

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

June 1, 2020

Commissioners Present: President William L. Hartman
 Vice President Donald D. Grogg
 Vice President Jacqueline R. Rowan

Others Present: Auditor Jan Bauman

Absent: Attorney James P McCanna

MATTER OF MINUTES

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 26, 2020, as corrected. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve Payroll and Bookkeeper Claims for the month of May 2020, Claims consisting of warrant #130658 through 130659 in the amount of \$93,444.27, and wire transfer #14976 through 14978 in the amount of \$52,436.35, and Claims consisting of warrant #130670 through 130718 in the amount of \$107,578.93, and wire transfer #14976 through 15063 in the amount of \$680,223.05. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUEST

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve the Sheriff's travel request for Sheriff Cserep and Chief Deputy Roger Powers to travel to Bloomington June 4-5 for the COVID-19 Summit. No expenses will be claimed. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF SHERIFF'S DONATION FUND FOR RIFLE VESTS

Donald Grogg made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-R-11, DCC 28-9-8, An Ordinance Establishing a Restricted Fund for the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office to Purchase Rifle Vests, on the second and third readings. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve payroll for the period May 12-25, 2020 as presented. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR AIRPORT TO PURCHASE HALEY PROPERTY

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to allow the Airport to purchase the Haley Property as part of the runway extension project. Donald Grogg seconded, and all approved. This is currently owned by Dennis D. & Nancy L. Haley, 6135 County Road 31, Auburn IN 46706. The parcel number is 06-10-21-101-002.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

A bid package will be ready for the Commissioners' approval next Monday for the resurfacing of County Road 40 between County Road 55 and State Road 1. He distributed copies so everyone has a chance to review it prior to next Monday.

Ben Parker has gotten a complaint from a resident who lives on County Road 63 that they are getting semi traffic. He is concerned about the safety of residents. Mr. Parker told him there is no sign ordinance for that road. And, even with an ordinance, it is difficult to enforce. What defines "truck" traffic, and how could it be specific enough to exempt farm equipment and other vehicles that need to use the road? It's not illegal for the semis to drive on the County roads. The Sheriff does not have the manpower to police the roads for truck traffic. A traffic study would have to be done first before anything can be done.

There was discussion about drainage on County Road 36 and that there is a lot of work that still needs to be done with it. There was also discussion about gravel roads that should be converted to chip and seal when funding is available.

Donald Grogg would like to see a couple of parking lots restriped.

MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO 2020-R-12, UDO #64, REZONING OF 1139 SR 8, GARRETT

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-R-12, UDO #64, Zone Map Amendment Located on 1139 State Road 8 & Adjacent 273' x 423' Property to the West, Garrett, Indiana, rezoning from C2 – Neighborhood Business to R1 – Low Density Residential. Second by Jacqueline Rowan, and all approved. It received a unanimous favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission on May 20, 2020.

MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO 2020-R-13, UDO #65, REZONING OF 5815 CR 35, AUBURN

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-R-13, UDO #65, Zone Map Amendment Located on 5815 County Road 35, Auburn, Indiana, rezoning from A2 – Agricultural to C3 – General Business. Second by Jacqueline Rowan, and all approved. It received a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission on May 20, 2020.

MATTER OF PHP RENEWAL AND ICHRA'S

Alexis Coonan, Kelly Dirksen, and Greg Blythe presented the PHP renewal options for employee health insurance. The renewal rates are very high. Four carriers other than PHP were asked to quote, but two refused due to claims history. The Commissioners don't want to pass along any increase to the employees if possible. ICHRA's were not discussed. In the climate Indiana is in when it comes to the marketplace, Gallagher did not think ICHRA's were something DeKalb County should be looking at, especially this year. Some states are better than others when considering ICHRA's.

Going to one plan actually doesn't decrease the cost, surprisingly. It would be easier to administer, though. If the HSA plan is dropped, the County would have \$80,000 available to offset the increases to the renewal. No decision was made. Gallagher is going to obtain more information. There will be an additional Commissioners' meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the new information and to make a final decision.

MATTER OF PERMISSION FOR DRONE TO PHOTOGRAPH COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

Carolyn Shull from the I.T. Department is asking permission from the Commissioners to allow Jason Slone of Slone, Inc., to be able to operate a drone over DeKalb County Government buildings and land. The purpose is to capture video footage and still photos for the DeKalb County Website and other uses. Ms. Shull has prepared a letter to this effect for the Commissioners to sign if they are agreeable. Donald Grogg made a motion to allow Jason Slone to operate a drone over County property in order to take video and still photographs for the County Website through the end of July 2020, and for all three to sign. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

A new idea has arisen for relocating Development Services from their building that is in need of major repairs. Larry Lane spoke on his suggestion of moving around the Probation storage to the current building for Development Services, and then Development Services going to Probation’s current storage room which is on the main floor. Probation is concerned about not having enough room for growth. Michael Lapham is anticipating hiring two new officers. Another option is to convert the Red Room. Would the current Development Services building need to be repaired either way since the building will need to be kept for employees or for storage. Other possibilities, perhaps remote, are building in the parking lot across from Development Services or filling in the alcove between the Annex and Development Services buildings. The first thing that should be done is check the roof on the Development Services building. An estimate for the roof will be obtained. Chris Gaumer would like to have an air conditioning unit added before it gets too hot. Larry Lane found one that should work. Donald Grogg made a motion to allow Larry Lane to purchase the air conditioning window unit for Development Services. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Other discussion topics included: newsletter in lieu of department head meeting; Hep B vaccines; potential regional sewer district; covered bridge fundraiser, donation ordinance, grant; CARES and FEMA funding for COVID-19 and the Economic Development Partnership; possibly putting the Surveyor’s Office on a 40-hour work week; cross training the Drainage Board secretary; and Community Corrections utilities and punch list open items.

William L. Hartman - President

Donald D. Grogg – Vice President

Jacqueline R. Rowan – Vice President

Attest:

Jan Bauman, Auditor