

DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2022

The following Council Members were present:

President Richard Ring
Vice President William VanWye
Member Eldonna King
Member Robert E. Krafft
Member David Yarde
Member Amy Demske
Member Amy Prosser (online: non-voting)

Others present:

Auditor Susan Sleeper
First Deputy Auditor Carla Winebrenner
Attorney Donald J Stuckey

Eldonna King opened the meeting with prayer at 8:32 a.m.

MATTER OF REORGANIZATION

Robert Krafft made a motion to nominate Richard Ring as President. Amy Demske seconded. David Yarde motioned to close nominations. Robert Krafft seconded, and all approved. A vote to accept Richard Ring as President was unanimous.

Robert Krafft made a motion to nominate William VanWye as Vice President. Eldonna King seconded. David Yarde motioned to close nominations. Robert Krafft seconded, and all approved. A vote to accept William VanWye as Vice President was unanimous.

Eldonna King motioned to appoint Donald Stuckey as Counsel. William VanWye seconded. David Yarde motioned to close nominations. Robert Krafft seconded, and all approved. A vote to accept Donald Stuckey as Council Attorney was unanimous.

MATTER OF LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Eldonna King motioned to approve the annual Council Liaison and Appointments for 2022. Robert Krafft seconded, and all approved. They are as follows:

2022 COUNCIL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

DEPARTMENT	PERSON APPOINTED	TERM	DATE APPOINTED
Board of Health Northeast Solid Waste Mgmt Dist Soil & Water Conservation Dist Building/Planning/GIS County Drainage Board Surveyor's Office	William VanWye	2022	1/11/2022
County Extension Services Coroner's Office Recorder's Office Auditor's Office Public Defender	Eldonna King	2022	1/11/2022
Commissioners Central Dispatch/E-911 Sheriff's Office/County Jail Sheriff's Merit Board Emergency Management	Richard Ring	2022	1/11/2022
Information Systems Remonstrance Board Sunny Meadows County Highway	Robert Krafft	2022	1/11/2022
Probation Board of Appeals (BZA) Township Trustees Circuit Court Superior Court I & II	David Yarde	2022	1/11/2022
Prosecutor's Office Community Corrections Voter Registration Office Treasurers' Office Clerk's Office Courthouse	Amy Demske	2022	1/11/2022
Assessor's Office Reassessment Weights & Measures Airport Authority Veterans Service Office Human Resources	Amy Prosser	2022	1/11/2022

2022 COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

POSITION	PERSON APPOINTED	TERM	DATE APPOINTED
DeKalb Co Council President	Richard Ring	2022	1/11/2022
DeKalb Co Council Vice-President	William VanWye	2022	1/11/2022
DeKalb County Council Attorney	Donald J. Stuckey	2022	1/11/2022
N.E. Solid Waste Management District	William VanWye	2022	1/11/2022
Plan Commission	William VanWye	2022	1/11/2022
Tax Abatement Committee	Amy Demske Richard Ring David Yarde	2022	1/11/2022
Jail Committee	William VanWye Robert Kraft David Yarde	2022	1/11/2022
Job Classification/Compensation Comm	Robert Krafft Amy Demske Amy Prosser	2022	1/11/2022
N.E. IN Regional Coordinating. Council	Richard Ring	2022	1/11/2022

Recess Council Meeting at 8:58 to open public hearing.

MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING

Rick Ring opened the public hearing for Auburn Renewables Personal & Real Property Tax Abatement at 8:58 a.m. Commissioner Michael Watson said that he firmly believes the decision made today will greatly influence any potential developers coming to DeKalb County in the future. Michael Watson sent to the Council an email that displayed the amount of Tax Revenue that Auburn Renewables will bring into the County with the abatement. Michael Watson explained the amount of energy production of Auburn Renewables of 15mw, and the usage of Metal Technologies is 25mw, Carlex is 18mw, and Scot Industries is 15mw. Michael Watson also explained that the current Real Property Tax amount around \$2,729.54 is NOT abatable and will be added to Auburn Renewables yearly tax bill, ONLY new improvements can be abated. Michael Watson's final comment was that Tax Abatements whether we like them or not, are crucial to development in DeKalb County and DeKalb County would not have gained the development of Credent Wealth nor Chris Straw, which brings revenue to the county along with payroll and income taxes. Councilman VanWye pointed out that Auburn Renewables would not be bringing in employment like the other companies that have used tax abatements prior. Councilman Krafft, explained that those companies that do bring employment do not pay any taxes compared to Auburn Renewables that WILL be paying taxes. Rudy Eidam asked the Council to not purely look at the tax abatement as a loss to DeKalb County, but to view it as a project that will spur new development and increase the attractiveness of DeKalb County. Councilman Ring pointed out that Rudy had come to the County months ago and the Council had delayed the process in order for the Council to get their process buttoned up and in order to follow proper procedures. Councilman Yarde and VanWye made the point that with

