

## DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 16, 2023

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

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

### MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Dotty began the morning by announcing that two workers comp. claims were closed, they were 'report only' but the County does ask the employees to fill them out in case of a future need. There are seven cases that remain open, all from the Sheriff's Department. A Law Enforcement Specialist is going to meet with the Sheriff to see what changes can be made to help with these cases. During the roofing process at the Annex building, the back door on 10<sup>th</sup> street will be unlocked for the public to access. Recruitment around the County was discussed. Dotty explained that by being self-insured the County has a lot of reporting requirements to meet with the help of our insurance broker.

### MATTER OF ZONE MAP AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2023-R-19: UDO-87

The DeKalb County Plan Commission held a public hearing on October 3, 2023, on the proposed zoning change from AP3, Airport Business to M2, Medium Density Residential. The DeKalb County Plan Commission sent a *favorable* recommendation for the zoning change to the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners. Discussion took place.

Michael Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-R-19, UDO-87; A Resolution amending the zone map located within the Address block of 2701 County Road 60 and 2781 County Road 60, Auburn. Todd Sanderson seconded, no public had comments and motion passed (3,0).

Sanderson: aye

Watson: aye

Hartman: aye

### MATTER OF PAYROLL

Michael Watson made a motion to approve payroll for the period of Sept. 24 – Oct. 7, 2023. Todd Sanderson seconded, and motion passed (3,0).

Sanderson: aye

Watson: aye

Hartman: aye

### **MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Michael Watson made a motion to approve Special claims as submitted. William Hartman seconded, and motion passed (2,0)

Sanderson: abstain

Watson: aye

Hartman: aye

### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENT REQUEST #3**

Michael Watson made a motion to approve releasing the THIRD draw request to GM Development Companies, LLC in the amount of \$798,537.78. Todd Sanderson seconded, and motion passed (3,0)

Sitework/Utilities: 98.23% complete

Concrete: 33.25% complete

Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings: 67.10% complete

General Trades: 17.87% complete

Mechanical & Plumbing: 12.38% complete

Electrical: 17.53% complete

General Conditions: 15.08% complete

Overhead: 19.65% complete

Sanderson: aye

Watson: aye

Hartman: aye

### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENT REQUEST #4**

Michael Watson made a motion to approve releasing the FOURTH draw request to GM Development Companies, LLC in the amount of \$980,737.91. Todd Sanderson seconded, and motion passed (3,0).

Sitework/Utilities: 98.23% complete

Concrete: 57.70% complete

Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings: 81.63% complete

General Trades: 25.10% complete

Mechanical & Plumbing: 28.37% complete

Electrical: 21.88% complete

General Conditions: 21.45% complete

Overhead: 28.85% complete

Sanderson: aye

Watson: aye

Hartman: aye

### **MATTER OF MINUTES**

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the minutes dated October 9, 2023. Michael Watson seconded, and motion passed (3,0)

Sanderson: aye

Watson: aye

Hartman: aye

### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY PURCHASE OF TRAILER**

Michael Watson made a motion to approve the Southeastern Equipment Quote for a 2022 KM International KM8000TEDD with hotbox in the amount of \$39,100. Todd Sanderson seconded, and motion carried (3,0).

Sanderson: aye

Watson: aye

Hartman: aye

### **MATTER OF COURTHOUSE GENERATOR**

Larry met with Votaw Electric & Evapar at DCCC, to see if the generator is usable for the jail, courthouse, etc. Discussion took place between the companies and the Commissioners on different questions they had on sizes, logistics, etc. The Commissioners have requested a quote on placing the generator on the Southeast Corner of the courthouse lawn.

### **MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

Topics include-

**Highway Build:** Change in highway build, there is currently not set to have a ceiling in the office building, as well as the staircase was planned to remain open with no ceiling. At the last building meeting, they suggested putting in a ceiling and closing the staircase and this should be going forward. Attorney Kruse

**Old Highway Lease:** the lease on the old Highway Building is set to expire, Commissioner Watson suggested that Attorney Kruse reach out to the City Attorney to extend the lease month by month.

**Jessica Shull:** Announced on Wednesday they are expecting a large crowd and was asking if there is a possibility for accommodation for out in the Rotunda. Chris said that he has worked with IT and will have another screen in Rotunda and seating.

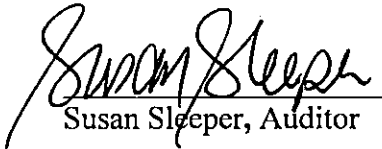
**Stan Stalcup:** Lives in Saint Joe, Indiana, they were trying to get possession on an 'unknown' parcel and was told to be at this meeting. Stan expressed that Auditor Sleeper was working with Randy Drake on the issue. Auditor Sleeper explained that she had been working on this since 2022, and her office has done the research, and the property remains 'unknown' at this time.

**Larry Bush:** 301 S School St Saint Joe: Commented on the process involving Stan Stalcup getting the right of way next to him, when they both have taken care of the properties next to them for many years. Auditor Sleeper explained the process and Attorney Kruse also explained it as well.

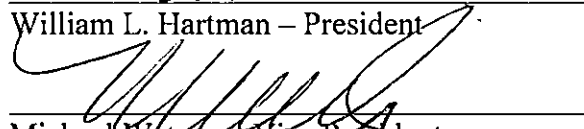
**County Gun Range:** Commissioner Hartman has talked to the Sheriff and would like to build an in-house shooting facility to hold gun safety classes. Commissioner Hartman would like to use ARPA funds to extend the utilities out to the County Farm and take donations to build the building. Commissioner Watson felt he is also up for collecting information and believes that Auburn holds classes at their facility. Commissioner Hartman believes that if the facility

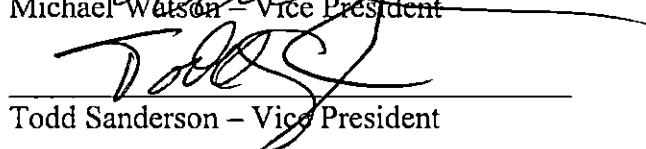
happens, then the County could charge for the classes, but then also allow those that have paid for the classes to have certain days when those people could use the range at no charge. Commissioner Sanderson talked about using the City Range to personally for training, and the City said they are using the facility so frequently that they do not have the time and may not want the liability of the process. Commissioner Sanderson does feel that it is a good idea and would like to see this come to fruition. Jessica Shull asked if the county has discussed this with the Private Sector on this as there are many local gun companies that this would fall right into their fieldhouse. Discussion took place from Attorney Kruse on the liability aspect and all decided to collect more information.

Attest:

  
Susan Sleeper, Auditor

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William L. Hartman – President

  
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Michael Watson – Vice President

  
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Todd Sanderson – Vice President