing issue with school buses. Ben would like to re-do the permit procedure with a fee and also a fine for not filing for non-compliance, the Commissioners agree. Private tiles hook-ups under right-of-ways were discussed. Ben wanted the Commissioners guidance on how to handle situations that arise with private tiles in a County right-of-way. The Commissioners suggest that Ben should let the landowner know the County will take care of the tile in our right-of-way, but on our time schedule otherwise the landowner can get a permit and do it themselves for a faster fix.

MATTER OF CHANGE IN POLLING LOCATION

Holly Albright and Karen Bishop were in to discuss polling sites. The Commissioners are responsible for assigning the polling sites and Holly provided a letter and map to aid in the decision the Commissioners make.

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve the Auburn United Methodist Church to hold the following precincts: Union 3, Union 7 and Union 11, the Dayspring Community Church to hold the following precincts: Union 1, Union 2, Union 4 and Union 20, and the Community Foundation to hold Union 6, Union 8 and add Union 5. Seconded by William Hartman and all approved.

MATTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Jason Meek presented three options for a Deputy Director under him that consisted of 3 days, 2.5 days and 2 days per week. The Commissioners feel that the deputy is not needed more than 2 or 2.5 days per week. The consensus is to start with 2 days per week and see how that schedule works out for Jason and adjust as needed.

MATTER OF MINUTES

William Hartman made a motion to approve minutes as written dated August 12, 2019. Jacqueline Rowan seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve Special Claims consisting of warrant #'s 129250 thru 129254 in the amount of \$15,819.09 and wire transfer #'s 12699 thru 12705 in the amount of \$21,924.05 and General claims consisting of warrant #'s 129258 thru 129268 in the amount of \$74,166.81 and wire transfer #'s 12707 thru 12774 in the amount of \$213,910.77. William Hartman seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

William Hartman made a motion to approve travel request for the following:

- 1) Kelli Heath, Kelly Mattes & Lisa Williams to travel to Indianapolis on August 6th to attend Justice Services Conference. Estimated cost of \$35.00 to be paid for by Commissioners travel.
- 2) Marianne Snyder to travel to Indianapolis on September 5th to attend the OSI Conference. Estimated cost of \$52.00 to be paid for by department travel.
- 3) Ivan Esparza-Morales to travel to Indiana Government Center on September 11th & 12th to attend the Adult Risk Assessment Training. Estimated cost of \$548.48 to be paid for by department travel.
- 4) Steve Miller and Brent Evans to travel to Indianapolis on September 11th -13th to attend Prisoner Control Training. Estimated cost of \$477.00 to be paid for by Commissioners travel.
- 5) Richard Ring to travel to Fort Wayne on September 24th to attend MPO Conference. Estimated cost of \$71.16 to be paid for by Commissioners travel.
- 6) Kelly Mattes & Kelli Heath to travel to Fort Wayne on October 3rd to attend the Great Kids Annual Conference on Youth. Estimated cost of \$120.00 to be paid for by department travel.

Seconded by Jacqueline Rowan and all approved.

MATTER OF THE BULK USER AGREEMENT

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve and all three to sign the Bulk User Agreement effective August 13, 2019 for a term of one year. Seconded by William Hartman and all approved.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Other discussion included the following topics: Non-courthouse hours and wages, sheriff comp time, AEDs not in every sheriff car, stone veneer at Community Corrections, trails master plan, and weights and measures trailer.

Donald D. Grogg - President

Jacqueline R. Rowan – Vice President

William L. Hartman – Vice President

Attest: _____

Jan Bauman, Auditor

Susan Sleeper, Acting Auditor