

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 16, 2024

Commissioners Present: President William L Hartman
 Vice President Michael Watson, arrived at 8:57
 Vice President Todd Sanderson

Others Present: Auditor Susan Sleeper
 Attorney Andrew Kruse

MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

IPEP Work comp has 4 open cases currently with them all being at the Sheriff's Office. Morgan gave an update on recruitment around the County departments. Dotty will begin to review the safety and procedure information that is on the employee intranet. Dotty went over the RX Spend report that has been received from United Healthcare and discussion took place.

MATTER OF MEMORIAL DAY CROSSES REPLACEMENT-VETERAN SERVICES

Ronda Hunkler is letting the Commissioners know that all the white crosses that are displayed by the cannon on the courthouse lawn are deteriorating and she would like to get a plan together on replacing them. Larry and Ronda brought a couple of crosses in for the Commissioners to see that they are made of wood 2x4's wrapped in metal and then stenciled. Ronda called around for quotes and had two vendors that came back and said they were willing to do the project for the County and would only charge for materials. Mark from Mark's Woodshop attended and his idea is to use Vinyl for the material and the crosses will have engraved dates. Bill Vorndran also provided an estimate for the use of PVC-solid core.

Mark's Woodshop estimate came in at \$1,540.80

Bill Vorndran estimated \$250.00 for materials

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve Bill Vondra's PVC option and to purchase date plaques from Award Makers to be paid from Commissioners LITED funds. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES PRESENTATION

Tim Petre and Mike Yoder from Gallagher Benefit Services attended to present what services they can offer. Mike Yoder discussed the employee benefits side of the company and wanted to provide education for all those in attendance and the community.

Richard Ring, Councilman is asking the Commissioners to be careful as the County just went to another insurance model and there is not enough information on the new self-funded plan to know where the County is standing. And if the Commissioners are considering the change of insurance model again there should be a committee put together that includes at least one Council member. The Commissioners agree there needs to be more data with our self-funded plan to know how the County is doing.

Petre says the Liability Insurance for the county has been upside down for many years. Todd Sanderson reminds everyone that a large majority of the increase was due to the increase of assets and the coverage for Sunny Meadows.

Gallagher is requesting an RFQ-Request for Quoting Employee Benefits and Property/Casualty Coverage. The Commissioners are accepting of an analysis of our data, that does not affect our current broker.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Annual Materials Bid Opening: advertised for 10:30 opening

The following bids were received:

Sieber Brothers: #8 Professional Services

Keystone Cooperative: #2 Premium Diesel Fuel: \$2.924 total delivered vs. open market \$2.87

Michael Watson made a motion to approve and lock in the 2025 Diesel Rate at \$2.924. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

Pulver & Sons: #6 Bituminous Mixture

Asphalt Materials: #5 Liquid Bituminous

Clifford Aggregate, Inc.: #3 Aggregate Limestone

Clifford Aggregate, Inc.: #8 Professional Services

Clifford Aggregate, Inc.: #4 Aggregate Gravel

Con-Ag: #3 Aggregate Limestone

API Construction: #6 Bituminous Mixture

Specialties: #11 FDR

Stafford Gravel: #3 Aggregate Limestone & #4 Aggregate Gravel

Great Lakes Chloride, Inc: #7 Liquid Calcium Chloride

Pierceton Trucking Co, Inc: #5 Liquid Bituminous

Hixson Sand & Gravel: #8 Hourly Rates

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Three Rivers Barricade: #9 Pavement Markings

Brooks 1st Construction: #6 Bituminous Mixture

Brooks 1st Construction: #3 Aggregate Limestone

Brooks 1st Construction: #8 Hourly Rates

Air Marking Company: #9 Pavement Markings

Fritch Excavating: #8 Hourly Rates

Accurate Stripping: #9 Pavement Markings

Wayne Asphalt: #6 Bituminous Mixture

Pavement Solutions: #10 Bituminous Mixture Installed

Pavement Solutions: #8 Hourly Rates

Pavement Solutions: #5 Liquid Bituminous

Bailey Aggregates: #3 Aggregate Limestone

Bailey Aggregates: #4 Aggregate Gravel

Bailey Aggregates: #8 Hourly Rates

CBK Enterprises: #3 Aggregate Limestone

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CBK Enterprises: #8 Hourly Rates
Stone Street Quarries: #4 Aggregate Gravel & #3 Aggregate Limestone
ATB: #1 Treated Lumber

Todd Sanderson made a motion to accept the bids presented and for Ben to take the bids under advisement and bring back the recommendations on December 30th. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Misc: Weller installed transfer switch last Saturday, generator should be coming this week and gas tank is installed and approved to be used.

