

DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

February 14, 2024

The following Council Members were present:

President David Yarde
Vice President William VanWye
Member Richard Ring
Member Robert E. Krafft
Member Amy Demske
Member Amy Prosser
Member Rick Collins, arrived at 8:49

Others present:

Auditor Susan Sleeper
Attorney Donald J Stuckey

David Yarde opened the meeting with prayer at 8:37 a.m.

President Yarde began the meeting going over a few of his desires on how Council meetings will be conducted, Yarde handed out a document with the below bullet points:

- No one Council members voice is stronger than any others.
- No one from the Council or Audience is to feel intimidated or ever feel that their opinion does not count.
- Everyone's comments are important as they may provide a missing piece of information that was never considered | that piece of information may change a vote.
- Time limits may be imposed on comments, but that is not to weaken a stance.
- When addressing the Council, state your name and address and proceed with delivery (public)
- FOR ALL | no surprises, (no blind siding), no belittling and be transparent.

President Yarde also provided IC 35-44.1-1-4 Conflict of Interest that is what the County follows.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Richard Ring made a motion to approve minutes dated January 9, 2024. Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve Clerk's additional appropriation request for Elections in the amount of \$3,650 to the equipment account (44430) within the County General Fund (1001). Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

Amy Prosser made a motion to approve Superior Court I's additional appropriation request in the amount of \$50,000 to the other service fee account (32780) within the County General Fund (1001). Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

Rick Collins arrived at 8:49.

William VanWye made a motion to approve DCCC's Change Academy additional appropriation request in the amount of \$67,734.89 to the following accounts within the Change Academy School Funding Fund (4116) to complete the second half of the 23/24 Fiscal Grant Cycle.

Part Time (10750) \$28,209.89	Juv. Education Coord. (11443) \$8,826.60
Juv. Program Coord. \$11,981.81	Benefits back to County (12400) \$1,014.00
Office Supplies (22110) \$176.29	Incentives (22255) \$565.32
Laundry/Jani. Supplies (22270) \$223.40	Household Supplies (22290) \$318.05
Other Oper. Supplies (22730) \$85.81	Postage (33220) \$42.00
Telecommunications (33240) \$1,086.30	Liability Insurance (33410) \$9,000.00
Utilities (33540) \$2,000.00	Building Repair & Main. (33680) \$69.00
Equipment Rental (33710) \$1,800.00	Testing Services (33900) \$551.17
Contractual Services (34330) \$1,468.00	Computer Equipment (44420) \$317.25

Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

Amy Prosser made a motion to approve DCCC's Juvenile State Grant additional appropriation request in the amount of \$51,168.43 to the following accounts within the State Grant CC-Juvenile Fund (9128) to complete the second half of the 23/24 Fiscal Grant Cycle.

- Juv. Education Coord. (11443) | \$16,153.80
- Juv. Program Coord. (11492) | \$16,623.45
- Benefits back to County (12400) | \$6,195.36
- Utilities (33540) | \$2,132.56
- Equipment Repair (33710) | \$1,063.26
- Lease (34080) | \$9,000.00

Rick Collins seconded and all approved.

Rick Collins made a motion to approve Probation's additional appropriation request in the amount of \$182,709 to the following accounts within the Problem-Solving Court Addiction Treatment Court Grant Fund (9157).

- Alcohol & Drug Coord/Asst. Chief (11502) | \$17,526.00
- Deputy Probation Officer (11437) | \$59,609.00
- Probation Officer Drug Court Exp. (11705) | \$49,193.00
- Benefits back to County (12400) | \$37,721.00
- Supplies (22720) | \$900.00
- Incentives/Gas Cards (22255) | \$9,500.00
- Food Supplies (22250) | \$600.00
- Other Service Fees (32780) | \$2,000.00
- Testing Services (33900) | \$5,000.00
- Dues (33940) | \$660.00

Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

Rick Collins made a motion to approve Probation's additional appropriation request in the amount of \$58,412 to the following accounts within the SIM-Justice Partner Addiction Fund (9158).

Probation Officers Assistant (SIM Justice) (11706) | \$40,412.00

Benefits back to County (12400) | \$12,000.00

Travel/Training/Education (34295) | \$4,000.00

Equipment (44430) | \$2,000.00

Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

William VanWye made a motion to approve Probation's additional appropriation request in the amount of \$10,000 to the following accounts within the Veteran's Court Grant Fund (9159).

