

## **DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

September 28, 2020

### The following Council Members were present:

President Richard Ring  
Vice President William VanWye  
Member Eldonna King – ATTENDED ELECTRONICALLY  
Member Robert E. Krafft  
Member Martha Grimm  
Member David Yarde  
Member Amy Demske

Others present:                    Auditor Jan Bauman  
    Attorney Donald J Stuckey

Eldonna King opened the meeting with prayer at 8:31 a.m.

### **MATTER OF MINUTES**

David Yarde made a motion to approve regular meeting minutes dated September 14, 2020. Amy Demske seconded, and all approved. Eldonna King made a motion to approve the Joint Public Hearing of Commissioners and Council minutes dated September 14, 2020. Robert Krafft seconded, and all approved. Martha Grimm made a motion to approve Budget Hearing minutes dated September 14-16, 2020. Amy Demske seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

There were no additional appropriations for consideration.

### **MATTER OF TRANSFERS**

David Yarde made a motion to approve Sunny Meadows' request to transfer \$2,000 from Building Structure Repair – Home (33810) to House Supplies (22290) within the County General Fund (1001). Martha Grimm seconded, and all approved.

Martha Grimm made a motion to approve the Redevelopment Commission's request to transfer \$1,000 from Office Supplies (22110) to Legal Fees (32820) within the Redevelopment Commission/SDI TIF (4501). Robert Krafft seconded, and all approved.

Eldonna King made a motion to approve Community Corrections' request to transfer \$2,831.68 from Residential Services Facilitator ((11692) to Residential Services Facilitator (11688) within the State Grant Fund (9127). David Yarde seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF FINANCIAL REPORT BY FUND**

The Council certified that they have received and reviewed the September 2020 Financial Report by Fund.

**MATTER OF DEKALB COUNTY AIRPORT UPDATE**

Randy Fox distributed a brief of new and old business for the Airport.

The Airport anticipates receiving a grant for \$1.7 million for County Road 62 extension construction this year. Contract documents with E&B Paving have been signed, and they are expected to start work this fall.

The annual state airport inspection went well on September 18<sup>th</sup>, and no deficiencies were found.

Mr. Fox also went over old business, including the fact that a property owned by Mr. Nelson (County Road 60 and County Road 31) that was required to have been cleaned up has not yet been cleaned up by the Airport Board’s deadline. Mr. Nelson will most likely need to pay \$1,000 per month as a penalty as specified by the board originally.

**MATTER OF 2021 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve the 2021 Council Meeting Schedule as presented with changes:

January 4:	Regular Meeting
February 1:	Regular Meeting
March 1:	Regular Meeting
April 5:	Regular Meeting
May 3:	Regular Meeting
June 7:	Regular Meeting
July 12:	Regular Meeting
August 2:	Regular Meeting
August 10:	Budget Presentations
August 11:	Budget Presentations
September 7:	Budget Hearing – day 1
September 8:	Budget Hearing – day 2
September 13:	Regular Meeting
September 27:	Regular Meeting and Budget Adoption
November 1:	Regular Meeting
December 6:	Regular Meeting

Second by William VanWye, and all approved.

**MATTER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT REQUEST BY PARAGON STEEL**

Susan Trent, attorney for Paragon Steel, thanked the Council for their consideration of the abatement for machinery and equipment. Eugene May from Butler, Indiana, asked if the new employees will be DeKalb County residents and how DeKalb County will benefit from the abatement. Anton King explained that in good faith the positions will be offered to DeKalb County residents and the surrounding area. The taxable benefit to DeKalb County was explained that income taxes are estimated to be \$1.3 million to DeKalb County for the people who are employed by Paragon. Also, property taxes will still be paid over the next 10 years at a little under half of the property taxes that would have been paid without an abatement.

The total project cost will be \$8.3 million, but \$4 million of that will not be abated. This will be for the 43,000 square foot expansion of the building (phase I). Bruce Whitman, General Manager, then explained the project again as described in the September 14 meeting.

The Abatement Committee met this morning to review the request by Paragon Steel for a personal property abatement. The meeting opened at 8:15 a.m. Amy Demske made a motion to recommend for consideration to Council the 10-year abatement for machinery and equipment for Paragon. Eldonna King seconded, and all approved. The meeting closed at 8:19 a.m.

William VanWye made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-OCC-14, A Confirmatory Resolution Awarding Personal Property Tax Abatement to Paragon Steel Enterprises, LLC. Martha Grimm seconded, and all approved. This will be a 10-year abatement for new slitter machinery and associated equipment at a project cost of \$4.3 million as listed in Exhibit B. Paragon has signed the County’s application for tax abatement where they have acknowledged that if Paragon Steel Enterprises, LLC, closed or ceases its operations in DeKalb County, Indiana, it shall be required to pay an amount equal to all abated taxes to DeKalb County, Indiana.

