

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

September 13, 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 release the performance bond for Bear Creek Section 8 and to waive the maintenance bond for Bear Creek Section 3. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved. The waiver was done because the performance bond was carried on for the entire 3 years a maintenance bond would have been required, and a performance bond costs much more than a maintenance bond. Todd Sanderson made the motion to accept the maintenance bond for Section 8 of Bear Creek. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the Special Extra Heavy Duty Vehicle Permit #7-2021 for Maxim Crane Works between October 15-October 22, 2021. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved. The designated route will be North drive into SDI complex from County Road 55 to the South drive into the SDI complex. This move is on County Road 55 between County Road 40 and State Road 8. This DOES NOT permit crossing the bridge on County Road 55.

The used guard railing the City of Auburn has offered to sell us is in 25 foot sections and looks in good condition. The Mayor thought the \$5 per foot we offered was a fair price. This will cost us \$910 total.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to sign the bid documents for Bridge #46 on County Road 15 to go out for bids. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

There was more discussion about the tile issues on County Road 55 that were brought up on August 30th. The 36" pipe is going to be pulled so a 48" pipe can be installed. A new catch basin structure is being made also. The property owner had filled in the ditch and blocked our 36" pipe with a steel plate. He changed the watershed. There is going to be both material and labor costs involved in these repairs. The Commissioners will be working through the legality of the issue.

There was discussion about possibly creating an ordinance to allow digging underneath County roads under certain conditions. There are going to be more and more requests come forth as solar projects become prevalent. The biggest concern is figuring out how to prevent people from digging up private electric lines that the utility companies cannot locate.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Michael Watson made a motion to approve Payroll and Bookkeeper Claims for the month of August 2021, and General Claims consisting of warrant #132322 through 132372 in the amount of \$155,380.79, and wire transfer #18839 through 18937 in the amount of \$259,593.65 as presented. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve payroll for the period August 15-28, 2021. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Kellie Knauer said that rather than allow vending machines, the Sheriff now believes it is sufficient to have a once or twice weekly order through his commissary vendor to provide for the residents. She disagrees. The people in her program are not inmates. By statute she must be able to provide over-the-counter medications to people in the Community Transitional Program. This doesn't work if the person needs medication before they have even had a chance to place their order or before their order has arrived. Also, all residents are each assigned a receiver. It's a radio, alarm clock, it accesses the television and the sound to the television. It requires batteries. Without the receiver there would be a couple of televisions blaring and no way for them to wake themselves up. Batteries would not even be offered as an option by the Sheriff for Community Corrections' residents to order. The Commissioners will ask Sheriff Cserep if he could give his thoughts about the decision not to allow vending machines at Community Corrections.

There is going to be a big increase with the garbage cost through Washler at Community Corrections. By going to Noble County Disposal, it would \$238.60 per year savings. Todd Sanderson is going to call Washler to see what kind of county-wide pricing can be locked in for departments.

Next Kellie Knauer provided a list of maintenance needs for the remainder of 2021. She explained each one. She provided a copy of the transfers she plans to request of Council. She also anticipates needing to request a \$21,000 additional appropriation from the Correctional Facilities Local Income Tax Fund to cover costs through the end of the year. Auditor Bauman explained that the Commissioners don't have any say over that fund. It is separate from the LITED fund.

Finally, there are two housing units still not functional yet at Community Corrections because of repairs Mosaic says they will be making but they aren't getting them done. In addition to waiting on the showers and the shower floors to be fixed, there are also lights that are starting to break away at Community Corrections that had been improperly secured. Ms. Knauer said that the lighting could be have been worked on while the two units are sitting empty right now. There is only so long until housing is going to be a big problem because all of the units are not functional. Auditor Bauman said it is very important that this project is completed and off the County's books by the end of 2021. Currently there is still money sitting in the bond project fund, and, the project is in Construction in Progress on the Capital Asset Report. If the project is not closed out in 2021, taking it into 2022 will be year 5. The Commissioners will be sending notice to Mosaic.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Michael Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from August 30, 2021, as presented. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve travel as submitted.

- 1) Ryan Hull, Jonnie LaRow, and Bailey Gasper (Probation) to travel to Brown County October 6-8 for ICCADS Fall Training. Estimated cost of \$1,466 to be paid from department travel.
- 2) Jan Bauman, Susan Sleeper, and Carla Winebrenner (Auditor) to travel to Indianapolis October 19-22 for the Indiana Auditors' Association Fall Conference. Estimated cost of \$1,960.80 to be paid from State Called Meetings.

- 3) Bret Parker (Sheriff) to travel to South Bend for State mandated training on September 14th. No expenses will be claimed.
- 4) Ronda Hunkler (VSO) to travel to Indianapolis for fingerprinting training on September 15th. Estimated cost of \$127.60 to be paid from department travel.
- 5) Neal Blythe (Prosecutor) to travel to Indianapolis for the 2021 Juvenile Summit on September 24. Estimated cost of \$262.48 to be paid from department travel.
- 6) Donald Shively (Prosecutor) to travel to Indianapolis for the 2021 Juvenile Summit on September 24. Estimated cost of \$403.48 to be paid from department travel.
- 7) Mike Watson (Commissioner) to travel to Florence for the AIC Conference September 20-23. Estimated cost of \$785.60 to be paid from Commissioners' travel.

Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY

Michael Watson made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-R-19, DeKalb County Code 26-9-1-1, DeKalb County Commissioners, An Ordinance Establishing DeKalb County, Indiana, as a Broadband Ready Community on first reading. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NO PARKING POLICY

Michael Watson made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-R-20, DeKalb County Code 9-1-4-3, DeKalb County Commissioners, An Ordinance To Establish a No Parking Policy on DeKalb County Owned Parking Lots on first reading. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

Michael Watson made a motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance No. 2021-R-20 by title only for approval on second and third readings. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

Michael Watson made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 2021-R-2020, DeKalb County Code 9-1-4-3, DeKalb County Commissioners, An Ordinance To Establish a No Parking Policy on DeKalb County Owned Parking Lots on second and third readings. William Hartman seconded, and all approved.

This ordinance will be advertised so it can be in effect in time for the DeKalb County Fair.

MATTER OF SIGNING TITLE FOR SHERIFF VEHICLE GOING TO AUCTION

Todd Sanderson made the motion to sign the title for the 2016 Dodge Charger VIN # ending 3543 so it can be taken to auction. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF JAIL COMMITTEE

The Commissioners reviewed floor plan drawings and exterior material options for a new jail.

Elevatus is reviewing two proposals for topography boundary surveys to make sure each company is going to be responsive. Mr. Vie would like the Commissioners to think about how they would like the civil engineer to eventually be invoiced—directly to the County, or through Elevatus. There would be no upcharge through Elevatus.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Other discussion topics included: refrigerator and Prosecutor's Office; and placement of generator during Fair Week;

William L. Hartman – President

Michael Watson – Vice President

Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:

Jan Bauman, Auditor