windmills the land is still farmable. Rudy Eidam explained that there is plans to grow produce in the future under the solar panels. Anton King wanted to reinforce the message that this decision will send outside of our County as we look to develop our County and will also portray that our county is supporting of green energy. Commissioner Hartman spoke on how he is not a big fan of abatements and finds them discriminatory. Hartman feels abatements benefit the large companies and those who make a big impact; he has not ever seen a farmer or small business benefit from an abatement. Hartman feels that the Council should be in charge of the Economic Development revenue and that the county needs to get the overall tax rate down and he feels companies will come because of a low tax rate. Commissioner Watson clarified that the math does not support that other taxpayers are getting the bill for the abatement. The only way that taxpayers would be paying is if Auburn Renewables used county services and did not pay any taxes, which is not the case. Watson also clarified that Economic Development money DOES come to the County not to Anton King with Economic Development.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:26 a.m..

The council meeting reconvened at 9:26.

MATTER OF CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION AWARDING PERSONAL & REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT #2022-RCC-1

Councilman Krafft discussed that AIC has sent out information that states our State is NOT going to mandate energy sources that each County will have to voluntarily make those decisions to entice others to develop in DeKalb County. Discussion took place amongst the Council. Councilman VanWye stated that we need to get the electric rates down, and the solar field is taking a farmers income away and he is not in agreement with that. Councilman Yarde has been a big supporter of going green for many years, his biggest issue is the guidelines that have been established to obtain an abatement because Council always asks how many new jobs the business will bring and for how many years and if they didn't hold up to that then their abatement was rescinded. Yarde does not feel this abatement meets the requirements of an abatement due to being a one person employer. Councilman Krafft explained this is changing the process because this is a one-person abatement; Auburn Renewables has to pay an Economic Development payment because they are not bringing employment with the solar field. Attorney Stuckey explained that the language for abatements are just guidelines and he does not feel there are any hard and fast rules from the State level down to the county and the Council decides on a case-by-case basis. Councilman Ring said there is a bill in the house right now that will allow farmers to apply for a tax abatements. Further Discussion took place among the Council.

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve and all to sign the DeKalb County Council Resolution #2022-RCC-1, A Confirmatory Resolution Awarding Personal Property Tax Abatement and Real Property Tax Abatement. Seconded by Amy Demske, and motion failed due to a tie vote of 3-3.

Richard Ring	aye	David Yarde	nye
William VanWye	nye	Amy Demske	aye
Eldonna King	nye	Amy Prosser	
Robert Krafft	aye		

The vote on the Resolution will carry forward until next meeting for a full Council vote.

MATTER OF MINUTES

David Yarde made a motion to approve minutes dated December 14, 2021 Robert Krafft seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve the Commissioner's \$175,525 additional appropriation request to Grant Match Dollars (34022) within the ARP American Rescue Plan Fund (8950). Seconded by Amy Demske, and all approved.

MATTER OF TRANSFERS

Eldonna King made a motion to approve Community Corrections' request to transfer \$2,435.80 from Part Time (10750) to Administrative Assistant (11501) within the State Grant Fund (9127). Robert Krafft seconded, and all approved.

William VanWye made a motion to approve Probations' request to transfer a total of \$93,071 from other service fees (32780) to the following accounts in the following amounts within the Veteran's Court Grant Fund (9153):

Veteran Court PT Coor-Chief (11637):	\$14,253.00
Veteran Court Probation Officer (11638):	\$44,662.00
PERF (12100):	\$ 6,822.75
Social Security (12300):	\$ 4,660.73
Insurance (12200):	\$ 8,672.52
Incentives (22255):	\$ 3,500.00
Testing Services (33900):	\$ 10,000.00
Supplies (22720):	\$ 500.00

Seconded by Robert Krafft, and all approved.

David Yarde made a motion to approve Probations' request to transfer a total of \$95,062 from other services fees (32780) to the following accounts in the following amounts within the Family Recovery Court Grant Fund (9154):

FRC Court PT Coor-Chief (11643):	\$14,253.00
Family Recovery Probation Officer (11639):	\$44,662.00
PERF (12100):	\$ 6,823.06
Social Security (12300):	\$ 4,660.54
Insurance (12200):	\$ 14,563.40
Incentives (22255):	\$ 4,100.00
Testing Services (33900):	\$ 5,000.00
Supplies (22720):	\$ 750.00
Food Supplies (22250)	\$ 250.00

Seconded by Amy Demske, and all approved.