**MATTER OF 2021 AIRPORT AUTHORITY BUDGET ORDINANCE**

President Ring read the 2021 Airport Authority Budget Ordinance No. 2020-OCC-11.

Rainy Day	\$ 469,000
Airport Authority	\$ 780,246
Cumulative Airport Building	\$ 80,000
CARES (COVID-19) Grant	\$ 69,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE</b>	<b>\$ 1,398,246</b>

William VanWye made a motion to approve the 2021 DeKalb County Airport Budget Ordinance No. 2020-OCC-11 on the second and third readings. David Yarde seconded, and all approved.

**MATTER OF 2021 DEKALB COUNTY SALARY & HOURLY WAGE ORDINANCE**

Robert Krafft motioned to read Ordinance No. 2020-OCC-12 by title only. Martha Grimm seconded, and all approved. David Yarde made the motion to approve the 2021 DeKalb County Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance No. 2020-OCC-12 on the second and third readings. Second by William VanWye, and all approved.

**MATTER OF 2021 DEKALB COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE**

Auditor Bauman explained that the reason there was a change in the General Fund total as well as a couple of other funds since the September 16, 2020, budget hearing was because of the recalculation of PERF and Social Security which had to be done as a result of significant wage changes Council had approved during the budget hearings.

President Ring read the 2021 DeKalb County Budget Ordinance No. 2020-OCC-13:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>
Casino/Riverboat	\$ 0
Rainy Day	\$ 334,000
General	\$16,378,709
2015 Reassessment	\$ 486,516
Debt Service	\$ 194,253
Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$ 450,000
Highway	\$ 4,026,318

Local Road & Street	\$ 842,100
Cumulative Bridge	\$ 711,140
Health	\$ 538,446
Emergency Telephone System	\$ 492,069
Cumulative Capital Development	\$ 554,874
Economic Dev Income Tax Cred	\$ 4,109,858
Transportation	\$ 110,000
County Extradition	\$ 20,000
Local Health Maintenance	\$ 33,139
Pre-Trial Diversion	\$ 78,902
County Misdemeanant	\$ 100,000
Supplemental Public Defender	\$ 1,300
County User Fees	\$ 60,953
Adult User Fees	\$ 126,646
Juvenile User Fees	\$ 10,500
LEPC	\$ 36,752
Plat Book Fee	\$ 63,348
ID Security Redacting	\$ 43,113
Surveyor Corner Perpetuation	\$ 65,000
Sales Disclosures	\$ 112,000
LOIT	\$ 2,014,633
Drug Free Community	\$ 99,000
Covered Bridge Maintenance	\$ 10,400
State Homeland Security Grant 2	\$ 16,523
Emergency Disaster	\$ 1,028
IN LHD Trust Account	\$ 23,545
Sheriff Continuing Education	\$ 35,000
County Offender Transportation	\$ 2,000
Sex/Violent Offender Registry	\$ 20,000
Sheriff Donation	\$ 1,000
Sheriff Inmate GED Classes	\$ 7,000
Operation pullover	\$ 15,000
Sheriff Response Team	\$ 11,000
School Resource Officer	\$ 40,000
Medical Care for Inmates	\$ 20,000
Shop with a Cop	\$ 20,000
Sheriff Pension Trust	\$ 35,000
Handgun Application	\$ 20,000
Accident Account Report	\$ 20,000
K-9 Unit	\$ 18,000
Prosecutor IV-D Incentive	\$ 55,951
Prosecutor PCA	\$ 1,200
Clerk Perpetuation	\$ 43,020
SDI TIF	\$ 52,000
American Heritage Village TIF	\$ 577,000
New Millennium Infrastructure	\$ 289,750
Auditor Tax Sale Deed Fee	\$ 1,500
Auditor's Ineligible Deduction	\$ 25,000
Elected Officials Training	\$ 26,000
Flower Donation Fund	\$ 0

County IV-D Incentive	\$ 19,500
GIS Projects	\$ 9,010
Alternative Dispute Resolution	\$ 10,000
Clerk IV-D Incentive	\$ 29,000
DART Operating	\$ 400,000
Sunny Meadow Donation Fund	\$ 1,000
Local Rd Grant Match Fund	\$ 1,500,000
GAL/CASA	\$ 45,000
County Road 56 Fed Supp Rd Proj	\$ 1,000,000
LIT Correctional/Rehab Facility	\$ 908,143
2018 GO Bond Debt (Comm Corr)	\$ 783,143
Sheriff Cameras Donation Fund	\$ 30,000
Community Corrections Donation	\$ 0
Probation Donation Fund	\$ 6,000
Public Defender Donation Fund	\$ 219
Change Academy School Funding	\$ 132,850
Project Income	\$ 653,332
Community Corrections-State:ADULT	\$ 1,181,530
Probation STATE Grant	\$ 66,884
Covered Bridge Donation	\$ 150,000
Covered Bridge Grant	\$ 300,000
Sheriff Rifle Vest Donation	\$ 10,000
Enhanced Access	\$ 20,000
Recorder Perpetuation	\$ 21,500
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 40,757,597</b>

David Yarde made the motion to approve the 2021 DeKalb County Budget Ordinance No. 2020-OCC-13 on the second, and third readings. Amy Demske seconded, and motion passed.