MATTER OF BUSINESS IMPRESSIONS REVIEW OF COPIER CONTRACT

Jeff Bassett provided a list of Xerox Equipment that is ready to renew the leases as well as adding a couple of additional machines. (see list below)

~replace Xerox B8045 at Assessor's Office with Xerox B8245 | lease \$189.54 + black/white cost per copy of \$.0071

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~replace Xerox C8030 at Recoder with C8230 | lease \$157.15 + black/white cost per copy \$.0071, color cost per copy \$.0600

~replace Xerox C8045 at Community Corrections with Xerox C8235 | lease \$200.13 + black/white cost per copy \$.0168, color cost per copy \$.0990

~replace Xerox C505 at Community Corrections with Xerox C415 | lease \$51.74 + black/white cost per copy \$.0168, color cost per copy \$.0990

~replace Xerox C505 at Community Corrections with Xerox B625 | lease \$71.96 + black/white cost per copy \$.0075

~replace Xerox PH3610DN at Sheriff's Office with Xerox B410 | Purchase Price \$900.00, base pay \$10.00 + black/white cost per copy \$.0150

~replace Xerox PH3610DN at Probation with Xerox B410 | Purchase Price \$900.00, base pay \$10.00 + black/white cost per copy \$.0150

2025 Estimated Operation Costs:

Total Maintenance & Cost per Copy: \$39,994.83

Total Leases: \$52,333.08

Total Purchase: \$1,800.00

The Total 2025 Estimated Costs came in at \$94,127.91.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to accept the proposal from Business Impressions. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF WORK COMP RENEWAL-INSURANCE TRUSTEES

Cyber Policy renewal in February coming up and they have already submitted the documents to Baysah Korti.

Kyle Pearson presented the 2025 Work comp insurance proposal. The County is currently with Travelers and is currently at a 1.19 experience modification as compared to 1.28 last year. The proposal included a list of claims for the year 2024, that showed a total of 29 claims which is about a 15% loss ratio. Kyle explained that this number of claims is a little misleading as Dotty's team and employees have done a great job getting the claims reported which is very important. The Estimated Annual Workers Compensation Premiums are as follows:
2024-2025: \$204,255 (IPEP) 2025-2026 (IPEP): \$193,103 2025-2026 (BITCO): \$298,926

Todd Sanderson made a motion to renew the Worker's Compensation Coverage through IPEP with Insurance Trustees. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve payroll for the period of Nov. 17-30, 2024, that processed on December 13, 2024, and was pre-approved by Commissioner Hartman. William Hartman seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the Special Claim run processed on December 4th in amount of \$18,719.79 consisting of warrant #'s 135666 thru 135669 and wire transfer #'s 30412 thru 30416 and General Claims processed on December 9th in the amount of \$1,952,913.27 consisting of warrant #'s 135672 thru 135692 and wire transfer #'s 30418 thru 30666. William Hartman seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the minutes dated December 2, 2024. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Courthouse Benches Plaque: Larry brought in an example of what the plaque could look like with a couple options. One being with brass like the name plates in Commissioners Court. The estimate is around \$100 per plaque.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to go with plaques from award makers that will be an expense to person/family that is purchasing the plaque. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Clerk Microvote Agreement:

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the Microvote Agreement to purchase 84 Infinity Voting Machines, 84 tally cards, removal and recycling of old machines and labor in the amount of \$235,661.44. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

GAL Contract for Services:

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the 2025 Contract for GAL services with Cory Swagger for \$41,000/yr. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Stand Energy Addendum to add Highway:

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the Natural Gas Purchase Agreement Addendum with STAND Energy to add the New Highway Location, meter #G0367169. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Heron Development LOC discussion:

Wayne Asphalt is saying the developer is bankrupt, so they don't have to comply.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to move forward with filing a lawsuit. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Unpaid Innkeeper's Tax Issue:

Ganesh Rao is the name of the gentleman that is not paying the innkeeper's tax, and possibly has a criminal case in Ohio. The Commissioners have an option to file a lawsuit.

Michael Watson made a motion to proceed with a lawsuit for the Baymont Inn's unpaid Innkeeper's tax. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

Drug Free DeKalb Grant Recipient Contract:

Michael Watson made a motion to accept and for the President to sign the Contracts of the Grant Recipients. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

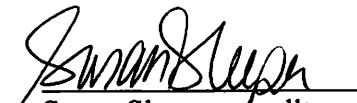
Sheriff Water Softener Quotes:

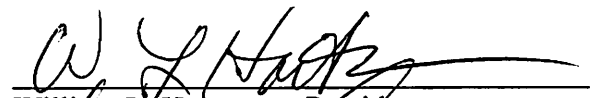
Commissioners would like a 3rd quote and the others to resubmit with expanded information.

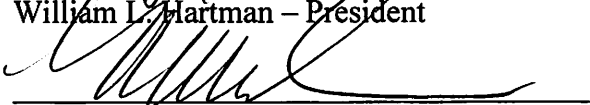
Commissioner Attorney Fee Agreement for 2025:

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the 2025 Commissioner Attorney Fee Agreement in the amount of \$52,000. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Attest:


Susan Sleeper, Auditor


William L. Hartman – President


Michael Watson – Vice President


Todd Sanderson – Vice President