

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 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

Todd Sanderson made a motion to accept the 3-year Maintenance Bond for \$18,435 for Stonebridge Estates, Section I & Villas of Stonebridge Estates. Seconded by Michael Watson, and all approved. This is for the period July 19, 2021 to July 19, 2024.

Todd Bowers would be happy to do the architectural design for Henderson property. Town Manager Pam Howard had said that the Town will need a full development plan from the County for the property.

There have been requests by San Giovanni Estates, located at County Road 17 between County Road 11A and County Road 66, to have the County chip and seal the road in that development. Mr. Parker said that before we can chip and seal it we will need to apply calcium as a first step in the process and have them get more of their development construction completed so the trucks don't tear up the roads. We believe by applying the calcium it will show our commitment toward the eventual chip and sealing of the road.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Michael Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from July 26, 2021 as presented. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Michael Watson made a motion to approve Payroll and Bookkeeper Claims from the month of July 2021, and Special Claims for the week of August 2, 2021. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF RESURRECTING THE PATI SYSTEM

Treasurer Sandi Wilcox requested to resurrect the former Public Access Tax Information (PATI) Software system we used several years ago. It was originally created in Allen County, and we were allowed to tag along and customize it for our needs. The software is geared toward the Treasurer's Office and its patrons. The version that we were using eventually was no longer supported by Microsoft or Allen County. As a result, we shifted to Schneider Beacon. However, it has limitations, and to get the things that the Treasurer would like to offer for the general population, it is cost prohibitive. Furthermore, there are some features they simply can't provide that the Treasurer would like.

A couple of years ago LOW Associates worked with Allen County to resurrect the PATI system and now has about 25 counties that use it. It is now called LOW Tax. Having it will help the Treasurer's Office be more efficient and provide better information to patrons. The up front cost is normally \$20,000, but LOW will apply a 50% discount for us to bring it down to \$10,000. The annual cost will be \$10,000.

This will be another way for constituents to get better information on their property. Beacon Schneider doesn't handle splits, combinations, or annexations very well. Taxpayers will be redirected to the PATI site to pay taxes. The PATI site will also flag reconstruction projects rather than having them be surprises to taxpayers. If the Commissioners are agreeable to committing to signing a contract eventually, Ms. Wilcox will put this in her 2022 budget. Todd Sanderson made a motion to engage the PATI project pending Council approval of an appropriation. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF CREDIT CARD FOR I.S. DEPARTMENT SHIPMENT OF PACKAGE

Todd Sanderson made a motion to allow the I.S. Department to use the Auditor's County credit card to pay for the shipping on the return of a defective hard drive at a substantial savings to the County. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

Michael Watson to approve the following travel as requested:

- 1) Mike Watson (Commissioner) to travel to Indianapolis on September 1st for Farm Bureau Drainage School. Estimated cost of \$235.52 to be paid from Commissioners' travel.
- 2) Mike Watson (Commissioner) to travel to Fort Wayne on August 4th for the Broadband Roundtable with Lt. Governor on August 4th. Estimated cost of \$27.65 to be paid from Commissioners' travel.
- 3) Dave Cserep (Sheriff) to travel to Plainfield August 2-4 for the Indiana Sheriff Conference. Estimated cost of \$764 to be paid from Commissioners' travel.

Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF 2022 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY

1/3/2022
1/10/2022
1/24/2022
1/31/2022

FEBRUARY

2/7/2022
2/14/2022
2/28/2022

MARCH

3/7/2022
3/14/2022
3/21/2022
3/28/2022

APRIL

4/4/2022
4/11/2022
4/18/2022
4/25/2022

MAY

5/2/2022
5/9/2022
5/16/2022
5/23/2022

JUNE

6/6/2022
6/13/2022
6/20/2022
6/27/2022

JULY

7/11/2022
7/18/2022
7/25/2022

AUGUST

8/1/2022
8/8/2022
8/15/2022
8/22/2022
8/29/2022

SEPTEMBER

9/12/2022
9/19/2022
9/26/2022

OCTOBER

10/3/2022
10/10/2022
10/17/2022
10/24/2022
10/31/2022

NOVEMBER

11/7/2022
11/14/2022
11/21/2022
11/28/2022

DECEMBER

12/5/2022
12/12/2022
12/19/2022

The first meeting in January 2023 will be on Tuesday, January 3rd at 8:30 a.m. Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the 2022 Commissioner Meeting Schedule as presented. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF FEE FOR SERVICES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Michael Watson motioned to approve the fee for services for the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership, Inc., for 2021, in the amount of \$91,097. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Other discussion topics included: economic development agreements to be included in the solar ordinance; appraisal being done on 220 East 7th Street Building; pole barn lighting, remotes, concrete; broadband; Community Corrections plumbing; Commissioners attending department budget presentations; calculation for revenue loss for ARP.

William L. Hartman – President

Michael Watson – Vice President

Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:

Jan Bauman, Auditor