MATTER OF 2021 YEAR-END TRANSFERS

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve 2021 year-end transfers. William VanWye seconded, and all approved. They are as follows:

\$ 0.56 Clerk/County General

From: 1001.11050.000.0001 (Overtime)

To: 1001.11200.000.0001 (Elected Official)

\$5,000.00 Auditor/County General

From: 1001.10750.000.0002 (Part Time)

To: 1001.11212.000.0002 (1st Deputy)

\$310.00 Auditor/County General

From: 1001.33220.000.0002 (Postage)

To: 1001.22110.000.0002 (Office Supplies)

\$17.52 Recorder/County General

From: 1001.11203.000.0004 (2nd Deputy)

To: 1001.10750.000.0004 (Part Time)

\$.10 Sheriff/County General

From: 1001.11220.000.0005 (Captain)

To: 1001.11200.000.0005 (Elected Official)

\$825.00 Surveyor/County General

From: 1001.11501.000.0006 (Adm Asst)

To: 1001.11444.000.0006 (Adm/Manager)

1,200.00 Coroner/County General

From: 1001.33235.000.0007 (Transport Fees)

To: 1001.11255.000.0007 (Deputy Coroner)

\$21,210.00 Commissioners/County General

From: 1001.33410.000.0019 (Liability Ins)

To: 1001.12100.000.0019 (Perf)

\$1,700.00 Commissioners/County General

From: 1001.33330.000.0019 (Legal Notice)

To: 1001.32820.000.0019 (Legal Fees)

\$60.00 Sunny Meadows/County General

From: 1001.33820.000.0024 (Bldg Str Rpr Farm)

To: 1001.34330.000.0024 Contractual Services)

\$144.90 Superior Ct 1/County General

From: 1001.11050.000.0026 (Overtime)

To: 1001.11419.000.0026 (Asst Ct Reporter)

\$1.00 Public Defender/County General

From: 1001.10750.000.0028 (Part Time)

To: 1001.11201.000.0028 (Dept Head)

\$.02 Probation/County General

From: 1001.11210.000.0029 (Bookkeeper)

To: 1001.11433.000.0029 (Dep Prob Officer)

Total \$1,431.84/Project Income CC

From: \$.10 1122.11613.021.0037 (Case Man 3)

To: 1122.11440.021.0037 (Exec Dir)

From: \$458.70 1122.11613.021.0037 (Case Man 3)

To: 1122.11442.021.0037 (Case Man)

From: \$973.04 1122.44430.021.0037 (Equipmt)

To: 1122.44410.021.0037 (Furn/Fix)

Total \$380.23/State Grant Comm Corr

From: \$67.48 9121.11693.021.0037 (Res Serv Fac) To: 9121.11686.021.0037 (Res Serv Super)
 From: \$297.32 9121.11693.021.0037 (Res Serv Fac) To: 9121.11687.021.0037 (Res Serv Super)
 From: \$15.43 9121.11693.021.0037 (Res Serv Fac) To: 9121.11695.021.0037 (Res Serv Facil)

MATTER OF 2021 ENCUMBRANCES INTO 2022

A breakdown of the encumbrances for fund summaries were presented to Council prior to their meeting and are available on file in the Auditor's Office:

Calendar Year Funds/Fiscal Year Funds/Calendar Year Grants for 2021 Expenses paid in 2022:

