

## DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 27, 2025

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

Others Present: Auditor Susan Sleeper  
Attorney Andrew Kruse

### MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Dotty had sent the Commissioners the Background Check Policy and Procedure verbiage from the handbook with proposed changes due to the guidance of our insurance company. The proposed changes have been reviewed by Attorney Kruse and once approved it will be distributed to all employees.

*James Miller motioned to accept the Background Check Policy and Procedure as presented. Kellen Dooley seconded and all approved.*

Dotty then covered the workers' comp. claims to let everyone know that we are doing very well. A CPR/AED class is being held on June 6<sup>th</sup> and is close to being at the limit of attendees.

Morgan discussed openings around the County departments, and we are currently at zero!! Morgan figured there will need to be 47 additional background checks for an estimated cost of \$1,645, and that will need to be added to their budget. Morgan also got an estimate of the years of service plaques needed for 2026 that came in around \$374, and that will also be added to their budget. Discussion took place on the logistics of presenting the plaques, with the decision being to rotate through the Commissioners to present them. Dotty would also like everyone to keep in mind the parking during fair time and the agreement with the DeKalb County Fair Board. Dotty would also like to suggest more signage in the parking lots to help with the employee parking issues.

### MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Ben Parker came in to give an update on his crew, they are getting busy with chip & seal starting soon, dust control starting around June, and the mowing crew started last week and will continue all summer. James Miller asked if the culvert on CR 35, south of CR 12 was still being replaced and that is being delivered tomorrow to be installed next week. William Hartman asked about the Covered Bridge Roof and Ben said it will be around the end of August.

### MATTER OF PAYROLL

*James Miller made a motion to approve payroll for the period of May 4-17, 2025. Kellen Dooley seconded, and all approved.*

## **MATTER OF CLAIMS**

*Kellen Dooley made a motion to approve General Claims consisting of warrant #136001 thru 136003 in the amount of \$2,000.62, and wire transfer #32412 thru 32542 in the amount of \$1,264,010.40. James Miller seconded, and all approved.*

## **MATTER OF MINUTES**

*Kellen Dooley made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as amended. James Miller seconded, and all approved.*

*James Miller made a motion to approve the minutes dates May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Kellen Dooley seconded and all approved.*

## **MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

### **Health Board Appointments:**

*Kellen Dooley made a motion to appoint Daniel Schmidt to the Board of Health to fulfill Janis Arrington's seat on the board with term ending December 31, 2027. James Miller seconded and all approved.*

*Kellen Dooley made a motion to appoint Nicole Schroeder to the Board of Health to fulfill Andrew Dirckson's seat on the board with term ending December 31, 2028. James Miller seconded and all approved.*

**Misc:** Space Study due June 20<sup>th</sup>, Baymont Issue is set for a hearing on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Country Inn & Suites has had some movement of cleanup, and the County is moving along with the enforcement of the Innkeeper's ordinance, septic system issue with Girod has been reviewed and Attorney Kruse found information and the next step is for the County Attorney to file a lawsuit

### **Matter of Albright Property:**

*James Miller made a motion to move forward with a lawsuit on the Albright Property. Kellen Dooley seconded and all approved.*

### **Matter of CR 35 Property:**

James Miller brought up that the cleanup has pretty much stopped at this point. At this point since a lawsuit has already been filed the County can go after default judgement but would like Jhace to follow up with pictures and discussion with the property owner and provide an update.

### **Sunny Meadows:**

Working through the process, there is not a lot of movement currently but working on a lot in the background with our consultant.





William L. Hartman – President



James Miller – Vice President



Kellen Dooley – Vice President

Attest:



Susan Sleeper, Auditor