Travel/Training/Education (34295) | \$3,000.00

Testing Services (33900) | \$7,000.00

Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve Probation's additional appropriation request in the amount of \$10,000 to the following accounts within the Family Restoration Court Grant Fund (9160).

Travel/Training/Education (34295) | \$3,000.00

Testing Services (33900) | \$7,000.00

William VanWye seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRANSFERS

William VanWye made a motion to approve the transfers requested by the Health Department into the following accounts within the Local Public Health Services Fund (1161):

\$1,500 from account 11487 | FT School Liaison/Nurse

To account 32804 | Drug Free Subgrant

\$4,228 from account 11487 | FT School Liaison/Nurse

To account 32807 | Children's First Subgrant

\$3,392 from account 22255 | Incentives

To account 32807 | Children's First Subgrant

\$9,541.01 from account 12200 | Insurance

To account 32780 | Grant Management Contractor

\$52 from account 44610 | Purchase of Vehicles

To account 32812 | Mental Health Fund

\$6,298 from account 44610 | Purchase of Vehicles

To account 32780 | Grant Management Contractor

Richard Ring seconded and all approved, with Robert Krafft abstaining from vote due to his affiliation with the YMCA being one of the partners in the new health funding.

William VanWye made a motion to approve transfers requested by the Health Department into the following accounts within the Local Health Maintenance Fund (1168):

\$1,900 from account 44610 | Purchase of Vehicles
To account 22740 | Manuals
\$15,000 from account 44610 | Purchase of Vehicles
To account 22130 | Operating Supplies
\$900 from account 44610 | Purchase of Vehicles
To account 33433 | Contract Staff
\$1,400 from account 44610 | Purchase of Vehicles
To account 33900 | Testing Services

Richard Ring seconded and all approved.

William VanWye made a motion to approve transfers requested by the Health Department into the following accounts within the Indiana Local Health Department Trust Account Fund (1206):

\$2,000 from account 44610 | Purchase of Vehicles
To account 22130 | Operating Supplies
\$17,000 from account 44610 | Purchase of Vehicles
To account 22260 | Medical Supplies
\$2,000 from account 44610 | Purchase of Vehicles
To account 33230 | Travel
\$44610 from account 44610 | Purchase of Vehicles
To account 34300 | Training and Education

Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF FINANCIAL REPORT BY FUND

The Council certified that they have received and reviewed the January 2024 Financial Report by Fund.

MATTER OF AIRPORT UPDATE

Council and Commissioner Brief 2/14/2024

New Business

- The changeover from AvGas to JetA thereby expanding our JetA storage from 12,000 gallons to 24,000 gallons is underway. The tank was cleaned out and an epoxy liner was added. Hoosier equipment is currently working on adding a floating suction device along with an equalizer pipe between the tanks. They are changing out the filtration to JetA compatible vessels currently. Sweet aviation took delivery of a new 5,000-gallon JetA truck so our total storage at the airport is 29,000 gallons giving them buying power/timing and insulation again supply chain hiccups, and enough fuel to satisfy significant anticipated growth.
- The 2024 NAVAIDS Relocation Project will now begin on February 26th. There will be several closures during construction this season but only one hard 5-day closure where we won't be able to allow any traffic. The rest of the time we will be able to accommodate with a 15-minute PPR. The contractor will first install all the MALSR approach lights, the in-pavement lights,

and the distance remaining signs. The earthwork portion of the project will start in the spring where we will take dirt from the south side of the current runway and place it southeast of the new runway area to finish the Instrument Landing System (ILS) image forming area. This is simply a very flat area required in front of the ILS antenna. We will also be replacing our airport beacon and the Automated Weather Observation Station later next year.

