

DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 2023

The following Council Members were present:

President Richard Ring
Vice President David Yarde
Member William VanWye, absent
Member Robert E. Krafft, arrived at 9:15
Member Amy Demske
Member Amy Prosser
Member Rick Collins

Others present:

Auditor Susan Sleeper
Attorney Donald J Stuckey

Amy Prosser opened the meeting with prayer at 8:40 a.m.

MATTER OF MINUTES

David Yarde made a motion to approve minutes dated December 13, 2022. Amy Demske seconded. Rick Collins abstained from vote as he was not on the Council in the December meeting. The motion passed (4,0) –Prosser, Demske, Yarde & Ring

MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

David Yarde made a motion to approve the Health Departments additional of \$50,000 into Other Service Fees Account (32780) within the Cares Testing Site Grant Fund (8902). Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRANSFERS

There were no transfers this meeting.

MATTER OF 2022 YEAR-END TRANSFERS

David Yarde made a motion to approve 2022 year-end transfers. Amy Prosser seconded, and all approved. They are as follows:

4502	American Heritage Village	44210	Capital Outlay	00000	Auditor	(11,582.00)	To: 32780
4502	American Heritage Village	44210	Capital Outlay	00000	Auditor	(3,440.00)	To: 32820
4502	American Heritage Village	44210	Capital Outlay	00000	Auditor	(5,445.00)	To: 32840
4502	American Heritage Village	44210	Capital Outlay	00000	Auditor	(2,480.00)	To: 32843
4502	American Heritage Village	32780	Other Service Fees	00000	Auditor	11,582.00	From: 44210
4502	American Heritage Village	32820	Legal Fees	00000	Auditor	3,440.00	From: 44210
4502	American Heritage Village	32840	Consultant Fees	00000	Auditor	5,445.00	From: 44210
4502	American Heritage Village	32843	RDC Attorney Fees	00000	Auditor	2,480.00	From: 44210

