

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 29, 2021

Commissioners Present: Vice President Michael Watson
Vice President Todd Sanderson

Others Present: Attorney James P McCanna
1st Deputy Susan Sleeper

Absent: President William L. Hartman
Auditor Jan Bauman

MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Dotty had a short discussion with the Commissioners on the logistics of the holiday department lunches. Dotty had a meeting with Central Communications on their SOPs and when employees login to their system vs. being in the building and when their pay begins.

Other items discussed by HR: central dispatch, community corrections, highway, probation and auditor office positions. EEOC reporting, Anthem Wellness negotiations.

Rick Ring was in to discuss the Auditor Caucus to be December 18th at 9:00 a.m., there will be 39 voters and anyone else wanting to run will have to notify Rick 72 hours prior to caucus.

MATTER OF PUBLIC NUISANCE- 3388 SR 1, BUTLER

Paul White Jr., the Code Compliance Officer brought in a complaint on 3388 State Road 1, Butler stating there are a lot of disabled cars and campers on property, people living in one camper, household trash all around property and blowing in neighbors yards, property has been in poor condition for years and is getting worse. The property is owned by AMS Group LP and the complaining party is Larry Cagley who resides at 3371 State Road 1, Butler. Code Compliance Officer has received 2 complaints on the property, has spoken to owner of AMS Group about the condition of the property. Aaron, the owner of AMS Group LP, whom was in attendance at the meeting stated the property is a land contract property and he was unaware of the condition and was calling the resident after speaking with Paul. First notice was sent on 9/29/2021, Second Notice was sent on 10/27/2021 and the Third Notice was sent 11/16/2021. Aaron talked with the contract buyer this morning, and the contract buyer is a truck driver and not home much, but there has not been much clean up done on the property since the first notice went out. Aaron states that he runs his business and does not bother the buyers until he is being bothered about issues like this, and Aaron is at the point that if the buyer doesn't take care of it, then Aaron will come in and take care of it himself. Commissioners would like to see the trash taken care of and then the non-registered vehicles and have Paul go out in 10-14 days (around December 13th) and there should be substantial improvement with a report back to the Commissioners.

MATTER OF REZONE RESOLUTION 2021-R-27, UDO-74

The DeKalb County Plan Commission held a public hearing on 11/17/2021 to consider the Zone Map Amendment for approximately 3.5 acres on the property generally located at 5177 CR 35, Auburn Indiana and voted a favorable recommendation to the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners. The proposed zoning will be changed from R1- Low Density Residential to C2- Neighborhood Commercial. Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the Rezone for 5177 CR 35, Resolution 2021-R-27, UDO-74 Auburn. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF COUNCIL ON AGING- 5TH QUARTER CARES REPORT

Tracy Bell presented the 5th Quarter CARES Report (3rd Quarter) for DART. Todd Sanderson made a motion for Michael Watson to sign the 5th Quarter CARES Funding Request. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF COUNCIL ON AGING-2022 GRANT AGREEMENT

Todd Sanderson made the motion to accept and sign the 2022 Formula Grants for Rural Areas (5311/5339) and American Rescue Plan Funds (ARP) with the note that the Commissioners are only funding \$48,000 for 2022 not the \$64,000 shown in the request, contract #59022, EDS # A249-22-G210084, Project # 18040650 . Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF INSURANCE TRUSTEES- WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION

Mike came in to talk about the Workman's Comp renewal for 21/22. The rates have gone up and a rate adjustment invoice will be coming because the 2021 rates were figured on the 2020 rates due to COVID. The incidents have started to increase and Mike is hopeful that we can restart the Safety Committee Meetings and try to get the incidents to decrease like they were prior to COVID. Kyle explained the actual IPEP audit and relayed that IPEP is ready to start the Safety Committee meetings again when the County give the green light. The Commissioners are in favor of restarting the meetings and Insurance Trustees will get with HR on the logistics.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the minutes dated November 22, 2021 as submitted. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve payroll for the period November 7-November 20, 2021. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

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

- 1) Rick Ring (Council) to view online the AIC Indiana Tax Climate recorded version from 11/29/2021. Estimated cost of \$60.00 for registration to be paid from Commissioners' travel.
- 2) Sgt. Thomas Olinske (Sheriff) to attend Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor Course at the IN Law Enforcement Academy on April 25-28, 2022. Estimated cost of \$991.00 to be paid for by Department Travel.
- 3) Deputy Ben Browand, (Sheriff) to attend Leadership Training in French Lick, IN on January 1 – February 2, 2022. Estimated cost of \$893.00 to be paid for by Department Travel.
- 4) Detective Mark Stump (Sheriff) to attend IN Drug Enforcement Association Conference in Indianapolis on Feb. 22-25, 2022. Estimated cost of \$830.00 to be paid for by Department Travel.

Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF COUNTY HOME REPORT

Todd Sanderson made a motion that the Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the October 2021 County Home Report. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF SUNNY MEADOWS SOFTENER SYSTEM AND HOPPER

Sunny Meadows currently purchases bags of softener salt and loads them through a window to the basement, and then has to walk/drag it across the basement to the salt holder. The new system proposed is a solar salt system that will allow for salt delivery and a much more efficient process. StepSaver, Inc's estimate for the Softener System came in at \$7,527.78 and the salt delivery with parts came in at \$834.99. Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the quotes received from StepSaver, INC to replace the softener and salt delivery. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT VEHICLE TITLE

Todd Sanderson made a motion for Michael Watson to sign the Vehicle Title for the 2016 Dodge Ram 1500 SSV with VIN #1C6RR7XT6GS342970 to be sold at auction. Michael Watson seconded and all approve.

MATTER OF TRAIL RIGHT-OF-WAY MATCH

Trails are an approved use of ARP money for the grant match from the County. Todd Sanderson motioned to approve the signing of the letter of conditional commitment pending Jim McCanna's review to match the required amount of \$172,525. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Sanderson reported the lights should be completed on Wednesday.

There are now 21 residents at the Community Corrections Facility as reported by Commissioner Watson.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Ben provided a copy of the Ordinance 4-2006 pertaining to the South Street/CR 26 and East Street/CR 11 in Corunna and the Commissioners directed their attorney to create an ordinance in order for the County to take the roads off our inventory with the State. Ben will bring the annual bids in front of the Commissioners next meeting.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Other topics of discussion included:

Wilmington Township Cemetery update, Trail Right-of-Way, Corunna ordinance, DOT physical billing, 5668 Mill Street, Spencerville, INDOT and U.S. 6 Acquisition, CR 56 combinations, Sunny Meadows tour and the condition of the home.

William L. Hartman – President

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Attest:

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MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners met in an executive session on Monday, November 29, 2021, beginning at 1:32 p.m. and ending at 2:56 p.m. The meeting involved discussion regarding the possible sale of real estate in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(D)(vi). The executive session took place in the Commissioners Room on the second floor of the DeKalb County Courthouse, 100 S. Main Street, Auburn, Indiana. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss a possible real estate property transaction to sell real estate owned by the County. No other matters were discussed, and no decisions were made.

The meeting was adjourned.

William L. Hartman – President

Michael Watson – Vice President

Todd Sanderson – Vice President

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