- John Brye has the grant and the crowd funding in place for the Meese Chapel move. I'm sure you have seen is on social media and even in the news. The hope is to raise \$25,000.00 to match the \$25,000.00 grant.
- The Board elected officers at the January meeting. They remained the same as the prior year with Jess Myers as President, Jerry Korchyk as Vice President, Randy Fox as Secretary and Russ Couchman as Treasurer.
- The Board is currently working with Crown Jewel Marketing on a potential name change for the Airport. There will be a survey going out soon seeking input on various things to include your thoughts on potential names. We ask that you give some thought to what you might like to see the Airport Named Moving Forward. Something that will represent our NE Indiana Region, something that will last, something that might create excitement or draw attention. We never want to lose sight of our Auburn transportation heritage, which is small and vintage aircraft, but we have become a regional jet center and continue to grow. We are classified as a Regional Airport by the FAA. For all these reasons, the Board feels that our current name may not represent us well. We are all looking forward to your thoughts.

Old Business

- None.

MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS-COUNCIL DISCUSSION

ARPA Plan Change Proposal: The Commissioners provided a letter ahead of the meeting of their request to change the original approved ARPA plan. They are seeking approval to make the following changes:

Remove:

- \$600,000 from Sunny Meadows additional funding (keeping \$144,152.89)
- \$500,000 from DCCC solar installation (higher need elsewhere)
- \$425,000 from Drain/Ditch Engineering (on better track)
- \$50,000 from Baker Tilly Fees (no longer anticipating)
- \$379,989.89 from County Dispatch Tower Upgrades (project complete)
- \$100,000 from Courthouse Generator (price lower than planned)

Add:

- \$1,300,000 Bridge #17
- \$150,000 St. Joe Water Project
- \$604,989.89 Jail Chiller repair/purchase (full cost is more than this)

Commissioner President Hartman and Highway Superintendent Ben Parker gave a brief explanation of bridge needs that have arisen that were not expected, with Bridge #17 being a very large expense that cannot be funded within the highway funds. Discussion also took place on the upgrades that have taken place at Sunny Meadows and the known fact that more work will

need to be completed in the future. Richard Ring feels it is too early to move money out of the Sunny Meadows additional funding. Commissioner Hartman and the Commissioners feel there are other needs to be taken care of at this moment. William VanWye expressed that the bridge needs done, and he would not want to hold Ben back from going forward on the bridge needs. Commissioner Hartman also spoke about the changes that have occurred within the Surveyor's office that has excelled the department. Richard Ring asked why the \$500,000 solar for DCC was removed because it was supposed to off-set the high energy cost. Commissioner Hartman explained that he has already met with the new Mayor about the peak charge being removed, as well as the inconsistency of solar production.

William VanWye made a motion to remove the \$600,000 Sunny Meadows additional funding. Amy Prosser seconded and motion passed as follows (4,3)
Rick Collins-no, Amy Prosser-yes, Amy Demske-yes
Robert Krafft-no, William VanWye-yes, Richard Ring-no, David Yarde-yes

Amy Prosser made a motion to remove the \$500,000 DCCC solar installation funding. William VanWye seconded and motion passed as follows (6,1)
Rick Collins-yes, Amy Prosser-yes, Amy Demske-yes
Robert Krafft-yes, William VanWye-yes, Richard Ring-no, David Yarde-yes

Amy Prosser made a motion to remove the \$425,000 from the Drain/Ditch funding. Amy Demske seconded and motion passed as follows (5,2)
Rick Collins-yes, Amy Prosser-yes, Amy Demske-yes
Robert Krafft-yes, William VanWye-no, Richard Ring-no, David Yarde-yes

Rick Collins made a motion to remove the \$50,000 Baker Tilly Fees funding. Robert Krafft seconded and motion passed as follows (7,0)
Rick Collins-yes, Amy Prosser-yes, Amy Demske-yes
Robert Krafft-yes, William VanWye-yes, Richard Ring-yes, David Yarde-yes

Robert Krafft made a motion to remove the \$379,989.89 from County Dispatch Tower funding. Rick Collins seconded and motion passed as follows (7,0)
Rick Collins-yes, Amy Prosser-yes, Amy Demske-yes
Robert Krafft-yes, William VanWye-yes, Richard Ring-yes, David Yarde-yes

Amy Demske made a motion to remove the \$100,00 from Courthouse Generator. Amy Prosser seconded and motion passed as follows (7,0)
Rick Collins-yes, Amy Prosser-yes, Amy Demske-yes
Robert Krafft-yes, William VanWye-yes, Richard Ring-yes, David Yarde-yes

William VanWye made a motion to approve the \$1.3M Bridge #17 project. Amy Prosser seconded and motion passed as follows (6,1)
Rick Collins-yes, Amy Prosser-yes, Amy Demske-yes
Robert Krafft-yes, William VanWye-yes, Richard Ring-no, David Yarde-yes
Richard Ring explained that he voted against because he feels there is not a plan on how the roads are going to be taken care of.