1001	General	10750	Part Time	00000	Sheriff	(500.00)	To: 10800
1001	General	10800	Other	00000	Sheriff	500.00	From: 10750
1001	General	34190	Care Of Inmates	00000	Sheriff	(19,120.00)	To: 34100
1001	General	34100	Technical Support	00000	Sheriff	19,120.00	From: 34190
1001	General	33220	Postage	00000	Surveyor	(277.00)	To: 32780
1001	General	32780	Other Service Fees	00000	Surveyor	277.00	From: 33220
1001	General	22110	Office Supplies	00000	Coroner	(389.00)	To: 11255
1001	General	11255	Deputy Coroner	00000	Coroner	389.00	From: 22110
1001	General	10750	Part Time	00000	Plan Commission	(100.00)	To: 10800
1001	General	10800	Other	00000	Plan Commission	100.00	From: 10750
1001	General	11201	Department Head	00000	Information Systems Dept	(0.04)	To: 11217
1001	General	11217	IT/IDACS/CAD-RMS	00000	Information Systems Dept	0.04	From: 11201
1001	General	32820	Legal Fees	00000	Commissioners	(9,400.00)	To: 33410
1001	General	33410	Liability Insurance	00000	Commissioners	9,400.00	From: 32820
1001	General	34550	Promotions	00000	Commissioners	(400.00)	To: 34295
1001	General	34295	Travel/Training/Education	00000	Commissioners	400.00	From: 34550
1112	LIT Economic Development	31024	#24 Administrative Funds	00000	Commissioners	(5,245.00)	To: 31017
1112	LIT Economic Development	31017	#17 Courthouse Security	00000	Commissioners	5,245.00	From: 31024
1001	General	22210	Petroleum Prod & Supplies	00000	Court House	(0.06)	To: 11333
1001	General	11333	Custodian	00000	Court House	0.06	From: 22210
1001	General	33620	Equipment Repair and Maint.	00000	Court House	(4,250.00)	To: 33510
1001	General	33510	Electric	00000	Court House	4,250.00	From: 33620
1001	General	33620	Equipment Repair and Maint.	00000	Court House	(116.00)	To: 33730
1001	General	33730	Copy Machine Maintenance	00000	Court House	116.00	From: 33620
1001	General	33620	Equipment Repair and Maint.	00000	Court House	(114.00)	To: 44431
1001	General	44431	Break Room Equipment	00000	Court House	114.00	From: 33620
1001	General	10750	Part Time	00000	Sunny Meadows	(1,200.00)	To: 11100
1001	General	11100	Holiday Pay	00000	Sunny Meadows	1,200.00	From: 10750
1001	General	10750	Part Time	00000	Sunny Meadows	(2,400.00)	To: 11201
1001	General	11201	Department Head	00000	Sunny Meadows	2,400.00	From: 10750
1001	General	34330	Contractual Services	00000	Sunny Meadows	(45.00)	To: 34390
1001	General	34390	Vehicle License Fees/Fuel Tax	00000	Sunny Meadows	45.00	From: 34330
1001	General	10750	Part Time	00000	Circuit Court	(2.00)	To: 10804
1001	General	10804	Administrative Allotment	00000	Circuit Court	2.00	From: 10750
1001	General	33620	Equipment Repair and Maint.	00000	Superior Court 1	(235.00)	To: 11050
1001	General	11050	Overtime-Straight Time	00000	Superior Court 1	235.00	From: 33620
1001	General	22110	Office Supplies	00000	Superior Court 1	(2.00)	To: 10804
1001	General	10804	Administrative Allotment	00000	Superior Court 1	2.00	From: 22110
1001	General	10804	Administrative Allotment	00000	Superior Court 2	2.00	From: 10750
1001	General	10750	Part Time	00000	Superior Court 2	(2.00)	To: 10804
1001	General	11210	Bookkeeper	00000	Probation Department	(47.00)	To: 11201
1001	General	11201	Department Head	00000	Probation Department	47.00	From: 11210
1001	General	11701	Probation Officer Assistant	00000	Probation Department	(4,800.00)	To: 11433
1001	General	11433	Deputy Probation Officer	00000	Probation Department	4,800.00	From: 11701
2000	Supp Adult Probation	11509	Probation Officer	00000	Probation Department	(38.00)	To: 11210
2000	Supp Adult Probation	11210	Bookkeeper	00000	Probation Department	38.00	From: 11509
2000	Supp Adult Probation	11509	Probation Officer	00000	Probation Department	(38.00)	To: 11445
2000	Supp Adult Probation	11445	Office Manager	00000	Probation Department	38.00	From: 11509
2000	Supp Adult Probation	11509	Probation Officer	00000	Probation Department	(77.00)	To: 11445
2000	Supp Adult Probation	11701	Probation Officer Assistant	00000	Probation Department	77.00	From: 11509
9129	Probation- State Grant (odd yr)	12200	Insurance	00022	Probation Department	(114.00)	To: 12100
9129	Probation- State Grant (odd yr)	12100	Perf	00022	Probation Department	114.00	From: 12200
9154	Family Recovery Court Grant	12100	Perf	00000	Probation Department	(0.49)	To: 11639
9154	Family Recovery Court Grant	11639	Family Recovery P.O.	00000	Probation Department	0.49	From: 12100
8897	93.563 PROS IV-D INCENTIVE	10750	Part Time	00000	IV-D Child Support	(0.08)	To: 11258
8897	93.563 PROS IV-D INCENTIVE	11258	Deputy Prosecuting Attorney 3	00000	IV-D Child Support	0.08	From: 10750
1001	General	11050	Overtime-Straight Time	00000	Soil & Water	(0.12)	To: 11339
1001	General	11339	District Director	00000	Soil & Water	0.12	From: 11050
1222	Statewide 911 Fund	11350	Communications	00000	Central Dispatch Communication	(1,120.00)	To: 11348
1222	Statewide 911 Fund	11348	Communications	00000	Central Dispatch Communication	1,120.00	From: 11350
9127	State Grant CommCorr (odd yrs)	11420	Director of Intervention Svcs	00022	Community Corrections	(9,535.95)	To: 33540
9127	State Grant CommCorr (odd yrs)	33540	Utilities	00022	Community Corrections	9,535.95	From: 11420

MATTER OF 2022 ENCUMBRANCES INTO 2023

A breakdown of the encumbrances for fund summaries were presented to Council prior to their meeting and are available on file in the Auditor's Office:

