

DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 2023

The following Council Members were present:

President Richard Ring
Vice President David Yarde, absent
Member William VanWye
Member Robert E. Krafft, arrived @ 9:05
Member Amy Demske
Member Amy Prosser
Member Rick Collins, absent

Others present:

Auditor Susan Sleeper
Attorney Donald J Stuckey

Amy Prosser opened the meeting with prayer at 8:39 a.m.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Amy Demske made a motion to approve minutes dated August 8, 2023. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

Amy Prosser made a motion to approve the Budget Presentation minutes dated August 16, 2023. Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

None

MATTER OF TRANSFERS

Amy Prosser made a motion to approve the Surveyor's transfer request for \$100 from Operating Supplies (22130) to Computer Equipment (44420) within the County General Fund (1001). Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

Amy Prosser made a motion to approve the Coroner's transfer request for \$3,000 from Body Pouches (22240) to Coroner Transport (33235) within the County General Fund (1001). Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

Amy Demske made a motion to approve the Clerk's transfer request in the Election Division of \$3,000 from Software Maintenance (34140) to Forms/Paper Supplies (22120) within the County General Fund (1001). Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

William VanWye made a motion to approve the Public Defender's transfer request for \$1,700 from Furniture & Fixtures (44410) to Building Repair & Maintenance (33680) within the Supplemental Public Defender Fund (1200). Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

Amy Demske made a motion to approve Change Academy's transfer request for \$700.00 from Computer Equipment (44420) with \$200 going to Travel/Training/Education (34295) and \$500 going to Testing Services within the Change Academy School Funding Fund (4116). Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

Amy Demske made a motion to approve DCCC's transfer requests as shown below within the State Grant Fund (9121).

- \$4,000 from Residential Service Officer (11694) to Food Supplies (22250)

- \$8,834.54 from Residential Service Officer (11694) to Utilities (33540)

- \$11,165.46 from Residential Service Officer (11698) to Utilities (33540)

- \$2,000 from Residential Service Officer (11698) to Other Service Fees (32780)

- \$1,000 from Residential Service Officer (11698) to Laundry/Janitorial (22270)

- \$365.09 from Residential Service Officer (11698) to Equipment Rental (33710)

- \$1,725 from Residential Service Officer (11686) to Equipment Rental (33710)

- \$7,513.25 from Residential Service Officer (11687) to Equipment Rental (33710)

Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF FINANCIAL REPORT BY FUND

The Council certified that they have received and reviewed the August 2023 Financial Report by Fund.

MATTER OF 2023 SALARY & HOURLY WAGE ORDINANCE: 2023-OCC-8

Amy Prosser made a motion to approve The 2023 Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance: Ordinance 2023-OCC-8 by title only on the FIRST Reading. Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

Robert Krafft made a motion to suspend the rules to pass The 2023 Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance: 2023-OCC-8 on the 2nd and 3rd Readings. Amy Demske seconded.

Robert Krafft withdrew his motion to suspend the rules to pass on the 2nd and 3rd Readings. Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF 2023 ANNUAL JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

Robert Krafft made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2023 Annual Jail Report submitted by Sheriff Thomas and prepared by Chance Sweet from the Indiana Department of Correction-Jail Division Director. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF CHANGE ACADEMY MOU with HAMILTON SCHOOLS

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve and for the president to sign the MOU with Hamilton Schools to join the CHANGE Academy Program. William VanWye seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF DEKALB COUNTY AIRPORT UPDATE

Council and Commissioner Brief 9/12/2023 was provided via email.

New Business

- The RWY Extension Project is moving along nicely now with only a few items left. The week of the 11th we will be grooving the new pavement which is a 24/7 operation and then on Friday and Saturday we will finish painting the new section. We are still waiting on 12 very specific runway lights that have been backordered and the regulator that drives the runway lights should finally arrive this week. After these items and a few minor lighting issues the only remaining tasks will be some final grading and seeding. We are very much looking forward to a soft opening on the 19th with a ribbon cutting on the 29th.
- The Self-Serve Fuel System installation has made some progress. We now have the card reader and the communication system installed but we are still waiting on AEP to make the 3-phase drop. Once they finally get the power installed we can complete the final testing.
- We welcomed our new Board Member John Kruse to his first meeting last month.
- We have received the 2024 construction grant for additional earthwork for NAVAID install and NAVAID install to include relocating the MALSR lighting, the Glideslope and the AWOS Weather System. I expect that we will sign the agreement with Fleming Construction at our meeting this month and issue a notice to proceed shortly. The grant also includes reimbursement for land we purchased recently in furtherance of the runway extension.
- You will note that we had no jet operations on the ops report. There were 27 single engine operations. These were operations we allowed on Sundays to get aircraft in and out for the FBO and other maintenance purposes. We also had 27 helicopter operations for August. These were Samaritan, law enforcement and some private. We also had one Goodyear blimp do a high-speed low pass. ☺☺

Old Business

- None.

MATTER OF COMMISSIONER-COUNCIL DISCUSSION

None, however, Rick did reference the Lakeland Internet technology discussion that took place at the Commissioners Meeting and explained that the State's push is to have fiber optic to each home. The presentation yesterday seems to be an updated version of the technology for WiFi services may be beneficial for the County with the dollars that have been allocated to broadband.

MATTER OF COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Recognition: Rick Ring presented Attorney Don Stuckey with a certificate of recognition for his 15 years of service with the County.

Wheel Tax: Reminded everyone that whatever decision is made cannot take effect until January 1, 2025. The Commissioners have made comment to the question proposed as to how much money is needed for each year was to go to the maximum and we will do what can be done. Rick doesn't feel that is a good idea and would like to know how many roads do they plan to get

to a certain level and how many gravel roads will be paved, but a plan will need to be made to determine the need.

There was also a proposal to set up a committee with 3 or less Council Members, 1 or less Commissioner and members of the public to come up with what level of roads the citizens would like to see and how much that would cost. Rick would like Robert Krafft as the Highway liaison to be part of the committee. William VanWye would like to be on the committee for the Farmers. Robert Krafft wants to hit it hard the beginning of the year to have the plan in place.

MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Amy Prosser made a motion to adjourn at 9:49 a.m. Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

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David Yarde, Vice President

William VanWye

Robert E. Krafft

Amy Demske

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Rick Collins

ATTEST:

Susan Sleeper, DeKalb County Auditor