Rick Collins made a motion to approve the \$150k St. Joe Water Project. William VanWye seconded and motion passed as follows (7,0)

Rick Collins-yes, Amy Prosser-yes, Amy Demske-yes

Robert Krafft-yes, William VanWye-yes, Richard Ring-yes, David Yarde-yes

Amy Prosser made a motion to approve the \$604,989.89 for the Jail Chiller repair/purchase project. William VanWye seconded and motion passed as follows (7,0)

Rick Collins-yes, Amy Prosser-yes, Amy Demske-yes

Robert Krafft-yes, William VanWye-yes, Richard Ring-yes, David Yarde-yes

Richard Ring made an amendment to the motion that any left-over monies not spent on the chiller be returned to the ARPA fund. Rick Collins seconded and motion passed as follows (7,0) on amendment

Rick Collins-yes, Amy Prosser-yes, Amy Demske-yes

Robert Krafft-yes, William VanWye-yes, Richard Ring-yes, David Yarde-yes

Wheel Tax: DY explained are a lot of moving pieces to the Wheel Tax plan and that Ben had provided a very good document put together that was provided at the beginning of the Wheel Tax discussion. DY explained some things that have taken place prior to many on the current Council when salt was not available and at premium and with all the moving pieces there is not an easy way to give a set plan. Richard Ring argues that until there is a plan of where the County is going is given to the taxpayers, he would not vote for a Wheel Tax. President Yarde asked President Hartman if additional money would come to the Commissioners/Highway if they would be able to submit a plan to the Council, the answer is yes. Ben Parker will be involved and stood up and stated he has a 5-year plan that must be submitted every year to keep his grant funding. DY asked if Ben is aware of any roads that he needs to take care of that was not in the current plans, and he has many roads that are going to need help addressed due to the freeze and thaw this year that was not in the current plans. Richard Ring said he is not upset or saying anything against anything Ben has done, as he has been excellent with what he has been given. Richard Ring is asking that the Commissioners set a plan of how many roads are going to address each year and at what level will the roads in DeKalb County be maintained. Robert Krafft brought up that fact that when the Wheel Tax was discussed was because there was going to be a shortage of highway funds, and depending on the shortage will determine if a wheel tax is needed or not.

Highway Garage Project Cash Flows: Auditor Sleeper provided a spreadsheet depicting the Highway Garage Project Cash Flows as of 2/6/2024 that shows the County is on track with the funding needed for the project. Currently there are not any 'surprise' expenditures that have come to head and Commissioner Hartman gave a brief update on the status of the project.

Regular Council Meeting paused for a Public Hearing as advertised at 10:00.

MATTER OF IGBD BIOGAS TAX ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

David Yarde asked for Public Comment with no one in the Public stepping forward to speak.

David Yarde closed the public hearing with no public comments.

Regular Council Meeting reconvened after the public hearing was closed.

MATTER OF NORTHEASTERN CENTER 2023 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Steve Howell presented the 2023 Northeastern Center Annual Report to the Council. The report was provided to the Council prior to meeting and presentation and included the following information:

-NEC served a total of 218 residents of DeKalb County for both Mental and Substance Use Disorder Use.

-NEC offers fee assistance to clients based on family income | 42.12% of clients have either none or are self-paid, 37.25% have Medicaid, 12.83% have Commercial/Third-Party, 7.19% have Medicare, and 0.62% have a special type of source.

Community Outreach in DeKalb County include the following:

24-Hour Crisis Line Number: (800) 790-0118 that received approximately 2,258 calls in FY23 with approximately 483 calls from DeKalb County.

