

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 8, 2023

Commissioners Present: President William L Hartman
Vice President Michael Watson
Vice President Todd Sanderson

Others Present: Auditor Susan Sleeper
Deputy Auditor Jody Wiedenhoeft
Attorney Andrew Kruse

MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Jack Smith was in attendance to speak a little more on the succession plans as well as additional needs for the department to help the department grow. Currently they are in a position with some hefty projects that they are trying to take care of in the growth of the department, but he needs someone with the skillset to help make this happen. Jack would like to request adding a second Systems Administrator position and then take it to the Council for funding approval. Commissioner Sanderson understands the need and Commissioner Watson is in full support of the position.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve IT adding a full time 2nd Systems Administrator. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Dotty explained that they are not actively working on internship, but they do have a few possibilities from TRINE, she then covered recruitment around the County. Apex will be meeting with the Commissioners next Monday, but as of now, she knows that Anthems fully insured renewal came back very high, United Healthcare and Surest are the most competitive so far. Lutheran Health Network and representatives of DeKalb Central will be here to discuss the clinic next week as well.

MATTER OF ST. JOE SEWER DISTRICT | APPLYING FOR AN OCRA GRANT

Harry Riley explained to the Commissioners the reason for applying for an OCRA Grant and what it would the County involvement would consist of. The County would be the 'pass-through' entity and would sign the grant documents and receive the money into the County coffers and turn around and send the money received to St. Joe Sewer District. Ben Adams from Commonwealth Engineers explained what the design is and the reason why the St. Joe-Spencerville Regional Sewer District may want to apply for the OCRA Grant, that may or may not be needed.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to be the sub-recipient of an OCRA Grant on behalf of the St. Joe Sewer District. Michael Watson seconded and all approve.

MATTER OF ST. JOE-SPENCERVILLE REG. SEWER DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT

Robyn McCann sent a letter explaining that Jack Chapman resigned from the sewer board and they are recommending Tom Reeves to be appointed to serve the remaining term.

Michael Watson made a motion to appoint Tom Reeves to the board to serve for a term beginning May 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF 2024 BUDGET WORK

The Commissioners discussed their 2024 Budget requests.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Ben brought a consent form and bond increment waiver form to be signed in order for Foresight to do an INDOT right-a-way permit.

Todd Sanderson made a motion for the president to sign the application for Foresight on the INDOT permit. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Misc.: CR 43 pipe is in and road is open. Ben also received three quotes back for CR 54; driveway variance coming for Jack Hill next week; CR 38 is having stone hauled today and will hopefully be finished this week; still not having any luck on filling open position; truck rotation and waiting list; Highlands Maintenance Bond;

MATTER OF COUNTY RD 54 BIDS FOR FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION

Engineering Soils-Klink: \$228,032.35

Specialties: \$143,624.70

Mt. Carmel: \$160,919.15

Michael Watson made a motion to accept Highway Superintendents recommendation and approve Specialties Bid submitted in the amount of \$143,624.70. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve General Claims consisting of warrant # 134173 thru 134218 in the amount of \$112,341.66, and wire transfer # 24410 thru 24527 in the amount of \$724,276.09. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Michael Watson made the motion to approve the minutes as dated May 1, 2023. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the following travel requests:

- 1) Elysia Rodgers to attend Women in Ag Stakeholder Meeting held by the Indiana Soybean Alliance at Keystone Crossing on May 10, 2023. Estimated cost of \$135.00.
- 2) Elysia Rodgers to attend the Area Staff Meeting held at the Huntington County Fairgrounds on May 12, 2023. Estimated cost of \$46.50.
- 3) Mike Watson to attend the Indiana Roundtable on Mental Health Summit held at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis on May 16, 2023. Estimated cost of \$354.00.
- 4) Elysia Rodgers & Angela Sorg to attend Purdue Farm Stress Team Meeting held by the Indiana Soybean Alliance at Keystone Crossing on May 19, 2023. Estimated cost of \$135.00.
- 5) Leta Hullinger & Tina Meschberger to attend the AIC Northeast District Meeting held at the ACD Museum on May 24, 2023. Registration ONLY \$90.00.
- 6) Sgt. Thomas Olinske to attend Indiana Coroner Conference held at the Sheraton Indy on June 22-24, 2023. Estimated cost of \$0.00.
- 7) Mike Watson to attend the AIC Northeast District Meeting & Budget and Finance Class held at the ACD Museum on May 24, 2023. Registration ONLY \$105.00.
- 8) Lindsey Kartholl to attend Parkview Employer Solution Meeting held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on June 14, 2023. Estimated cost of \$19.00.
- 9) Brittany Preston to attend Case Management Training in Hamilton County held at the Hamilton County Probation Services Juvenile Services Center on June 20-22, 2023. Estimated cost of \$346.00.

Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TAX SALE SERVICES SUPPORT ADDENDUM

SRI, Inc is raising their per parcel cost from \$100 to \$125 beginning with the 2023 Tax Sale in DeKalb County. This fee covers the services they provide on behalf of DeKalb County preparing for, during and after Tax Sale.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve and all to sign the Tax Sale Services Support Addendum that increases the per parcel fee to \$125. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF WATERLOO-GRANT LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT CORRECTION

Library Director, Lilliah Grote submitted a letter explaining that the terms approved for Anita Diehl were not accurate. Lilliah provided the documents of what was recorded incorrectly and how they should have been approved.

Michael Watson made a motion to approve and for the president to sign the Certificates of Appointment to correct Anita Diehl's terms as follows:

1st Term: 2009-2012 | 2nd Term: 2013-2016 | 3rd Term: 2017-2020 | 4th Term: 2021-2024

Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

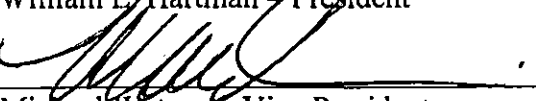
MATTER OF RESOLUTION 2023-R-10 | ADOPTING MEETING PROCEDURES

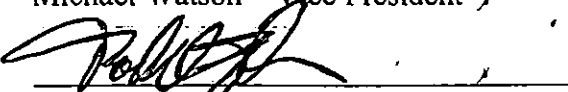
Michael Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-R-10 to adopt Commissioner Meeting Procedures. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Topics include: Live Streaming Law Effective 1/1/2025; Travel Policy-report of number of miles on county vehicle for travel; citizen request and responses to be given immediately or research prior to responding;


William L. Hartman – President


Michael Watson – Vice President


Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:


Susan Sleeper, Auditor