01/01/2023	1001	General	44420	Computer Equipment	00000	0006	Surveyor	470.96	2022 into 2023	Veradesk Order not able to be received until January.
01/01/2023	1001	General	34330	Contractual Services	00000	0006	Surveyor	3,000.00	2022 into 2023	Consulting Contract approved by Drainage Board, services to be done by mid-February.
01/01/2023	1001	General	33610	Vehicle Maint/Repair Service	00000	0005	Sheriff	6,500.00	2022 into 2023	Equipment install on the 3 new squad cars that arrived late in 2022.
01/01/2023	1001	General	34100	Technical Support	00000	0018	Information Systems Dept	2,995.00	2022 into 2023	Software One for M365 Technical Support
01/01/2023	1001	General	34140	Software Maintenance	00000	0018	Information Systems Dept	2,923.00	2022 into 2023	Dell Compute Systems for Software Maintenance
								15,888.96		
01/01/2023	1138	Cum Capital Development	44430	Equipment	00000	0005	Sheriff	1,794.54	2022 into 2023	Generator serviced on 10/3/2022
01/01/2023	1138	Cum Capital Development	44610	Purchase of Vehicles	00000	0005	Sheriff	35,235.00	2022 into 2023	2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Squad Car.
01/01/2023	1138	Cum Capital Development	44420	Computer Equipment	00000	0018	Information Systems Dept	11,844.00	2022 into 2023	CDW-G hardware purchases
01/01/2023	1138	Cum Capital Development	44820	Network Infrastructure	00000	0018	Information Systems Dept	39,390.52	2022 into 2023	CDW-G hardware purchases
01/01/2023	1138	Cum Capital Development	33680	Bldg Repair & Maint.	00000	0020	Courthouse	35,000.00	2022 into 2023	Auditor - Recorder - IT repair, paint & carpet
								123,264.06		
01/01/2023	1169	Local Road & Street	44610	Purchase of Vehicles	00000	0072	Highway (non-MVH)	94,621.00	2022 into 2023	2022 F550 Truck on order since March 2022.
								94,621.00		
01/01/2023	4502	American Heritage Village	32843	RDC Attorney Fees	00000	0002	Auditor	1,720.00	2022 into 2023	EDC Attorney fees paid by RDC
								1,720.00		
01/01/2023	9153	Veterans Court Grant	33900	Testing Services	00022	0029	Probation Department	3,398.65	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Grant balances, to pay 2022 claims attached to CY 2022 grant cycle but paid beginning of 2023.
01/01/2023	9153	Veterans Court Grant	12300	Social Security	00022	0029	Probation Department	357.10	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Grant balances, to pay 2022 claims attached to CY 2022 grant cycle but paid beginning of 2023.
01/01/2023	9153	Veterans Court Grant	12200	Insurance	00022	0029	Probation Department	989.19	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Grant balances, to pay 2022 claims attached to CY 2022 grant cycle but paid beginning of 2023.
01/01/2023	9153	Veterans Court Grant	12100	Perf	00022	0029	Probation Department	358.68	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Grant balances, to pay 2022 claims attached to CY 2022 grant cycle but paid beginning of 2023.
								5,103.62		
01/01/2023	9154	Family Recovery Court Grant	33900	Testing Services	00022	0029	Probation Department	83.66	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Grant balances, to pay 2022 claims attached to CY 2022 grant cycle but paid beginning of 2023.
01/01/2023	9154	Family Recovery Court Grant	22720	Supplies	00022	0029	Probation Department	793.31	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Grant balances, to pay 2022 claims attached to CY 2022 grant cycle but paid beginning of 2023.
01/01/2023	9154	Family Recovery Court Grant	22250	Food Supplies	00022	0029	Probation Department	182.10	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Grant balances, to pay 2022 claims attached to CY 2022 grant cycle but paid beginning of 2023.
01/01/2023	9154	Family Recovery Court Grant	12300	Social Security	00022	0029	Probation Department	1,046.36	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Grant balances, to pay 2022 claims attached to CY 2022 grant cycle but paid beginning of 2023.
01/01/2023	9154	Family Recovery Court Grant	12200	Insurance	00022	0029	Probation Department	2,293.95	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Grant balances, to pay 2022 claims attached to CY 2022 grant cycle but paid beginning of 2023.
01/01/2023	9154	Family Recovery Court Grant	12100	Perf	00022	0029	Probation Department	1,299.75	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Grant balances, to pay 2022 claims attached to CY 2022 grant cycle but paid beginning of 2023.
								5,699.13		
01/01/2023	9157	Problem Solving Court Grant	34295	Travel/Training/Education	00023	0029	Probation Department	3,344.42	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Fiscal Grant balances, to finish January to June budget cycle.
01/01/2023	9157	Problem Solving Court Grant	33900	Testing Services	00023	0029	Probation Department	1.69	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Fiscal Grant balances, to finish January to June budget cycle.
01/01/2023	9157	Problem Solving Court Grant	22255	Incentives	00023	0029	Probation Department	656.60	2022 into 2023	12/31/22 Fiscal Grant balances, to finish January to June budget cycle.
								4,002.71		
								TOTAL 2022 ENCUMBRANCES	250,299.48	

Amy Demske made a motion to approve 2022 encumbrances into 2023. Amy Prosser seconded the motion, and all approved.

