

## **DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

August 2, 2021

Commissioners Present:           President William L. Hartman  
  Vice President Michael Watson  
  Vice President Todd Sanderson

Others Present:                   Auditor Jan Bauman  
  Attorney James P McCanna

### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Todd Sanderson made a motion to accept the 3-year Maintenance Bond for \$18,435 for Stonebridge Estates, Section I & Villas of Stonebridge Estates. Seconded by Michael Watson, and all approved. This is for the period July 19, 2021 to July 19, 2024.

Todd Bowers would be happy to do the architectural design for Henderson property. Town Manager Pam Howard had said that the Town will need a full development plan from the County for the property.

There have been requests by San Giovanni Estates, located at County Road 17 between County Road 11A and County Road 66, to have the County chip and seal the road in that development. Mr. Parker said that before we can chip and seal it we will need to apply calcium as a first step in the process and have them get more of their development construction completed so the trucks don't tear up the roads. We believe by applying the calcium it will show our commitment toward the eventual chip and sealing of the road.

### **MATTER OF MINUTES**

Michael Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from July 26, 2021 as presented. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Michael Watson made a motion to approve Payroll and Bookkeeper Claims from the month of July 2021, and Special Claims for the week of August 2, 2021. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF RESURRECTING THE PATI SYSTEM**

Treasurer Sandi Wilcox requested to resurrect the former Public Access Tax Information (PATI) Software system we used several years ago. It was originally created in Allen County, and we were allowed to tag along and customize it for our needs. The software is geared toward the Treasurer's Office and its patrons. The version that we were using eventually was no longer supported by Microsoft or Allen County. As a result, we shifted to Schneider Beacon. However, it has limitations, and to get the things that the Treasurer would like to offer for the general population, it is cost prohibitive. Furthermore, there are some features they simply can't provide that the Treasurer would like.

A couple of years ago LOW Associates worked with Allen County to resurrect the PATI system and now has about 25 counties that use it. It is now called LOW Tax. Having it will help the Treasurer's Office be more efficient and provide better information to patrons. The up front cost is normally \$20,000, but LOW will apply a 50% discount for us to bring it down to \$10,000. The annual cost will be \$10,000.

This will be another way for constituents to get better information on their property. Beacon Schneider doesn't handle splits, combinations, or annexations very well. Taxpayers will be redirected to the PATI site to pay taxes. The PATI site will also flag reconstruction projects rather than having them be surprises to taxpayers. If the Commissioners are agreeable to committing to signing a contract eventually, Ms. Wilcox will put this in her 2022 budget. Todd Sanderson made a motion to engage the PATI project pending Council approval of an appropriation. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF CREDIT CARD FOR I.S. DEPARTMENT SHIPMENT OF PACKAGE**

Todd Sanderson made a motion to allow the I.S. Department to use the Auditor's County credit card to pay for the shipping on the return of a defective hard drive at a substantial savings to the County. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Michael Watson to approve the following travel as requested:

- 1) Mike Watson (Commissioner) to travel to Indianapolis on September 1<sup>st</sup> for Farm Bureau Drainage School. Estimated cost of \$235.52 to be paid from Commissioners' travel.
- 2) Mike Watson (Commissioner) to travel to Fort Wayne on August 4<sup>th</sup> for the Broadband Roundtable with Lt. Governor on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Estimated cost of \$27.65 to be paid from Commissioners' travel.
- 3) Dave Cserep (Sheriff) to travel to Plainfield August 2-4 for the Indiana Sheriff Conference. Estimated cost of \$764 to be paid from Commissioners' travel.

Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF 2022 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE**

##### **JANUARY**

1/3/2022  
1/10/2022  
1/24/2022  
1/31/2022

##### **FEBRUARY**

2/7/2022  
2/14/2022  
2/28/2022

##### **MARCH**

3/7/2022  
3/14/2022  
3/21/2022  
3/28/2022

##### **APRIL**

4/4/2022  
4/11/2022  
4/18/2022  
4/25/2022

##### **MAY**

5/2/2022  
5/9/2022  
5/16/2022  
5/23/2022

##### **JUNE**

6/6/2022  
6/13/2022  
6/20/2022  
6/27/2022

##### **JULY**

7/11/2022  
7/18/2022  
7/25/2022

##### **AUGUST**

8/1/2022  
8/8/2022  
8/15/2022  
8/22/2022  
8/29/2022

##### **SEPTEMBER**

9/12/2022  
9/19/2022  
9/26/2022

**OCTOBER**

10/3/2022  
10/10/2022  
10/17/2022  
10/24/2022  
10/31/2022

**NOVEMBER**

11/7/2022  
11/14/2022  
11/21/2022  
11/28/2022

**DECEMBER**

12/5/2022  
12/12/2022  
12/19/2022

The first meeting in January 2023 will be on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the 2022 Commissioner Meeting Schedule as presented. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

**MATTER OF FEE FOR SERVICES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Michael Watson motioned to approve the fee for services for the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership, Inc., for 2021, in the amount of \$91,097. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

**MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

Other discussion topics included: economic development agreements to be included in the solar ordinance; appraisal being done on 220 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street Building; pole barn lighting, remotes, concrete; broadband; Community Corrections plumbing; Commissioners attending department budget presentations; calculation for revenue loss for ARP.

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William L. Hartman – President

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Michael Watson – Vice President

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Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:

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Jan Bauman, Auditor