

DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

July 10, 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

Others present: Auditor Susan Sleeper
Attorney Donald J Stuckey

Amy Prosser opened the meeting with prayer at 9:00 a.m.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Rick Collins made a motion to approve the June 12, 2024, minutes. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve Central Communications' additional appropriation request of \$106,558.50 to equipment account (44430) within the Statewide 911 Fund (1222). Richard Ring seconded and all approved.

Amy Demske made a motion to approve DCCCs additional appropriation request of \$120,000 to the following accounts within the Change Academy School Fund (4116).

Part-time (10750): \$57,412
Juvenile Education Coord. (11443): \$16,083
Juvenile Program Coord. (11492): \$19,044
Benefits paid back to County (12400): \$3,185
Drug Enforcement Testing Supplies (22190): \$200
Incentives (22255): \$500
Laundry/Janitorial Supplies (22270): \$400
Household Supplies (22290): \$500
Other Operating Supplies (22730): \$200
Postage (33220): \$500
Telecommunications (33240): \$2,172
Liability Insurance (33410): \$11,000
Utilities (33540): \$2,500
Building repair & maintenance (33680): \$200
Equipment Rental (33710): \$1,000
Travel/Training/Education (34295): \$1,820

Contractual Services (34330): \$2,234
Computer Equipment (44420): \$1,500
Richard Ring seconded and approved.

Rick Collins made a motion to approve Sunny Meadows Cemetery Fund additional of \$2,000 into other service fees account (32780) in Fund (4121). Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

Richard Ring made a motion to approve Poka-Bache Task Force additional appropriation request of \$50,600 to the following accounts within the Fund 4900.

Software Maintenance (34140): \$1,000
Other Service Fees (32780): \$49,600
William VanWye seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRANSFERS

William VanWye made a motion to approve Circuit Courts transfer request of \$1,000 from postage (33220) to overtime-straight time (11050) within the General Fund (1001). Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

Richard Ring made a motion to approve Central Communications' transfer of \$6,000 from telecommunications (33240) to part-time (10750) within the LIT Public Safety (1170). Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF FINANCIAL REPORT BY FUND

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

MATTER OF AIRPORT UPDATE

Russ Couchman provided the update ahead of the meeting for review that President Yarde read into the minutes:

Council and Commissioner Brief 7/10/2024

New Business

- The 2024 NAVAIDS Relocation Project continues to move along with an anticipated completion date of July 24th. There may be some aspects of the project that push out to August 5th. The goal is to have all the NAVAIDS functional by August 5th so that we can schedule the FAA flight check and meet all of the subsequent deadlines and have our approaches published October 31st of this year.
- We opened bids for the Taxiway A project and the AWOS and Beacon replacement project last month. The Taxiway A project came in below engineers estimates while the AWOS and the Beacon project came in slightly above. We have submitted grant requests for both and expect a grant for each in the September timeframe.
- Every third Friday Sweet Aviation offers lunch to the community. They call it Lunch on the Fly. It's a chance to come out to your airport and talk to pilots and see airplanes, or if you are a pilot,

it's a chance to connect. The last event drew 102 attendees. The next event will be August 16th in the main hangar at 2710 CR 60.

- Our last Young Eagles Event was on June 13th, the VAA Chapter 37 flew 78 kids, 46 were first-time flyers, there were 33 girls and 45 boys.
- Everything is in place for the Horsemen's Association to move Meese Chapel. We have a signed agreement, and all insurance is in place. We understand that they will start to remove the annex in the coming weeks. Their plan is to have the building moved to their property before the snow flies.
- We are getting some prices on constructing new T-hangars. The Board feels that it is time to get rid of the old ugly hangars and construction costs seem to be normalizing.
- The Board may be narrowing in on a new name for the Airport. More to come.

Old Business

- None.

MATTER OF 2024-RCC-6 | CONFIRMATORY Resolution for the Creating of an Economic Revitalization Area and Real Property Tax Abatement for Project Red-AML
Public Hearing was opened at 9:45.

President Yarde asked for Public Comment:

William VanWye is completely in favor of the abatement as this property is zoned industrial and has been empty and now, we have an opportunity to use it and collect taxes. Richard Ring explained the county will still collect the taxes on the land, the abatement will only be on the new facility.

Public Hearing was closed at 9:47.

William VanWye made a motion to approve Resolutions 2024-RCC-6| A CONFIRMATORY Resolution for the Creating of an Economic Revitalization Area and Real Property Tax Abatement. Richard Ring seconded and motion passed (6,1) with Prosser voting against.

MATTER OF 2024-RCC-7 | CONFIRMATORY Resolution Establishing an Economic Revitalization Area and Awarding Real and Personal Property Tax Abatement for the Brand Dairy Farm Project
Public Hearing was opened at 10:00.

President Yarde asked for Public Comment:

No comment from the Public.

Public Hearing was closed at 10:01.

President Yarde then asked if there were any questions from the Council.

**William VanWye made a motion to approve Resolutions 2024-RCC-7| A
CONFIRMATORY Resolution Establishing an Economic Revitalization Area and
Awarding Real and Personal Property Tax Abatement.**

William VanWye explained the dairy industry and if the County has the opportunity from the State to help keep a herd/farm here in DeKalb County then we need to do it. When VanWye graduated high school there were 99 herds in Indiana and it is not down to 6. He also mentioned that if anyone has followed the project this is being built for their sons and grandsons.

Amy Prosser voiced that her vote does not have any reflection on whether she likes or dislikes farmers and does not appreciate the insinuation. VanWye replied "he just made a comment".

Richard Ring understands that Amy Prosser's issue is with tax abatement, not farmers. He went on to explain the history of how the abatement help for the farmers came about. Amy Prosser asked if there are any other types of Federal or State relief for farmers available? William VanWye said there is a push that the farmers have to take insurance out which is not cheap and there used to be programs to guarantee a certain rate and that is now gone.

Richard Ring seconded and motion passed (6,1) with Prosser voting against.

Richard Ring feels it is time for the Tax Abatement Committee to review the Abatement Scoring Sheet and re-evaluate the scoring and amounts since the review sheet has now been used a couple years.

MATTER OF JEFF PETERS FISCAL PLAN REVIEW

Jeff appreciated the time to come and discuss the Fiscal Plan. He would like to get some clarifications on interest earned and the LIT supplemental distributions. Jeff also mentioned that if County's do not take full advantage of what is offered from the State, then we won't get any extra help. DeKalb County currently not participating in Wheel Tax is an example. David Yarde expressed that it is awful that the State is penalizing the counties that aren't taking all the offered money and that is not right. Jeff went over the fiscal plan and mentioned that when looking at the overall funding of the operating funds he projects a small annual cash drain in the General Fund and Health fund but a cash surplus in the Reassessment Fund. He then discussed that the County could allocate levy from the Reassessment Fund to the General and Health Funds to better match revenue to current expenditures levels. Discussion between the Council and Jeff Peters took place.

MATTER OF COMMISSARY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 2024

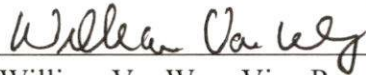
Amy Prosser made a motion to acknowledge receipt of receiving the Commissary Report from the Sheriff. Richard Ring seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Rick Collins made a motion to adjourn at 11:02 a.m. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

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William VanWye, Vice President


Richard Ring

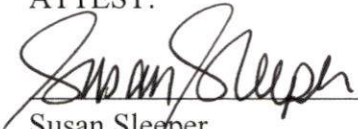

Robert E. Krafft


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Rick Collins

ATTEST:


Susan Sleeper

DeKalb County Auditor

