

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 28, 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 INSURANCE RENEWAL

Kyle Pearson handed out the Insurance Renewal Proposal for the County and explained the document. Kyle and Mike did not feel the initial renewal was the best that could be given by Liberty Mutual at 8.1% but is the best option at this time due to the Sunny Meadow medications, Change Academy teacher, and the Jail. Property increased by 4%, due to inflation but may not be enough at the end of the day but will help to not get too far behind. Insurance Trustees will work with the departments on inventories. The total premium for 2022-2023 came in at \$372,456.

The IPEP Safety Grant for \$26,400 for Coroner was awarded.

MATTER OF CITY OF GARRETT EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

Chris Gaumer presented the Inter-Local agreement and went over the document. Garrett City Planner Milton Otero gave a shout out to Chris Gaumer's help in all of this. The Garrett City Mayor also thanked all involved.

Michael Watson made a motion to approve the Inter-Local Cooperation Agreement between DeKalb County and the City of Garrett, Indiana Regarding Planning, Zoning, Subdivision Control, Permitting, and Enforcement Jurisdiction. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Dotty Miller gave an update on the various openings around the County and that the Advisory Board for Community Corrections is working on getting the Executive Director position filled. Dotty also talked about the worker compensation claims and the majority that happen are part of the nature of the job. Dotty looked into an 8-hour workday last week and there would be about 60 employees that a change of this type would affect, after carving out the Salary/exempt employees and those already working 40+ hours. Anthem will be meeting with HR for a quarterly update and there will be a discussion on the possibility of a premium deduction for years of service. A small discussion took place on the upcoming insurance renewal.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

There was an accident on CR 11A on 2/19/22, the quote for repair is \$4,487, Ben is hoping for reimbursement from Insurance but is asking where this will be funded until the reimbursement is received.

Michael Watson made a motion for Ben to proceed with the repair of the damaged light pole on CR 11A that took place on 2/19/22 and to be paid from LITED #24. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

Bridge #9: Everything is in line to Bid, but DNR is behind and has not approved a permit that is needed. Ben has consulted with USI on the possibility of deeming an emergency to proceed without the permit. Ben will discuss with USI more on this topic.

Discussion took place on a Construction Manager for the Highway department project and a 5 person committee.

Ben Parker presented a plaque to Dennis Ferguson for his 42 years of service on behalf of the Highway, County and County Commissioners.

MATTER OF COUNTY HOME CEMETERY FENCE

Todd Sanderson made a motion for the president to sign the Agreement for Purchase and Installation of Fencing for Sunny Meadows Memorial Garden. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Michael Watson made a motion to approve February 2022 Bookkeeper and Payroll claims along with Special claims in the amount of \$152,730.55 consisting of warrant #'s 132833 thru 132838 and wire transfer #'s 20274 thru 20276 that were processed on 2/16/2022 and General claims processed on 2/28/2022 in the amount of \$860,524.22 consisting of warrant #'s 132850 thru 132858 and wire transfer #'s 20279 thru 20425. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the minutes dated February 14, 2022 with the date change. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

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

- 1) Jessica Stanczak and Bernie Sukala to attend the Regional Round Up Food Safety Training held in Huntington on March 7, 2022. Estimated cost of \$0.00 to be paid from Departmental Travel.
- 2) Susan Sleeper, Carla Winebrenner & Leta Hullinger to attend the AIC Northeast Regional Meeting held at the Eagle Glen Even Center in Columbia City on March 30, 2022. Estimated cost of \$135.00 to be paid for from County Elected Officials Training Fund.
- 3) Leta Hulling to attend the Indiana Recorder Conference held in Indianapolis on April 19-21, 2022. Estimated cost of \$1,025.48 to be paid for from County Elected Officials Training Fund.
- 4) M. Hausbach, K. Thomas, S. Branscum, L. Passwater, & C. Sparkman to attend the Annual Child Support Conference held in French Lick on June 7-10, 2022. Estimated cost of \$3,001.76 to be paid from Department Travel.
- 5) Sgt. Matt Tamez to attend Indiana Case Law on July 21, 2022 held at Auburn PD Training Facility. Registration fee only to be paid from Department Travel.

Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF EVAPAR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Michael Watson made a motion to approve and the president to sign the Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Evapar for 5 generators listed below in the amount of \$3,200.00 which consists of two visits per year and covering from March 25, 2022 to March 24, 2023. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

Jail: Cat-SR4-2WB01478

Health: Generac-QT048-5937387

Annex: Generac-QT48-5127720

Central (911); Baldor-IGLC-350-P1101950001

Sunny Meadows: Onan-HHHE5930301-I07012554

MATTER OF SNOW PLOWING AT SUNNY MEADOWS

Michael Watson made a motion for Jim Irving to plow at Sunny Meadows for \$120.00 per snowfall. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF NEW/USED FLOOR SCRUBBER

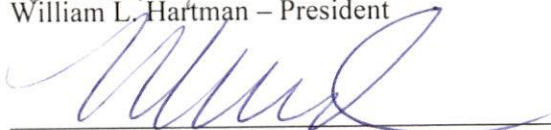
Larry proposed the option of purchasing a T300 floor scrubber; he has found a nice used option that only has 118 hours on it for \$5,650 with a year warranty, new batteries, with new scrub pads and the company that we are purchasing it from would be willing to help with any questions that may arise. A brand new scrubber would cost \$9762.00.

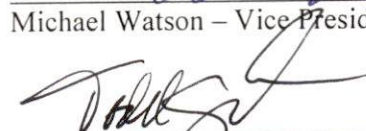
Todd Sanderson made a motion for Larry to purchase the used T300 floor scrubber to be paid from LITE #61. Mike Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Topics included: 220 Building, new cameras should be done this week, motion switches to annex buildings, ATV ordinance discussion, Krafft property, Leeward Renewable Energy,


William L. Hartman – President


Michael Watson – Vice President


Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:


Susan Sleeper, Auditor