

DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

September 26, 2023

The following Council Members were present:

President Richard Ring, via phone Zoom connection (no vote)
Vice President David Yarde
Member William VanWye
Member Robert E. Krafft
Member Amy Demske, arrived @ 8:35
Member Amy Prosser
Member Rick Collins

Others present:

Auditor Susan Sleeper
Attorney Donald J Stuckey

Robert Krafft opened the meeting with prayer at 8:31 a.m.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Rick Collins made a motion to approve minutes dated September 12, 2023. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

Rick Collins made a motion to approve the Budget Public Hearing | Council work session minutes dated September 12-13, 2023. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

None

MATTER OF TRANSFERS

Amy Prosser made a motion to approve the Sheriff's transfer of \$25,000 from Care of Inmates (34190) to Petroleum Products & Supplies (22210) within the General Fund (1001). Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

Amy Demske made a motion to approve DCCC's transfer of \$7,500 from Contractual Services (34330) to Overtime (11050) within the Project Income Fund (1122). Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

William VanWye made a motion to approve the Health's transfers of \$2,775 from Equipment, Repair & Maintenance (33620) to Office Equipment (44410), \$1,604 from Vehicle Maintenance/Repair Services (33610) to Office Equipment (44410), \$896 from Vehicle Maintenance/Repair Services (33610) to Equipment (44430), and \$1,000 from Telecommunications (33240) to Equipment (44430) within the Health Fund (1159). Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve the Auditor's transfer of \$1,000 from Office Supplies (22110) to Transfer (11647) within the Plat Book Fee Fund (1181). Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

Rick Collins made a motion to approve Sunny Meadow's transfer of \$146 from Misc. Equipment (44510) to Incentives (22255) within the Sunny Meadows Donation Fund (4111). Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

Amy Demske made a motion to approve DCCC's transfers of \$3,923.99 from Residential Services Officer (11692) to Equipment Leasing (33710), \$1,045.84 from Residential Services Officer (11693) to Equipment Leasing (33710), \$6,012.62 from Residential Services Officer (11696) to Equipment Leasing (33710), \$16,311.13 from Overtime (11050) to Equipment Leasing (33710), and \$6,103.08 from Holiday (11100) to Equipment Leasing (33710). William VanWye seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF FINANCIAL REPORT BY FUND

The August report was viewed and accepted on the September 12th meeting.

MATTER OF DEKALB COUNTY AIRPORT UPDATE

Council and Commissioner Brief 9/28/2023

New Business

- The RWY Extension Project is complete. We had a pre-final inspection on the 26th and there is a punch list to complete but the project is formally finished. The ribbon cutting will be on the 29th.
- The Self-Serve Fuel System installation has made even more progress. AEP made the 3-phase drop. We are now waiting on Hoosier Equipment to come out and make their final connections. Once that is complete Garsite will come in from Kansas City and perform the soak test and then the tanks can be calibrated and commissioned. We are getting very close.
- Since we opened on the 19th of September we have had 738 single engine operations, 8 multi-engine operations, 10 business jets, 13 helicopters for a total of 769 operations in 7 days.
- We are currently and have been marketing our development site south of the airport on the DeKalb County EDC site for some time. It can be found here [DEKALB AIRPORT SITE — Economic Development | DeKalb County, IN. \(dekalbedp.org\)](http://DEKALB AIRPORT SITE — Economic Development | DeKalb County, IN. (dekalbedp.org)). The goal is airport compatible land use and a long-term revenue source rather than a single infusion from the sale of property.

Old Business

- None.

Regular Council Meeting paused for the advertised Public Hearing

MATTER OF 2024 AIRPORT BUDGET ADOPTION: ORDINANCE 2023-OCC-11

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:00.

Vice President Yarde read into the minutes the following information:

Rainy Day: \$735,000, levy \$0, Tax Rate 0.00

Airport Authority: \$780,676, levy \$848,841, Tax Rate 0.0319

Cumulative Airport Building: \$95,000, levy \$150,000, Tax Rate 0.0056

Total Adopted Budget: \$1,610,676

Adopted Tax Levy: \$998,841

Adopted Tax Rate: \$0.0375

Vice President Yarde asked if there was anyone in attendance that wanted to speak for or against the 2024 Airport Budget, no one wanted to speak.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:01.

Rick Collins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-OCC-11: The 2024 Airport Budget Adoption on SECOND & THIRD Readings. William VanWye seconded and motion approved (5,1) with Amy Prosser voting against.

Councilwoman Prosser inquired on why the Airport requested a tax increase when they keep talking about getting off the tax rolls and be self-sufficient. Rick Collins understand that the ability to be self-funded would take some time to move towards.

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

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

Regular Council Meeting paused for the advertised Public Hearing

MATTER OF 2024 COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTION: ORDINANCE 2023-OCC-9

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:17.

Vice President Yarde read into the minutes the following information:

Total Adopted Budget: \$39,486,024

Adopted Tax Levy: \$12,974,245

Adopted Tax Rate: 0.4894

Vice President Yarde asked if there was anyone in attendance that wanted to speak for or against the 2024 County Budget, no one wanted to speak.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:18.

Bill VanWye wanted to discuss the Health Environmentalist Wages prior to adoption. Auditor Sleeper explained that the Council needed to adopt the budget before them in order to submit by deadline to DLGF. Sleeper also explained that if the Health wages are increased the Salary and Wage Ordinance can be set with updated wages and an additional appropriation will need to be submitted in 2024. Rick Collins also expressed that he would like to follow up on the Coroner's wages as he was not able to be at the prior budget meetings and did not get to represent her request.

William VanWye made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-OCC-9: The 2024 County Budget Adoption on SECOND & THIRD Readings including the \$128,000 increase to bring DCCC wages up to 2024 wages. Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

The Regular Council meeting paused for the Public Hearing advertised to begin at 9:30.

**MATTER OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP 2024 BUDGET ADOPTION
ORDINANCE 2023-OCC-12**

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:36.

Vice President Yarde opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in attendance that wanted to speak.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:38.

Rick Collins made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 2023-OCC-12 on all 3 readings. William VanWye and all approved.

William VanWye made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-OCC-12 approving the 2024 Fairfield Township Budget on FIRST, SECOND & THIRD Reading. Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

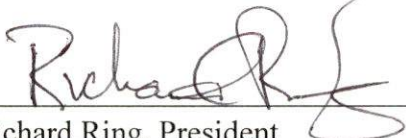
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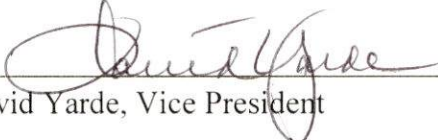
David Yarde wanted to Thank the Council for all their hard work as a budget does not happen overnight. Dave Yarde appreciated the Department Heads for fighting for their employees. He mentioned the public for coming and giving their input. Dave also thanked the Press for getting the information out to the public. He ended with thanking Deputy Auditor Jody Wiedenhoeft and Auditor Sleeper for all of their hard work as many requests are needed in a short turn around time and they were able to provide and meet all the requests before them.

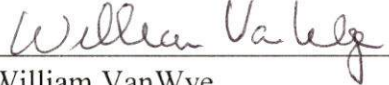
MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Rick Collins made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

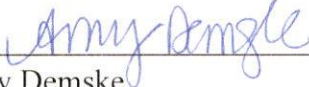
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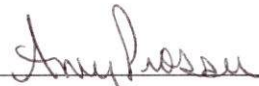

Richard Ring, President


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ATTEST:


Susan Sleeper, DeKalb County Auditor