

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 2, 2021

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

Others Present: Auditor Jan Bauman
 Attorney James P McCanna

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Ben Parker brought up the topic of converting gravel roads. A couple of the Commissioners had asked Mr. Parker to look at converting a couple of roads in the County. He said it costs about \$3500 per mile to treat a road with calcium. This helps stabilize the soil and prep it for conversion. He does not have a county-wide conversion plan yet for the 280 miles of gravel roads in the county but would like to create one at some point. Gravel roads can be very controversial. He is concerned about funding since expenditures are expected to surpass revenues over the next 5 years. How much should be spent on converting gravel roads. The Commissioners directed Mr. Parker to treat the two portions of roads discussed.

Mr. Parker increased the wages for the crew for his 2022 budget. He has looked at other counties to see what they are paying. He is budgeting monies for either engineering or construction on a few bridge projects also.

MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Dotty Miller presented what Soil & Water had prepared for the Job Classification Committee regarding the Resource Technician position. It requires a Bachelor's degree. The person who does this work for Soil & Water is very good. She goes to construction sites for the purpose of erosion prevention and control. The position currently is part time and is not administrative in nature. With all of the construction going on, the Board has decided that they need the technician to work more hours. She cannot get to all of the construction sites in the time allotted. She is working 20 hours per week. By going to 35 hours per week and potentially 40, this would allow much more time to get to the construction sites and meet the Rule 5 requirements. Michael Watson made a motion to authorize Soil & Water to move the Resource Technician position to full time. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

The Surveyor's Office hours were discussed. They need more time to do the work at hand. And, if Michelle Lassiter has a few more hours per week to do administrative work, a new full time clerical position may not be necessary. Todd Sanderson made a motion to take the Surveyor's Office to 40 hours per week (immediate) and to add a part time clerical position for up to 28 hours per week. Second by Michael Watson, and all approved.

MATTER OF BUDGET

The Commissioners finished their 2022 budget. There was discussion about using some of the ARP funds for lost revenue.

William L. Hartman – President

Michael Watson – Vice President

Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:

Jan Bauman, Auditor