

## **DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

December 27, 2021

Commissioners Present: Vice President Michael Watson  
Vice President Todd Sanderson

Others Present: Auditor Susan Sleeper  
Attorney James P McCanna

Absent: President William L. Hartman

### **MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

Dotty informed the Commissioners that at Central Communications there has been a 'non-policy' on their employees to come to work in time to be ready to work at the shift start. Recently, Brian and Tiffany wanted to formalize the policy on when the employees should arrive and signed in to systems and ready to perform their job at their start of the system. One of the Central Communications employee brought to Brian's attention court case Koch vs. Jerry W. Bailey Trucking, that according to the labor law attorney would apply and that we should be compensating the employees when they log in to systems, NOT at the beginning of their shift. The labor law attorney suggested using a time-keeping system. Auditor Sleeper said she would be willing to try Brian's department to try the Precinct Manager system that is used at Community Corrections to see if the system would be more user friendly if it were to be set up correctly from the start up. Brian will get with Jack Smith and see what the process entails. The Commissioners direction is for Brian to have his policy state that his employees come in 5 minutes prior to start time.

OSHA Vaccine Mandate update on testing, IF the mandate is voted in that the County has to abide by. The Supreme Court is set to hear the sides of the mandate on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The effort to be prepared is all that the County can do at this point to be prepared if passed.

Other discussion: EEO4 report, remaining luncheons, and openings across the County departments.

### **MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS**

Todd Sanderson made a motion to make the appointments to the following boards, with the Drainage Board: Ag Representative to be appointed in January 2022:

Airport Authority Board: Randy Fox	2022-2025
Alcohol & Tobacco Commission: Terry Rayle	2022
Board of Zoning Appeals: Frank Pulver	2022
Council on Aging Board: Dale Hummer	2022
Drainage Board: Admin. Asst.: Michelle Lassiter	open-ended
Drainage Board: Citizen Rep.: Jim Miller	2022-2023 (Krehl not finishing his term)
Drainage Board: Ag. Representative: OPEN	1/1/22 – 12/31/22 (Deetz not finishing his term)
Hamilton Extra-Territory Jurisdiction: Herb Howard	2022-2025
Health Department Board: Thomas Hollabaugh	2022-2025
Health Department Board: Dr. Emilio Vazquez	2022-2025
Health Department Board: Justin Clark	Oct. 25, 2021-2022 (completing Robert Wilson's term)

Plan Commission: Taiylor Hollis	2022-2025
PTABOA Board: Charlotte Suntken	2022
PTABOA Board: Ron Dicke	2022
PTABOA Board: Linda Middleton	2022
Public Defender Board: Kent Likes	2022-2024
Redevelopment Commission: David Swogger	2022
Redevelopment Commission: Wilford Hohler	2022
Redevelopment Commission: Kevin Webb	2022
Tourism Commission: Brenda Lockhart	2022-2023

Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

For the PTABOA Board, Assessor Stonebraker has done all she could to find qualified candidates who are Democrats. Todd Sanderson motioned to waive the political party requirement. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

Todd Sanderson motioned to waive the level 2 or 3 certification due to the lack of qualified individuals holding the certification. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Ben reported that he received notice from INDOT that the County Bridge Inspections will go out next week. Other discussion: the overpass on CR 47 bridge logistics, highway fees and permits,

#### **MATTER OF 2020 HIGHWAY MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES BIDS**

Bids were due today by 10:00 a.m. to be opened at 11:00 a.m. as advertised and Ben Parker opened all bids during the Commissioners' meeting. The following companies submitted bids: **(The 3 fuel bids are in bold below)**

Pulver & Sons Asphalt Materials, Inc. (Item #6 and #8)

Wolf Lake Gravel (Item #4)

Victory Trucking & Supply, Inc. (Item #9)

Wayne Asphalt & Construction Co, Inc. (Item #6)

Brooks 1<sup>st</sup> Construction Co, Inc. (Item #3, #6 and #8)

API Construction Corp. (Item #6)

Stone Street Quarries, Inc. (Item #4)

Hixson Sand & Gravel, Inc (Item #3, #4, and #8)

Bailey Aggregates, LLC (Item #3)

Irving Sand & Gravel, Inc. (Item #3, #4, and #8)

Fritch Construction (Item #8)

Great Lakes Chloride, Inc (Item #7)

Pierceton Trucking Co, Inc (Item #5)

Stafford Gravel (Item #3 and #4)

American Timber Bridge (Item #1)

Stone Co. of Michigan (Item #4)

**Ceres Solutions (Item #2): \$2.887 contract delivered, winter blend \$3.002, open market \$2.866, open market winter blend \$2.981**

Knott Drainage & Excavating (Item #8)

**Gladieux (Item #2): \$3.011 contract delivered, winter blend contract \$3.2011, open market \$2.8661, open market winter blend \$2.9661**  
**Petroleum Traders Corp. (Item #2): \$3.0640 contract delivered, winter blend \$3.1140, open market \$0.6290 added to rack price, open market winter blend \$0.6790 added to rack price.**

Todd Sanderson made a motion to award the fuel contract today to Ceres Solutions to lock in the price at \$2.887 for diesel delivered and \$3.002 for winter blend for the period of January 15, 2022 to January 15, 2023. Mr. Parker indicated that he has received very good service from Ceres, and he has received very good fuel from them in the past. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to receive all bids for materials and supplies and refer them to Ben Parker to be studied and verified and to be brought back to the Board of Commissioners on Monday, January 10, 2022 with a recommendation. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF PAYROLL**

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve payroll for the period December 5-18, 2021. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF MINUTES**

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the minutes dated December 20, 2021 as submitted. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

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

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the following travel request:

- 1) Angela Sorg, Rachel Dillhoff & Dr. Angie Abbott to attend Indiana State Dept. of Ag Meeting in Indianapolis held on October 21, 2021. Estimated cost of \$119.68 paid by Department Travel.
- 2) Kelly Morris to attend the Winter Prosecutor's Conference in Indianapolis held on December 6, 2021. Estimated cost of \$417.04 paid by Department Travel.
- 3) Richard Ring to attend the 2022 AIC Legislative Conference in Indianapolis held on January 25-26, 2022. Estimated cost of \$356.48 to be paid from Commissioners Travel.
- 4) Effie Campbell to attend Youth Development Academy in Noblesville held on Jan. 25-27, 2022 AND Feb. 22-24, 2022. Estimated cost of \$220.00 to be paid from Department Travel.

Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FINAL PAYMENT APPROVAL:**

Todd Sanderson made a motion that the Commissioners are able to approve the final payment via email once the amount has been agreed upon by Jake Fetters, Tony Vie and Susan Sleeper. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

**MATTER OF LAST MEETING**

Michael Watson said that it has certainly been a challenging year and that he has enjoyed working with all of us. Jim McCanna agreed with the statement as well as Todd Sanderson.

**MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

Topics included: ARP Meeting, re-organization in January, procurement policy, leases for highway buildings, 3 tax sale properties to send noticing, and the building study.

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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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Susan Sleeper, Auditor