Activities:

-24/7 access to services through NEC crisis line

-an 'Open Intake' model which eliminates capacity constraints and wait time

-availability to provide intakes at no cost to individuals

-willingness to accept individuals into treatment regardless of their current stage of change

-provide information to individuals and families anonymously via agency website, phone, or in-person

-collaboration with the medical community and other community partners on disease education, prevention, and treatment

-crisis response to schools as needed (e.g., suicides, death, other potentially traumatic events)

Community Meeting Representation:

-Child Protection Team Meetings | monthly

-Drug-Free DeKalb Meetings | monthly

-DeKalb Probation Meetings | monthly

-Community Corrections Meetings | monthly

-Cultural Competency Meetings | monthly

-Domestic Violence Task Force | monthly

-Interagency Meeting | monthly

-CIT Steering committee | monthly

-DeKalb Co. Mental Health Collaborative Meetings | monthly

Community Partnerships:

-Parenting Assessments, and Court Ordered Visitations

-DeKalb County Drug Court

-School Assistance Program | DeKalb Eastern, Garrett-Keyser Butler, and DeKalb Central

-On-site NEC Staff at both DeKalb Eastern and Garrett-Keyser Butler to assist with student mental health concerns

-Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC)

-QPR Suicide Prevention Training (Question, Persuade and Refer)

Richard Ring made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2023 NEC Annual Report. William VanWye seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENT CHANGE

The DeKalb County Council at their December 12, 2023 meeting had appointed Janis Arrington to the Board of Health as her term expired 12/31/2023. The Board of Health has requested the Council to change their nominee to Mr. Thomas Hollabaugh (whose term appointed by the Commissioners was set to expire 12/31/25), in order for the board to retain both he and Janis on the Board of Health. The appointment regulations allow the County Council to appoint a person with less specific criteria (general public) than for example Janis, who is an RN. By the County Council adjusting their appointment, the Board of Health will be able to complete their Board requirements for the new guidelines from the State Legislature.

Rick Collins motioned to appoint Mr. Thomas Hollabaugh as the DeKalb County Council's appointment to the Board of Health with the expirations of his term remaining at 12/31/25. Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF 2023 COUNTY RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES and TOTAL COMPENSATION:

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve and sign the 2023 County Receipts & Expenditures and Total Compensation Report. William VanWye seconded and all approved.

APPROVAL OF 2023 ANNUAL REPORTS

Richard Ring made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the following reports:

- 2023 Annual Jail Report

- 2023 Homeland Security Report

- 2023 Public Defender's Office Report

William VanWye seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF COMPENSATION/BENEFIT STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT RFQ

A brief discussion took place on the verbiage of the proposed request for quotation and the need to have this completed.

Robert Krafft made a motion for the committee to move forward with sending out the requests for quotes. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF RESOLUTION 2024-RCC-3| CONFIRMATORY (DECLARATORY) RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF AN ERA AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR IGBD, BIOGAS

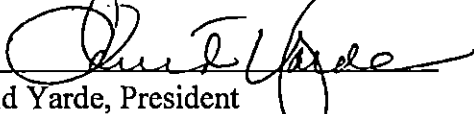
William VanWye made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Tax Abatement Committee of 10% abatement for 10 years. Richard Ring seconded, and motion passed (6,1), with Amy Prosser voting against.

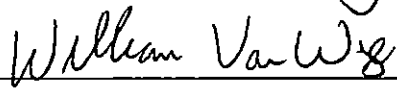
Richard Ring made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-RCC-3, that approves the ERA and grants a 10-year 10% tax abatement. William VanWye seconded, and motion passed (6,1), with Amy Prosser voting against.

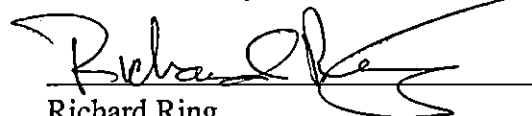
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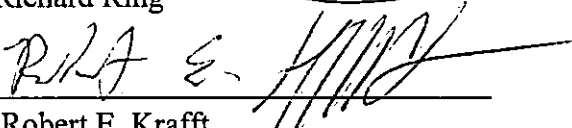
Rick Collins made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

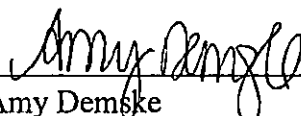
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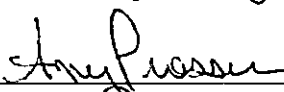

David Yarde, President


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Rick Collins

ATTEST:


Susan Sleeper
DeKalb County Auditor