

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 3, 2020

Commissioners Present: President William L. Hartman
Vice President Donald D. Grogg
Vice President Jacqueline R. Rowan

Others Present: Auditor Jan Bauman
Attorney James P McCanna

MATTER OF MINUTES

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve the minutes dated July 27, 2020 with corrections. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve Bookkeeper and Payroll Claims for the month of July 2020, Special Claims for the week of July 27, 2020, and Claims consisting of warrant #130865 through #130923 in the amount of \$93,354.33, and wire transfer #15499 through #15600 in the amount of \$548,579.25. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve the following travel requests:

- 1) Bret Parker (Sheriff) to travel to Lawrence on October 30 for the Taser Instructor Course. No expenses will be claimed.

Seconded by Jacqueline Rowan, and all approved.

MATTER OF SHERIFF'S VEHICLE BEING TAKEN TO AUCTION

The Sheriff will be taking 2 vehicles to auction and needed the Commissioners' approval. Donald Grogg made a motion to allow the 2014 Dodge Charger VIN # ending 8363 and 2016 Dodge Charger, VIN # ending 1006 to be taken to auction and for the President of the Commissioners to sign. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF CARES/COVID FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT FORMS FOR SIGNATURE

Donald Grogg made a motion that the President sign reimbursement requests #71-74 for CARES/COVID funding. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF COUNTY HOME REPORT FOR JUNE 2020

Donald Grogg made a motion that the Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the County Home Report for June 2020. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR 2020 CAPITAL ASSET REPORTING

Donald Grogg made a motion that the President sign the engagement letter from Peterson Consulting Services, Inc., for capital asset report for year ending December 31, 2020. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved. The cost will be \$3,375 plus any out of pocket expenses.

MATTER OF PRINT SMART COST PER PRINT AGREEMENTS

Donald Grogg made a motion for the President to sign the Print Smart Cost Per Print Agreements from Business Impressions for the Sheriff and the Prosecutor printers. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Donald Grogg made the motion that the President sign the acceptance letter, Assurances document, and General Grant Conditions for the \$50,000 Covered Bridge matching grant. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved. This is Grant #20FFY-11, CFDA #15.904. This grant requires an official Inspector, and Ben Parker would like USI to be our Inspector. Nothing can begin until the acceptance letter is received by them and the initial start-up meeting has occurred. The County has to be very careful on the management of federal procurements, so Mr. Parker is going to rely on USI to guide the County with that.

County Road 40 will be completed this week which will close out the Community Crossings Grant.

Mr. Parker had NIRCC do a traffic study on County Road 63. 4.5% of the traffic on that road is dump trucks, semis, and farm trucks; 95.5% of the traffic on that road is cars, pick-ups, and SUV's. Should there be something put in place prohibiting the large trucks? It would be difficult for law enforcement to keep the commercial truck traffic under control. Mr. Parker does not see any extensive road damage from the traffic, and there aren't accidents because of the traffic. Commissioner Grogg believes Mr. Parker has done his due diligence. Perhaps the person who made the complaint can get more information that will help the Commissioners make a decision whether to pursue some type of restriction.

The oil that was applied at the intersection of County Road 39 and County Road 00 seems to have not been the correct mixture. The oil has come up, and oil should not come up.

The intersection at County Road 35 and Steuben County Line is getting torn up. President Hartman asked Mr. Parker to look at that intersection. Mr. Parker believes it is due to the off ramp being closed at I-69 and the traffic is being re-routed.

MATTER OF ESTABLISHMENT OF TOURISM COMMISSION, ORDINANCE NO 2020-R-16

Amber Carraco explained that the board members of the Visitors Bureau and the Tourism Commission may be the same. The presidents of each board, however, must be different.

The approval date in the By-Laws section (Exhibit A) of the proposed ordinance has been left blank because that is the date when the Tourism Commission adopts the by-laws, and this has not yet occurred. Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-R-16, DCC 6-3-2, An Ordinance Establishing the DeKalb County Tourism Commission. Donald Grogg seconded, and all approved.

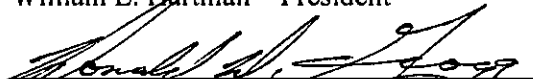
MATTER OF DONATION FUND FOR THE SPENCERVILLE COVERED BRIDGE

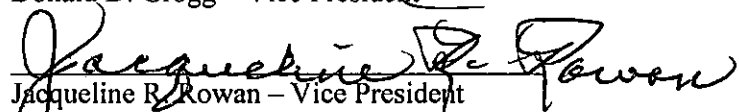
Donald Grogg made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-R-17, DCC 28-9-9, An Ordinance Establishing a Restricted Donation Fund for Repairs and Restoration of the Spencerville Covered Bridge, on the first reading. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

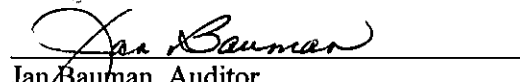
Other discussion topics included: mask mandate extended until further notice; Steve Fetters wants to get involved in the discussion regarding utilities for Mosaic; water heater booster for Community Corrections; contractors to quote on Annex Building red room as well as the Highway Department building; easements going to pond on Klink property as well as making sure the wells still work on the property; Health Department grant for COVID-19 testing site for DeKalb County; Health Board member moving and will need to be replaced; and EMS contract terms being negotiated.


William L. Hartman – President


Donald D. Grogg – Vice President


Jacqueline R. Rowan – Vice President

Attest:


Jan Bauman, Auditor