MATTER OF FINANCIAL REPORT BY FUND

The Council certified that they have received and reviewed the December 2022 Financial Report by Fund.

MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS-COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Coroner Truck: Commissioner Watson handed out a packet on the current coroner transport vehicle, as it is a 2010 transfer from the Sheriff's Office with high miles. Currently vans are in high demand and in short supply. There was one van found at Ben Davis, as the City of Auburn had ordered three and only took two, so the third van is available. Mike Gerber had obtained a Stryker cot and Stryker lift system through an IPEP grant, which is a 20% cost to the County, the van is needed for the lift system to be installed. The current Coroner Short would also like to seek a Mortuary Stretcher for body transports that would be used for the smaller bodies. Councilman Yarde asked if a used Ambulance had ever been looked into as it would contain the cabinets and the lift system as is. Councilman Ring expressed that most are pretty worn out when they are decommissioned. Councilwoman Prosser asked if this was an emergency and why it was not in the Coroner's budget. Auditor Sleeper explained that the prior coroner had asked for a vehicle before and was denied, and as 2022 was his last year as Coroner, he did not request a vehicle and now the new Coroner is tasked with the issue. Commissioner Watson would like some kind of consensus on whether the Council would be willing to move forward with the purchase of the van from Ben Davis. Councilman Ring is personally not ready to give a final decision until all the values come in with fitting the van. The consensus of the Council is they will support the purchase, dependent on the cost from First Response.

Highway BOT: Commissioner Hartman said they voted on the Memorandum of Recommendation that will come before the Council in February.

MATTER OF DEKALB COUNTY AIRPORT UPDATE

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

Council and Commissioner Brief 1/10/2023

New Business

- We closed on Meese Chapel on January 4th.
- Sweet Aviation continues to receive great reviews from users and they continue to add services and capabilities. This is the slow time of the year so they are getting the hangars cleaned and organized. The entire place hasn't looked this good in over a decade.

Old Business

- The Paving and Lighting phase of the Runway Extension Project is mostly funded with the Certificate of Award and Contract completed with Fleming Construction. Bi-weekly meetings with the contractor will begin on January 13th.
- We continue to work with the Plan Commission on modifications to the Airport Overlay Districts within the UDO.

Councilman Krafft arrived at 9:15.

MATTER OF REORGANIZATION

Amy Prosser made a motion to nominate David Yarde as President. David Yarde respectfully declined. Rick Collins nominated Rick Ring. David Yarde seconded. David Yarde motioned to close nominations. Robert Krafft seconded, and all approved. A vote to accept Richard Ring as President was passed (5,1) Prosser voting against.

Robert Krafft made a motion to nominate William VanWye as Vice President. David Yarde seconded. Amy Prosser nominated David Yarde as Vice President, Amy Demske seconded. Amy Prosser motioned to close nominations. Rick Collins seconded, and all approved. A vote to accept David Yarde as Vice President passed (5,1)

Krafft: DY

Collins: DY

Prosser: DY

Demske: DY

Yarde: WV

Ring: DY

Amy Demske motioned to appoint Donald Stuckey as Counsel. Robert Krafft seconded. Robert Krafft motioned to close nominations. Rick Collins seconded, and all approved. A vote to accept Donald Stuckey as Council Attorney was unanimous.

MATTER OF COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR SCULPIN AND THALASSA SOLAR PROJECTS

Councilman Ring explained the Council has two projects in front of them that have both been in front of the Tax Abatement Committee. The Council needs to decide whether to ask their Attorney to move forward or not to move forward with the ERA Resolutions. Councilman Ring announced there were two people that had requested to speak and they would both be allowed five minutes.