**MATTER OF TRANSFER FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND TO RAINY DAY FUND**

The money that is put into Rainy Day for 2021 would be a possible match for Community Crossings or other grants. We may also have a shortfall in income over the next year or two due to COVID-19. The \$750,000 was figured in to projected budget numbers for 2021 during budget hearings. Eldonna King made a motion to transfer \$750,000 from County General Fund 1001 to the Rainy Day Fund 1186. Second by Robert Krafft, and all approved.

**MATTER OF ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REFINANCE OF 2011 G.O. BONDS**

Robert Krafft motioned to read Ordinance No. 2020-OCC-16 by title only. Martha Grimm seconded, and all approved. Refinancing the 2011 General Obligation bonds will result in a net savings of approximately \$150,000. Robert Krafft made a motion to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 2020-OCC-16, An Ordinance of the County Council of DeKalb County, Indiana, Authorizing Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of Providing Funds to Refinance the County's General Obligation Bonds of 2011, and Incidental Expenses in Connection Therewith and on Account of the Issuance of the Bonds. Second by William VanWye, and all approved. This is for the Central Communications General Obligation Bond for the building.

## **MATTER OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR REFINANCING 2011 G.O. BONDS**

David Yarde made a motion to read by title only Ordinance No. 2020-OCC-17. Second by Martha Grimm, and all approved. Robert Krafft made a motion to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 2020-OCC-17, An Ordinance of the County Council of DeKalb County, Indiana, Appropriating the Proceeds of the DeKalb County, Indiana, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020. Second by William VanWye, and all approved.

## **MATTER OF COUNCIL-COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION**

**CR 27 property for Highway Department:** Commissioners' President William Hartman brought Council up-to-date with the Klink property (just south of State Road 6 on County Road 27) that the Commissioners would like to purchase for the Highway Department. The hang up is the lease that Ozinga has on the property. Ozinga had originally wanted to lease the property in case business picked up again in this area; it would allow them the ability to utilize the property. Mr. Klink does not want out of the lease. Mr. Hartman spoke with Ozinga's property manager. She indicated that Ozinga would be receptive to getting out of the lease if Mr. Klink approached them. President Hartman told Mr. Klink that he must negotiate out of the lease with Ozinga before the County will purchase, and that the Commissioners would require proof of that in writing. The lease is worth \$314,000. There are 9 years left on the lease, and there are options for 2, 10-year extensions on the lease. Furthermore, Mr. Klink is not happy with the second appraisal of the property. He would like the County to pay for another appraisal. President Hartman told him that if he wants a third appraisal, Mr. Klink will need to pay for it up front.

**Employee evaluation for Central Communications director:** Commissioner Rowan had coordinated and prepared the final review of the Central Communications' Governance Board for Council, but she learned it was supposed to be for HR. She gave the information to the HR Director.

**Community Corrections:** There are only a couple of items left on Community Corrections punch list for the facility. On another note, 21 residents are currently in the Work Release program.

## **MATTER OF SALARY & HOURLY WAGE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2020-OCC-18**

This ordinance addresses the following:

Restructuring of Community Corrections to eliminate the Pre-Trial Services Coordinator and direct those duties under the Intervention Coordinator position that will now be called Director of Intervention Services and placed into category PAT-C with an FLSA status of EXEMPT.

Restructuring of Central Communications that changes two Dispatcher Positions and gets rid of the 'differential' pay to new positions of Dispatch Trainer in category Civilian POLE-E with an FLSA status of NON-Exempt.

The Surveyor's office is adding duties to the Administrative Assistant Position and has created a new job description to make this position an Office Manager position in category COMOT-C, with an FLSA status of NON-Exempt. The Surveyor's office is also adding a NEW position of Survey Technician that will fall in category PAT-C with an FLSA status of NON-Exempt.

Council discussed each of these matters. The Commissioners had previously reviewed and approved all of these proposed changes.

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve the 2020 Salary and Hourly Wage Amendment Ordinance 2020-OCC-18 on the FIRST Reading. Eldonna King seconded. The Surveyor's Office would like to have the changes for the Surveyor's Office Manager position and Surveying Technician to be effective immediately. A vote was taken, and all approved.

**MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

Amy Demske made a motion to adjourn at 10:32 a.m. Second by David Yarde, and all approved.

DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL:

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William VanWye, Vice President

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Martha Grimm

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David Yarde

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ATTEST:

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Jan Bauman  
DeKalb County Auditor