

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 15, 2023

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

Others Present: Deputy Auditor Jody Wiedenhoeft
 Attorney Andrew Kruse

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Ben did not have much to present this meeting. He just gave some 'for your info' points on bids coming due, bridges ready to bid and the mowing crew beginning their rounds.

MATTER OF COUNTY ROAD 55 |Krafft Property

William Hartman asked Chris Gaumer to come up and answer questions regarding the County Road 55 Krafft property- material dumping issue. Andrew stated he is going to be starting a complaint and wondered if this would be on behalf of the County, or the Plan Commission. Andrew asked if the landowner was notified if the driveway is illegal, and Ben Parker stated he is not. Michael Watson stated that he spoke with the representative at IDEM, regarding the inspection of the wetlands and the plans that were permitted, and he has not heard back from him. Chris then asked if he could work with Andrew to draft a letter to the landowner with a 30 day compliance, otherwise a complaint will be filed with the court.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY VARIANCE FOR JACK HILL

Jack Hill handed out some documents and explained what is trying to accomplish. Discussion took place between the Commissioners, Jack Hill, Ben Parker and Chris Gaumer. Todd Sanderson would like to table this variance until the sight data can be compiled and that possibly the speed limit can be lowered to 45 MPH. Michael Watson and William Hartman agreed to table this request, and to file a NIRC Study regarding lowering the speed limit.

MATTER OF LUTHERAN HEALTH NETWORK | CLINIC DISCUSSION

Tim Miller and Gina Buhr are present from the Lutheran Health Network regarding the services that is provided at the DeKalb County Central Wellness Clinic located at 3402 County Road 31 in Auburn. She provided a detailed handout explaining, services, costs, schedules, utilization, and medications. Additional discussion took place. Todd Sanderson asked for specific information regarding costs, and Tim Miller went on to explain the different types of costs involved, and that some would be fixed, and others would be variable. Administrative costs would remain fixed, however the variable costs could increase if an additional nurse would be needed, and other hours if the need arises. Todd stated his only main concern is the 15 hours for the County Employees to be able to be schedule and fit into that small amount of hours. Michael Watson and Todd Sanderson both agreed the 30-day window to begin services with the clinic is doable with our July 1st Insurance renewal date.

MATTER OF HEALTH INSURANCE PRESENTATION | APEX

Bill Sylvester, Lauren McMann, and Tyler Townsend are present for the meeting, and provided a large packet of information to compare DeKalb County's options regarding a Fully-Funded Medical Plan vs. a Self-Funded Medical Plan. Todd Sanderson asked about the savings if we implemented the DeKalb Central Clinic, and requested the breakdown for employee/county, monthly costs and further discussion took place. Dotty Miller then reminded the Commissioners that July 1, 2023 is when renewal must happen, but usually June is used for open enrollment for our employees and to give ample time for payroll to get the data enters. Michael Watson recommended that we verify all data we need by May 22, to get this finalized, and asked to get all data compiled prior so that the Commissioners can proceed by next Monday. Todd Sanderson would like to see cost for employees, as well as the County's cost on the Surest Plan UHC (Page 8 of handout), at a 50% incentive less cost for employees.

Lauren McMann then moved to Dental & Vision-Ancillary Market Data, and recommended "The Standard PPO" (Proposal 3 Page 16) for Dental. "The Standard Eyemed Access Full Benefit" (Proposal 3-Page 17). All Commissioners agreed that they would like Apex to pull data, and email information with more concise totals so that they can make a more concise decision next meeting. Discussion took place on Voluntary, LTD, STD, Accident, Basic Life and AD&D Benefit, and Voluntary Life, and other options that are available. Dotty Miller asked if we could explore options, but reminded the Commissioners that might be a large project for the Auditor's office to implement by the July 1st renewal date, and she would like to see those options possibly be offered, but at a later date.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

Michael Watson made a motion to approve payroll for the period of April 23 – May 6, 2023. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve Special claims as submitted. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Michael Watson made the motion to approve the minutes as dated May 8, 2023 with amendment. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the following travel requests, **EXCEPT** #5 listed below:

- 1) Susan Sleeper to view the Recorded Version of the AIC Class: Communications. Registration Fee of \$65.00 paid by County Elected Officials Training Fund.
- 2) Effie Campbell to attend Camp Counselor Training held on May 4th at the Whitely County Fairgrounds. Estimated cost of \$29.00 paid by department travel.
- 3) Effie Campbell to attend Area 11 All Staff Meeting held on May 12th at the Huntington County Extension Office. Estimated cost of \$51.00 pay by department travel.

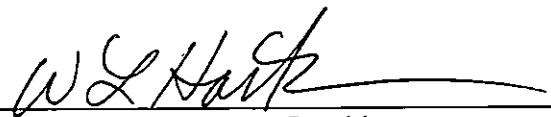
- 4) Effie Campbell to attend 4-H Camp held June 7th – 9th at Epworth Forest in North Webster. Estimated cost of \$38.00 paid by department travel.
- 5) Johanna Scott to attend the APPA 48th Annual Institute held Aug. 27th -30th at Marriott Marquis in New York, NY. Estimated cost of \$2,129.92 paid by department travel.
- 6) Mike Watson to attend the Mayors and Commissioners Caucus Meeting held May 17th at Trine University. Estimated cost of \$23.20 paid by department travel.
- 7) Dave Yarde to attend the AIC NE District Meeting and Institute Class held on May 24th at the ACD Museum. Registration Fee only of \$105.00 paid by department travel.

William Hartman seconded and motion passed (2, 1) with Commissioner Watson voting against.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Topics include-Tax-Sale Properties/Court Hearings; Evening Commissioner Meeting Times;

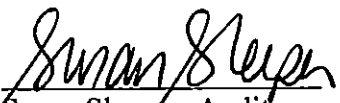
Travel Policy Changes-William Hartman would like to get the policy off the desk of the Commissioners, and into the hands of the Department Heads. He would also like to see any travel requests submitted to specify the vehicle used is a county vehicle or the employee's personal vehicle. He feels that this needs figured into the budget of each department, and going forward, the travel requests would no longer go to the Auditor's office, but instead each Department Head would then maintain and keep track of all travel and all budgeted money set by each individual department. William Hartman also discussed depreciation and would like to use the mileage computed against the travel policy budget. Todd Sanderson added that he feels DeKalb County should make the amount the same as what we reimburse someone to drive their own vehicles. The Commissioners then asked Andrew Kruse to review the current travel policy provided in the Employee Handbook, and make the appropriate proposed changes to and review it at the next Commissioners Meeting.


William L. Hartman – President


Michael Watson – Vice President


Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:


Susan Sleeper, Auditor