

## **DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

January 3, 2022

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

Others Present:                Auditor Susan Sleeper  
   Attorney James P McCanna

### **MATTER OF REORGANIZATION**

Todd Sanderson motioned to nominate William Hartman as President, and for Michael Watson and Todd Sanderson to serve as Vice Presidents; discussion took place on whether there would be an opponent against William Hartman and whether or not he would be rerunning. William Hartman feels he has done a good job and that either of the Vice Presidents could step in at any time and could handle the position. William Hartman seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

We are waiting for the Supreme Court decision on the possible mandatory testing requirement. Dotty is still working on the logistics of testing in case the mandate takes hold.

Other discussion: openings across the county, community corrections job fair, ACA reporting, EEO-4 reporting, central communications updating protocol for clocking in and out, and a few more luncheons.

### **MATTER OF LARE GRANT**

Nellie Peffley explained that we are currently in the design phase of the Cedar Creek Stream Stabilization Project and has come to request the support from the Commissioners. Nellie is working with the City of Auburn Parks Department and Nate Frye from the County Surveyors office to potentially obtain some in-kind cost savings. The estimated construction cost from Flatland is \$176,227.12. The City of Auburn is on board with applying for the next phase of the LARE Grant that is due January 15, 2022. The LARE Grant pays 80%, with a 20% match. The 20% match is currently paid in equal parts (10%) by the City of Auburn and (10%) by DeKalb County. Nate Frye explained to the Commissioners the logistics of the project.

Todd Sanderson made a motion in support of the LARE Grant application process moving forward with the City of Auburn to meet the January 15, 2022 deadline. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

### **MATTER OF RULE 5 FEE**

Nellie Peffley came to request to set a fee schedule for Rule 5 for the review of all Construction/Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans throughout the County. Currently there are no fees collected for anything outside the City of Auburn. The Soil & Water Board is ok with the fee schedule and Soil & Water is requesting the acceptance from the Commissioners as well. Surrounding Counties are implementing fees for this type of work. Discussion took place and the Commissioners would like to review this for a week and decide next week.

### **MATTER OF LAREDO USER ACCESS SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT**

Leta Hullinger explained to the Commissioners what the Laredo system is used for and that it is becoming even more popular because DeKalb County is now indexed back over 100 years.

Michael Watson made a motion to accept and for the president to sign Laredo User Access Subscription Agreement, with the termination notice changing from 10 days to 30 days by either party. This agreement is on-going until a change needs made. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

### **MATTER OF HIRING A SEASONED PROBATION OFFICER**

Michael Lapham was in to discuss his department having a Probation Officer leave to pursue their career with different aspects. Michael has now been able to view how the dynamics in his office is working to particularly focus some knowledge in the Addictions Treatment Court area. Michael has found someone that is tenured but now Michael Lapham needs to make DeKalb County Probation Department look attractive for this particular employee. Michael would like to negotiate the number of paid days this potential employee would be coming with to be put in the DeKalb County repository that ends December 31, 2024, so if the employee leaves the County is not held liable for those days. Michael Watson feels the cost to train a new employee would far exceed the cost of bringing in this seasoned employee and add days to the repository bank.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve Michael Lapham to hire the employee and allow the 84 hours PTO time to be put in repository. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Ben has three bids that are missing information and would like to know how the Commissioners would like to handle these. The Commissioners are accepting of those that did not submit proof of insurance to send it, but the bids that are NOT on the State Required Form #95 shall be rejected.

Other discussion: County Wide Bridge Inspection RFP is due in Auditor's office on January 28<sup>th</sup>, and architect for Highway Department.

### **MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Michael Watson made a motion to approve Payroll and Bookkeeper claims for the month of December 2021 and to approve General Claims consisting of warrant #'s 132671 thru 132689 in the amount of \$39,262.86, and wire transfer #'s 19865 thru 19956 in the amount of \$587,177.34. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF MINUTES**

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the minutes dated December 27, 2021 as submitted. Michael Watson seconded, and approved with William Hartman abstaining

### **MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS**

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

- 1) Dotty Miller to attend the Northeast Indiana Human Resource Association Meeting on Employment Law and Legal Updates held at the Allen Co. Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne on January 10, 2022. Estimated cost of \$17.34 to be paid by department travel.
- 2) Michael Kline to attend the Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors Annual Convention held in Indianapolis on January 12-14, 2022. Estimated cost of \$746.20 to be paid from the Elected Officials Continuing Education Fund #1217.

Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

**MATTER OF OFFICIALS' BONDS FOR APPROVAL**

Michael Watson made a motion to approve the following officials' bonds for 2020: blanket bond for all County employees (\$5,000 each), Clerk Holly Albright (\$120,000), Coroner Michael Gerber (\$15,000), Auditor Susan Sleeper (\$30,000), Treasurer Sandra Wilcox (\$300,000), Recorder Leta Hullinger (\$15,000), and Sheriff David Cserep (\$30,000), and for all three to sign. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

**MATTER OF RESOLUTION 2022-R-1**

Michael Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-R-1, a Resolution Authorizing County Purchases for Breakrooms in Department Offices. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

**MATTER OF SHERIFF CREDIT CARD USE REQUEST**

Sheriff Cserep was in to request one of his officers to take a test to fly the departments drone thru Ivy Tech at the cost of \$175.00.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the Sheriff to use his County credit card to pay for the Drone Pilot test at Ivy Tech for Deputy Elliott. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

**MATTER OF COMMISSARY REPORT FOR JULY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2021**

The Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the Commissary report from the Sheriff.

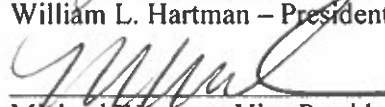
The Sheriff has been providing the startup kits for Community Correction residents with the money that was received from Community Corrections when their commissary combined with the Sheriffs account.

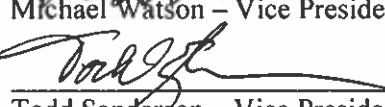
The Sheriff has an idea of utilizing the range with the use of Commissary dollars to show the citizens of DeKalb county that their second right amendment is being considered.

**MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

Topics included: 220 Building damage, soil & water fees discussion, Krafft property, and CR 55 ditch appointment

  
William L. Hartman – President

  
Michael Watson – Vice President

  
Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:

  
Susan Sleeper, Auditor

