

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 17, 2023

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

Others Present: Auditor Susan Sleeper
 Attorney Andrew Kruse

MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Dotty updated the Commissioners on the security process at the Annex Building. Reminded the Commissioners of the Safety Committee Meeting on Friday, July 21st at 8:00 a.m. in the White Room. HR is still waiting for one department on the Knowb4 Training signed acknowledgement form, but they have received about half of the signed PUMP acknowledgements. Overview of recruitment around the County was discussed. Dotty then chatted a little bit on the New Insurance communications/changes, etc.

MATTER OF INNKEEPER'S TAX COLLECTION

Tru and Surestay Plus: These two hotels are sending payment to DOR when the ordinance states the payment should be made directly to the DeKalb County Treasurer. Attorney Kruse drafted a letter with language to make the hotels aware of this process and Amber feels this should not be a problem just an education process.

Lis Pendens against Baymont & Country Inn Suites:

The hotels are in a serious delinquency of their Innkeeper's payment. The County Attorney has jurisdiction to file within the ordinance language. The Commissioner's all agree that Attorney Kruse move forward with filing suit.

Amendment of Ordinance Discussion:

Currently, there are numerous ordinances and amendments in effect. Should we combine necessary language for simplification and streamlining, how would we notify new hotels and late fee algorithm. Michael Watson understood from the prior attorney that one hammer available is to get their Merchants License suspended through the Secretary of State. Amber also received an email that a review of the Innkeeper's Tax over a 2-year span will be coming. Attorney Kruse will work with the Auditor and his office to draft a compilation of all the ordinances for clarification.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Bridge #132: Has been sent back out for bid, due at the DeKalb County Commissioners Office/Auditors office by 10:00 a.m. on August 7, 2023.

Bridge #17 on CR 79: Included in Ben's 2023 budget was to get an engineering cost for rehabilitation. Beth Johnson from USI Consultants said they did already fly the deck and there are further deteriorations that cannot be seen by the naked eye. The bridge is a 235 foot long multi-span prestressed concrete I-beam bridge with a very unusual and ill-advised bridge railing. **Todd Sanderson made a motion to accept the bid, not to exceed \$84,100 in engineering costs for Bridge #17 from USI Consultants. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.**

Misc: Todd sent drone footage/pictures of progress, quality control was discussed, Elevatus concerning specs, original schedule is a little off and an updated schedule will be sent, Henderson has moved out and is finished, current a/c will be repaired on FCI's dime, last minute construction meeting being called is unacceptable, CR 35 project now slated to start on July 24th, shelving needs purchased for inside buildings,

MATTER OF BRIDGE TRAIL:

Mary Diehl came to speak about entrance/exit to the Trails. With the Land Use agreement with the state, they are not allowed to impede the trail with parking of cars. Installation of stairs is something they would like to do to separate the trail access and parking. Mary has reached out to Garrett High School Building Trades who are interested in collaborating and building the stairs for them. ADA concern is the only concern to be researched. The Commissioners are acceptable of the proposed updates for the trail access.

The historic signs are almost completed and will be posted to educate people on what they are looking at and what artifacts are still remaining. The group is wanting to do as much as possible for their 150th Anniversary on September 16th. There was a traffic study done this year that shows an average of 157 vehicles per day using the bridge.

MATTER OF COUNCIL ON AGING QUARTERLY REPORT:

Tracy provided the On-Site Agenda for the Compliance Review on July 26th. Review of past quarter included: loss of 3 drivers, compliance review with INDOT site visit, 2 low-floor minivans have arrived, need of parking lot cracks to be filled and received a \$14,000 estimate and asked Commissioners if they had any thoughts on how they can get the issue solved. The 2nd Quarter brought in \$21,039.25 in fare revenue with a total of \$4,280 trips made for the quarter.

