

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 13, 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 COVERED BRIDGE CAMERAS

Jack Smith was in to discuss the new camera system for the Covered Bridge surveillance that New Era Technology and Audio Video Systems vendors provided quotes on. Jack feels that he has found a very nice system that will give some connection to the Sheriff Department and those that have access. Jack requested quotes from New Era and Audio Video Systems. Curt Shelburne from Audio Video Systems, Inc. quoted a new system thru alarm.com, which would replace the cameras, use video analytics and dispatch/sheriff could get emails or texts on activity on the bridge for around \$3,000 plus a yearly subscription. Alarm.com is a cloud based system, is motion activated, and easy to use and work on any app or windows/mac computers. Commissioner Sanderson inquired on whether the recording would be able to be set to record a certain number of minutes prior to the activation and Jack will reach out to the vendor. Bob Wilder attended to express the Friends of the Bridge support and willingness to pay the \$3,000 quote. Sheriff Cserep asked some questions in relation to a system used by the sheriff's department and Jack said if money wasn't an issue that raising a tower to bounce signals from with connectivity would be the best option. Jack will follow up with the city on some other options that would include a tower to have connection and report back next week.

MATTER OF COUNTY RD 55 DITCH BILL

Charles W. Howard, resident of 4815 E 500 S, Hamilton and Dawn Mullins, resident of 5688 County Rd 00 N, Hamilton, came in to discuss a bill that Charles G. Howard, resident of 0136 County Rd 55, Hamilton received regarding a ditch on CR 55. Charles W. Howard said he was only notified one time on any meetings that were held on the plan to fix the tile. Charles G. Howard was here to talk about the letter received from Burt Blee and claims the steel plate cover discussed in the letter is completely false, claims there has been multiple fixes over the years and that being an unregulated drain he doesn't feel they should be billed, and would like to know where they stand and why. Discussion took place and Jim feels that to properly address this issue we need to have Ben Paker and Nate Frye present, as Jim is not an expert on drainage. Commissioner Watson asked if he was stating that everything listed in the letter was not done? Charles W. Howard said 'yes', Commissioner Watson said he saw the pictures so who did it if it wasn't him? Charles Howard stated the swale was filled in over the years. Commissioner Sanderson explained the reason for needing the expensive structure due to the swale being filled in. Again, Charles W. Howard states he didn't put the steel plate in, but it was to stop erosion from the 1960s. Commissioner Watson expressed the County wasn't excited to spend over \$40,000 for the project either, but felt it should be fixed in the correct manner vs. a cheaper option. Charles W. Howard also feels the

neighbor has some responsibility due to the pond and large amount of water in place. This issue will be revisited in January when Bill Hartman can return along with Ben Parker and Nate Frye.

MATTER OF 2022 SHERIFF SALARY CONTRACT

The Sheriff shall be paid a fixed amount of compensation in place of fee compensation in accordance with I.C. 36-2-13-2.8 in the amount of 70% of the full time Prosecutor's salary which calculates to \$111,965 for the calendar year 2022.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the 2022 Sheriff's Salary Contract contingent on Council's approval. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF REZONE RESOLUTION 2021-R-29, UDO-75

The DeKalb County Plan Commission held a public hearing on 12/3/2021 to consider the Zone Map Amendment for approximately 25 acres on the property generally located on County Road 61 approximately one-half mile south of the intersection of County Road 61 & County Road 36, Butler Indiana and voted a favorable recommendation to the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners. The proposed zoning will be changed from I2-Low Intensity Industrial to A2- Agricultural.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the Rezone for County Rd 61, approximately one-half mile south of the intersection of County Road 61 & County Road 36, Butler Indiana, Resolution 2021-R-29, UDO-75 Auburn. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE INDIANAPOLIS HOUSING AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOOSIER HOMES PROGRAM

