

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 1, 2025

Commissioners Present: President William L Hartman
 Vice President James Miller
 Vice President Kellen Dooley

Others Present: Auditor Susan Sleeper
 Attorney Donald Stuckey

President Hartman opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ST. JOE/SPENCERVILLE SEWER DISTRICT RATE INCREASE PETITION

Attorney Stuckey reviewed the petitions presented and they do not meet the legal requirement, therefore the Commissioners do not have District Authority to act on any decision.

Miller asked what the remedy is at this point. Attorney Stuckey explained next step is appeal to the courts.

Dooley clarified “because the petition does not meet the requirements, legally the Commissioners can’t hold the hearing is that correct? Attorney Stuckey, correct.

Don Martin: 6754 St. Rd 1, Spencerville: states he is not a lawyer and followed what was sent in the notice that stated:

‘Therefore, the lesser of fifty (50) ratepayers of ten (10%) percent of the ratepayers of the District have the right to file a written petition objecting to the rates and changes with a member of the district authority within thirty (30) days from the date of adoption of the Rate Ordinances on March 20, 2025.’

Hartman explained the IC is very specific and it is the petitioners responsibility to look up the requirements to be sure they are meeting specifics.

MATTER OF RESOLUTION 2025-R-6

Auditor Sleeper read the Resolution into the meeting.

Kellen Dooley motioned to approve Resolution 2025-R-6. James Miller seconded and all approved.

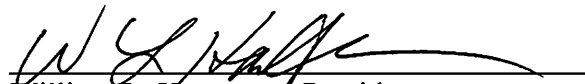
Miller feels bad that this is the avenue that is happening and feels they must allow them to appeal to the courts.

Dooley stated that they held the Sewer District to the standards of the code that needed to be followed, that would go both ways, and the petitioners would need to follow all the standards per code as well. Unfortunately, there was something missing by each party.


MATTER OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR SUNNY MEADOWS

Commissioner Dooley explained there is still insufficient staffing at Sunny Meadows and would like to entertain working with a temporary staffing vendor to help fill open shifts as needed.

James Miller motioned to have a contract with Manpower to help with the staffing issues at Sunny Meadows. Kellen Dooley seconded and all approved.



William L. Hartman - President



James Miller - Vice President



Kellen Dooley - Vice President

Attest:



Susan Sleeper, Auditor