Section 5339 Capital/Planning Request:

Todd Sanderson made a motion to accept and the president to sign #70092-2023-Section 5339 (Rural) Buy Replace Van Replacement (#2). Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Section 5311 Operating/Administration Quarter 2 Invoice:

Todd Sanderson made a motion to accept and the president to sign the Quarterly Invoice in the amount of \$39,412.00. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF ZONE AMENDMENT

At the July 10, 2023 meeting, Chris Gaumer explained the Proposed UDO change recommendations from the DeKalb County Plan Commission. The DeKalb County Plan

Commission met on June 21, 2023 and have issued *favorable* recommendations for changes on both Resolutions for changes on the A1 & A2 Uses and Development Standards, conservation AG Subdivision, Minor Subdivision and Fee Schedule. The two Resolutions have been available to the public more than 48 hours prior to meeting and can now be read by Title Only.

Resolution 2023-R-11: UDO-84 |

Michael Watson made a motion to approve and all to sign Resolution 2023-R-11:UDO 84 An Ordinance Amending the DeKalb County Unified Development Ordinance with text amendments on A1 & A2 District Uses and Development Standards, Conservation Ag Subdivision and Minor Subdivision. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

Resolution 2023-R-12: UDO-85 |

Michael Watson made a motion to approve and all to sign Resolution 2023-R-12:UDO 85 An Ordinance Amending the DeKalb County Unified Development Ordinance Fee Schedule. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Michael Watson made a motion to approve Special Claims consisting of warrant #134366 in the amount of \$1,152.92, and wire transfer #25173 thru 25177 in the amount of \$6,208.03. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the minutes as dated July 10, 2023. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

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

- 1) Michelle Fosnaugh & Brad Ford to attend IACCAC Residential Guidelines Annual Training held at Blue Chip Casino on July 24-25, 2023. Estimated cost of \$351.98 paid by department travel.
- 2) Holly Albright & Karen Bishop to attend Indiana Voter Registration Association Conference held at Drury Plaza Hotel Indianapolis-Carmel on August 9, 2023. Estimated cost of \$479.50 paid by department travel.
- 3) Dotty Miller to attend the AIC Annual Conference held at French Lick Springs on September 25-28, 2023. Estimated cost of \$929.00 paid for by department travel.

Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Topics include-

Travel Policy updates: Mileage reimbursement was discussed and the Auditor will report back on data gathered, Meal Reimbursement vs. Per Diem (Wage Allowance)

Wheel Tax Recommendation to Council: Rick Ring asked the Commissioners to report to the Council how much the shortfall for Highway

SB-4 Health Funding: changes removes one Commissioner Appointment to the Council and the Auburn mayor needs to submit a list of 3 names and the Commissioners need to pick one of those,

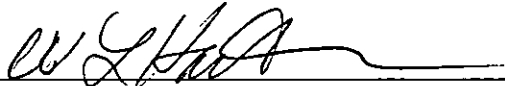
ROI picture-speech: Bill Hartman feels it is free speech and all Commissioners feel the requesting parties need to be held to what they stated they are requesting the use of Courthouse lawn

Ben Krafft: The last vote was to proceed with legal action. Ben Krafft has contacted Bill Hartman and Chris Gaumer about moving forward with the process for permitting. Ben told Chris that he holds the material until he gets a large enough load to take to the landfill. The Commissioners will give until the end of the month and will have Chris come back with an update before moving forward to the next step.


Public Nuisance Ordinance: Only allows for up to \$250 of attorney fees. Chris and Andrew would like to make some language changes to tighten up some items that are not very clear and will bring back to Commissioners for approval.

Airport Authority Board Member: Bob Patterson passed away and the Commissioners are tasked with the replacement.

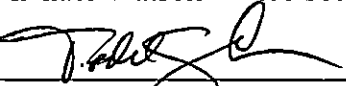
Todd Sanderson motioned to appoint John Kruse to the Airport Authority Board. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.



William L. Hartman – President

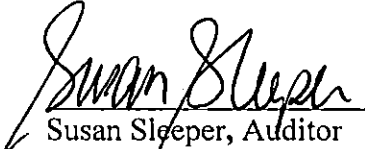


Michael Watson – Vice President



Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:



Susan Sleeper, Auditor