Anton King and Ryan Chassey were in to discuss the Strategic Housing Study: Hoosier Homes. The Indianapolis Housing Agency (IHA) sponsors and administers the Hoosier Homes Program to provide a homeownership program with competitive HUD, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac eligible mortgage loans and down payment and closing cost assistance towards the purchase of existing and newly constructed homes within Marion County, Indiana for the benefit of qualified homebuyers. IHA has invited DeKalb County to participate in its Hoosier Homes Program as a government sponsor to implement the program in DeKalb County. Pursuant to IC 36-1-7-2(b), Indiana governmental entities that only want to exchange services, supplies, or equipment between or among themselves may enter into contracts to do this. If DeKalb County desires to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with IHA with the High Performance Government Network d/b/a the Housing Resource Hub and Stifel Nicolaus & Company, as Administrators, with the condition that the Hoosier Homes Program does not create an administrative or fiscal obligation to DeKalb County, a revenue source will be due and payable to DeKalb County as mortgage loans are originated. Commissioner Sanderson would like to see the data on how many of these transactions ended up going south due to the homeowners not being able to keep up on regular maintenance, such as a furnace repair or replacement. Ryan Chassey stated they would like to get his started in the January timeframe if the County chooses to join. Discussion took place.

MATTER OF SUNNY MEADOWS CEMETERY PROJECT UPDATE

Leta Hullinger was in to update the Commissioners on the Sunny Meadows Cemetery Project. The monument quote from Ley Monument came in at about \$4,000. There are area's that need top soil to level out and Leta was able to get 40 ton donated. A few groundhog inhabitants are being taken care of. The culvert and drive has been put in at no cost to the County. The fencing will be the most expensive piece of the project, and currently Leta has one quote from Back 40 Fencing that came in around \$9,500. Leta has inquired on if the Commissioners want the full amount to be raised or just part of the needed amount that will total around \$14,000. Commissioner Watson thanked Leta for all her effort and dedication for Sunny Meadows and that it is very much appreciated. Commissioner Watson feels that if the County is going to have a County home then the County needs to take care and provide for the Home. Commissioner Watson is more than willing to try to find the money to fund the project. Commissioner Sanderson inquired on who the Council liaison was and Leta informed them it is Bob Krafft and that Bob feels the county should pay for the fencing and see if donations can be raised for the monument. Both Sanderson and Watson would agree to the County paying for the fencing and raising funds for the monument.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve payroll for the period November 21-December 4, 2021. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the minutes dated December 6, 2021 as submitted. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

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

- 1) Elysia Rodgers to attend IN Person Website Training in Bluffton on 11/16/2021. Estimated cost of \$49.28 paid from Department travel.
- 2) Carma Johnson, Debra Krafft, & Cheryl Lynch to attend Zotec Training in Columbia City on 12/9/2021. Estimated cost of \$0.00 to be paid from Department Travel.
- 3) Stephen Koziol to attend Police Academy in Plainfield on 12/12/21. Estimated cost of \$79.00 to be paid from Department Travel.
- 4) Elysia Rodgers to attend Indiana Farm Expo in Westfield on 12/14/21. Estimated cost of \$111.76 to be paid from Department Travel.
- 5) Susan Sleeper to attend ONLINE the NaCo High Performance Leadership Program from January 10th to April 15th, 2022. Estimated cost of \$1,645.00 for the registration fee to be paid for from Commissioners Travel.
- 6) Sheila Stonebraker & Tammy Warstler to attend Winter Assessor's Conference in Indianapolis on January 18-21, 2022. Estimated Cost of \$2,308.00 to be paid from County General Assessor's State Called Meeting account.
- 7) Michael Watson to attend Maumee River Basin Meeting in Fort Wayne on 12/9/21. Estimated cost of \$15.66 to be paid from Commissioners travel.

Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF ASSIGNING CERTIFICATES TO THE CITY OF BUTLER

Commissioner Sanderson had reached out to the Mayor of Butler to find out which properties that did not sell at the 2021 Tax Sale the City of Butler would like the certificates to. Todd Sanderson made a motion to assign the following certificates to the City of Butler effective 12/13/2021. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

23-07-01-301-018 Cert# 172100085 Truelove, David	23-07-11-253-043 Cert# 172100126 Krontz, Delbert	23-07-11-253-041 Cert# 172100124 Krontz, Delbert	23-07-11-253-039 Cert# 172100122 Krontz, Delbert	23-07-11-255-013 Cert# 172100136 Camahan, Raymond
23-07-01-354-003 Cert# 172100091 Reeves, Tom	23-07-01-301-025 Cert# 172100086 Lung, James & Luvenia	23-07-11-253-044 Cert# 172100127 Krontz, Delbert	23-07-11-253-042 Cert# 172100125 Krontz, Delbert	23-07-11-255-014 Cert# 172100137 Camahan, Raymond
23-07-02-376-007 Cert# 172100096 Chapman Trails	23-07-01-354-012 Cert# 172100092 Curtis, Charles Lee	23-07-01-354-002 Cert# 172100090 Reeves, Tom	23-07-11-253-045 Cert# 172100128 Krontz, Delbert	23-07-11-255-020 Cert# 172100138 Camahan, Raymond
23-07-11-130-001 Cert# 172100101 Grose, Kelli % Kay Grose	23-07-11-127-005 Cert# 172100099 Rowland HSU	23-07-01-354-013 Cert# 172100093 Curtis, Charles Lee	23-07-11-253-046 Cert# 172100129 Krontz, Delbert	23-07-11-277-007 Cert# 172100140 Wallace, Jon & Robin
23-07-11-130-005 Cert# 172100104 Grose, Kelli % Kay Grose	23-07-11-130-003 Cert# 172100102 Grose, Kelli % Kay Grose	23-07-11-129-009 Cert# 172100100 Keene, Burley	23-07-11-253-047 Cert# 172100130 Krontz, Delbert	23-07-11-277-008 Cert# 172100141 Wallace, Jon & Robin
23-07-11-130-008 Cert# 172100107 Grose, Kelli % Kay Grose	23-07-11-130-006 Cert# 172100105 Grose, Kelli % Kay Grose	23-07-11-130-004 Cert# 172100103 Grose, Kelli % Kay Grose	23-07-11-255-007 Cert# 172100131 Camahan, Raymond	23-07-11-277-009 Cert# 172100142 Boyer, Steven & Barbara
23-07-11-202-023 Cert# 172100110 LaSalle Bank	23-07-11-130-009 Cert# 172100108 Grose, Kelli % Kay Grose	23-07-11-130-007 Cert# 172100106 Grose, Kelli % Kay Grose	23-07-11-255-008 Cert# 172100132 Camahan, Raymond	23-07-11-277-011 Cert# 172100143 Bard, Clifford Ezra
23-07-11-203-011 Cert# 172100113 Black, Henry & Nellie	23-07-11-203-003 Cert# 172100111 Groff, Daniel & Linda	23-07-11-130-010 Cert# 172100109 Grose, Kelli % Kay Grose	23-07-11-255-009 Cert# 172100133 Camahan, Raymond	23-07-12-106-101 Cert# 172100149 Dutch, LLC
23-07-11-203-014 Cert# 172100116 Black, Henry & Nellie	23-07-11-203-012 Cert# 172100114 Black, Henry & Nellie	23-07-11-203-004 Cert# 172100112 Groff, Daniel & Linda	23-07-11-255-010 Cert# 172100134 Camahan, Raymond	23-07-12-126-002 Cert# 172100150 Stone RE, LLC
23-07-11-253-040 Cert# 172100123 Krontz, Delbert	23-07-11-253-035 Cert# 172100121 Haver, Scott	23-07-11-203-013 Cert# 172100115 Black, Henry & Nellie	23-07-11-255-012 Cert# 172100135 Camahan, Raymond	

Sandi came in to discuss the logistics of why this is happening, and express her concern on the properties not going back onto the tax rolls vs. being tax-exempt status. Commissioner Sanderson explained how the City of Butler is trying to better the city and he does not feel like this will set a precedence.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Other topics of discussion included:

Broadband Project Email from Morley, building purchased on Henderson site questions from Insurance Trustees, Krafft property, Community Corrections light fixtures are acceptable, County ownership to unsold tax sale properties, and proposed property sale.

William L. Hartman – President

Michael Watson – Vice President

Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:

Susan Sleeper, Auditor