Sarah Massara representing Sculpin Solar, explained they bring a unique investment in term of dollars invested and length of the investment. Asking and supporting the Council to begin the legislative process and ask their Attorney to draft a Resolution for an Economic Revitalization Area. She next explained the following steps that take place to get to an actual approved Tax Abatement. Sarah had emailed the full council prior to meeting with additional and supplemental information. Lastly, she expressed that the approving of an ERA does NOT approve a Tax Abatement and what Sculpin was applying for in their request.

Andrew Provines cares about the county and he wants to protect the County. As more and more people join with those against, they are starting to listen, which they are not going to go against what was just said and he is going to bring up some other topics.

Questions about the first tax abatement meeting? The group was told 'No' that they had not received the information, but Andrew has received from a public records request proof of emails sent and responses that Council members did have information prior to the first tax abatement meeting. He feels the transparency is very vague and the reason why the group continues to ask for more and more information. A report on Andrews's property was requested by Commissioner Watson, to prove that his setbacks are incorrect. Andrew feels this is a personal attack, not on how solar is going to affect his property. Councilwoman Prosser is concerned about a citizen being targeted by a Commissioner, and Andrew has included that information in the folder he had just supplied. Councilman Ring has asked Auditor Sleeper to get his emails for him to review. Krafft is not opposed to get the process started, before the ACTUAL vote of declaring an Economic Revitalization Area.

Robert Krafft made a motion to have Attorney Stuckey move forward with the ERA Resolutions. Motion died for lack of a second.

MATTER OF 2023 SALARY & HOURLY WAGE ORDINANCE: 2023-OCC-1

Council President Ring read into the minutes Ordinance; 2023-OCC-1: The 2023 Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance;

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve The 2023 Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance: Ordinance 2023-OCC-1 on the FIRST Reading. David Yarde seconded and motion passed (5,1) with Prosser voting against.

David Yarde made a motion to suspend the rules to pass The 2023 Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance: 2023-OCC-1 with amendments by title only on the 2nd and 3rd Readings. Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve The 2023 Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance: Ordinance: 2023-OCC-1 with amendments by title only on the SECOND and THIRD Readings. Amy Demske seconded and motion passed (5,1) with Prosser voting against.

MATTER OF COMMISSARY REPORT FOR JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

Robert Krafft made a motion to acknowledge receipt of receiving the Commissary Report from the Sheriff. Rick Collins seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF 2022 NORTHEASTERN CENTER REPORT

Amy Demske made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2022 Northeastern Center Year-end Report. Amy Prosser seconded. Discussion took place and Rick asked the Council if they would like to request Steve Howell to come over and answer any questions about the report. Krafft thinks it is a great idea to find out about how our funds are being used that we are required to provide every year. Rick will ask Steve to attend the February Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

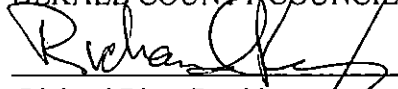
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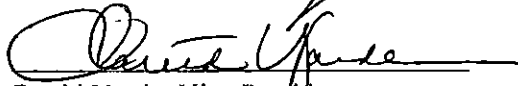
Meeting Procedures: Rick explained that it is pushed at the State level for both the Council and Commissioners to adopt their procedures at the beginning of each year. Currently, Council operates under many procedures that started many years ago. Rick would like to have the Council decide what methods and procedures they will follow. Attorney Stuckey gave a brief explanation on his opinion and other avenues that he has come up with, Councilman Yarde agrees and asked if there would be a rules chairperson to be sure rules are followed with everyone pointing to Attorney Stuckey. This will be revisited at the February meeting after an ordinance is composed.

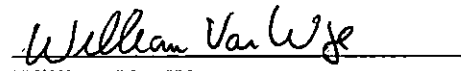
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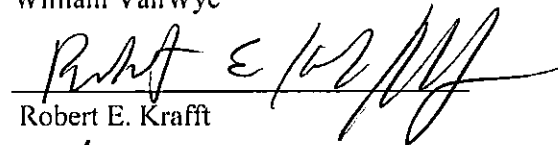
Rick Collins made a motion to adjourn at 10:28 a.m. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.


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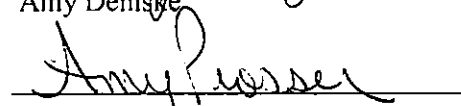

Richard Ring, President



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Rick Collins

ATTEST:


Susan Sleeper
DeKalb County Auditor