

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 14, 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 HUMAN RESOURCES

Dotty had previously sent an email going over the Anthem meeting that took place and she discussed some of the highlights of the meeting. Dotty also discussed employment changes across the County Departments.

MATTER OF CODE ENFORCEMENT | 4953 COUNTY RD 35, AUBURN

The property at 4953 County Rd. 35, Auburn owned by Jacobs, Jodi L. and Aikins, Robert G. as joint tenants was visited by Auburn Electric, whom then contacted the building inspector for an inspection of the property. Code Enforcement Officer Paul White visited the property and took pictures of the violations. Paul has sent notice on December 2, 2021, January 12, 2022 and March 2, 2022 and at one time had an agreement with Robert that his friend would be helping clean the property. At this time the Commissioners would like Paul to find out the date Robert will return home from work-release and give him 10 days to make a decent head way before taking further action.

MATTER OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Paul called around to see what the other Counties use a mileage reimbursement rate, many Counties follow the IRS rate and Paul was inquiring whether or not the Commissioners would entertain the County following the IRS rate of \$.0585 per mile. The Commissioners will look into this matter and make a decision next meeting.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to increase the reimbursement rate for mileage to \$0.50 beginning April 1, 2022 and will be re-evaluated quarterly. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF MIKE SHUHERK

Mike Shuherk came in to discuss the insurance process, after the Auditor had reached out to obtain a 3-5 year claim history. Mike's understanding from the Commissioners was that even with the known increase that the County was not going to re-quote the insurance for 2022. The Commissioners let Mike know there was some confusion on their part on the process and would like to hold off and re-quote next year to obtain quotes from multiple companies. Mike went over some of the challenges of DeKalb County that makes it hard to quote.

MATTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY JOB DESCRIPTION

Jason Meek was in to go over the job description that he developed. The Commissioners advised Jason to follow the job description change process starting with Human Resources.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Ben brought up a starting point layout of the Highway Building from Elevatus that was reviewed. Ben also reported that he received a claim from Nipsco from November when the gas valve was hit during mowing in November 2021. Ben is going to call to dispute negligence on Nipsco's part. Ben is still working on Bridge #9 on deciding whether to declare an emergency project or not to.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Michael Watson made a motion to approve General Claims consisting of warrant #132872 thru 132953 in the amount of \$216,082.59, and wire transfer #20460 thru 20571 in the amount of \$316,565.13. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Michael Watson made the motion to approve the minutes dated March 7, 2022 with the date change. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

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

- 1) Cheryl Lynch, Debra Krafft & Carma Johnson to attend District 3 Preparedness Meeting in Columbia City on March 4, 2022. Travel approved by Bill Hartman prior to actual travel. Estimated cost of \$0.00 paid by Department Travel.
- 2) Deputy Bret Parker to attend Midwest Gang Training in South Bend held on March 9, 2022. Estimated cost of \$25.00 to be paid by Department Travel.
- 3) Jessica Stanczak, Cathy Manuel & Bernie Sukala to attend IEHA Meeting in Noble County held on March 17, 2022. Estimated cost of \$0.00 paid by Department Travel.
- 4) Deputy Josh Stine to attend Tactical EMS for Law Enforcement in Danville, IN held on March 19. Estimated cost of \$279.00 paid by Department Travel.
- 5) Lori Haase to attend LOW Tax Sale Training at Keystone, Indy held on March 24, 2022. Estimated cost of \$338.79 to be paid by Department Travel.
- 6) Rick Ring to attend AIC District Meeting at Eagle Event Center held on March 30, 2022. Estimated cost of \$68.32 to be paid by Commissioners Travel.
- 7) Cheryl Lynch, Carma Johnson & Debra Krafft to attend District 3 LHD Meeting in Columbia City held on April 8, 2022. Estimated cost of \$0.00 paid by Department Travel.
- 8) Sgt. Matt Tamez to attend IN Highway Traffic Safety Conference in Noblesville/Indy held on April 25-26, 2022. Estimated cost of \$64.00 paid by Department Travel.

Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF FREDRICK GROSCUP JR. RECONSTRUCTION

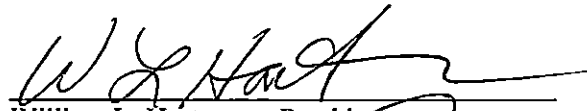
Michael Watson made a motion to approve the Consent to Reconstruct the Fredrick Groscup Jr. Drain No. 335-00-0 by the Affected Landowners and Waiver of Public Hearing by the Affected Landowners. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL POLICY

The Commissioners require that all employees/departments to be submitting a travel request, whether a County Vehicle or Personal Vehicle is used, when leaving the County whether the cost of the travel is \$0.00 or more.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Topics included: Henderson Lease Agreement


William L. Hartman – President


Michael Watson – Vice President


Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:


Susan Sleeper, Auditor