Sheriff	County General	1001.22280.000.0005	\$ 1,327.36	Clothing
Dvlp. Srvc	County General	1001.44410.000.0013	\$ 2,262.72	Furn.& Fixt.
I.T.	County General	1001.33750.000.0018	\$ 28,150.00	Hrdware Maint.
Commissioners	County General	1001.22440.000.0019	\$ 3,000.00	Meeting Sply.
Commissioners	County General	1001.33410.000.0019	\$ 14,367.00	Liab. Insurance
Commissioners	County General	1001.34550.000.0019	\$ 179.50	Promotions
Courthouse	County General	1001.22530.000.0020	\$ 319.98	Grndkp. Supply
Sunny Mead.	County General	1001.44430.000.0024	\$ 8,362.77	Equipment
Public Def.	County General	1001.32780.000.0028	\$ 5,439.28	Other Srvc. Fee
	Total Fund 1001		\$ 63,408.61	
Sheriff	Accident Acct. Report	1101.44430.000.0005	\$ 5,000.00	Equipment
Commissioners	LIT Econ. Dvlp	1112.31031.000.0019	\$ 117,846.13	#31 Econ. Dvlp
DDOC	Project Income	1122.12100.021.0037	\$ 8,341.53	PERF
		1122.12200.021.0037	\$ 31,501.35	Insurance
		1122.12300.021.0037	\$ 2,096.74	Social Security
		1122.12400.021.0037	\$ 20,162.60	Benef. Pd.to Co
		1122.44410.021.0037	\$ 973.04	Furn. & Fixt.
	Total Fund 1122		\$ 63,075.26	
Highway	Cumulative Bridge	1135.35011.000.0072	\$ 17,629.80	Bridge #46
Sheriff	CCD	1138.44520.000.0005	\$ 261.50	Police Equip.
		1138.44430.000.0005	\$ 23,836.00	Equipment
I.T.		1138.44820.000.0018	\$ 16,210.80	Ntwrk Infrs.
	Total Fund 1138		\$ 40,308.30	
Health	Health Fund	1159.33610.000.0500	\$ 1,000.00	Veh. Maint/Rep
Highway	Local R&S	1169.44610.000.0072	\$ 463,820.00	Purch. of Veh.
DDOC	LIT Corr. Facility	1233.22860.000.0037	\$ 252.88	Bldg Supplies
		1233.33680.000.0037	\$ 452.80	Bldg. rpr/main.
	Total Fund 1233		\$ 705.68	

DDOC	Change Academy	4116.10750.022.0913	\$ 10,000.00	Part Time
	Year-End Balances	4116.11443.022.0913	\$ 8,000.00	Juv. Edc. Coord.
		4116.11492.022.0913	\$ 8,000.00	Juv. Prog. Dir.
		4116.11630.022.0913	\$ 15,000.00	Prog. Facilitator
		4116.12400.022.0913	\$ 19,000.00	Benef. Pd to Co
		4116.22110.022.0913	\$ 600.00	Office Supplies
		4116.22160.022.0913	\$ 300.00	Safety Supplies
		4116.22250.022.0913	\$ 150.00	Food Supplies
		4116.22255.022.0913	\$ 600.00	Incentives
		4116.22270.022.0913	\$ 300.00	Laun/Janit. Spl
		4116.22730.022.0913	\$ 600.00	Other Op. Sply
		4116.33220.022.0913	\$ 100.00	Postage
		4116.33240.022.0913	\$ 1,500.00	Telecomm.
		4116.33540.022.0913	\$ 2,500.00	Utilities
		4116.33680.022.0913	\$ 600.00	Bldg. Rpr/Main
		4116.33900.022.0913	\$ 1,600.00	Testing Srvs
		4116.34295.022.0913	\$ 1,000.00	Travel/Train.
		4116.34330.022.0913	\$ 2,000.00	Contractual Srv
		4116.44420.022.0913	\$ 1,500.00	Comp. Equip.
		4116.44430.022.0913	\$ 800.00	Equipment
		Total Fund 4116	\$ 74,150.00	
Auditor	Amer. Heritage Vill.	4502.34200.000.0002	\$ 260,000.00	Humane Shelter
Auditor	CC Bond Project	4801.44210.000.0002	\$ 74,162.68	Capital Outlay
Commissioners	Amer. Rescue Plan	8950.32840.000.0019	\$ 25,000.00	Consultant Fees
		8950.32860.000.0019	\$ 26,667.00	Engineering F.
		8950.44430.000.0019	\$ 39,697.00	Equipment
		Total Fund 8950	\$ 91,364.00	
DDOC	State Grant- Adult	9121.22250.021.0037	\$ 3,629.78	Food Supplies
		9121.33900.021.0037	\$ 2,489.86	Testing Srvs
		Total Fund 9121	\$ 6,119.64	
DDOC	State Grant- Juvenile	9128.11443.022.0913	\$ 17,300.32	Juv. Edc. Coord.
	Year-end Balances	9128.11492.022.0913	\$ 27,871.20	Juv. Prog. Dir.
		9128.12100.022.0913	\$ 8,874.03	PERF
		9128.33540.022.0913	\$ 771.03	Utilities
		9128.33710.022.0913	\$ 2,554.56	Equip. Rental
		9128.34080.022.0913	\$ 7,500.00	Lease
		Total Fund 9128	\$ 64,871.14	
Probation	Veterans Crt. Grant	9153.12100.022.0029	\$ 1,076.20	PERF
	Year-end Balances	9153.12200.022.0029	\$ 1,989.84	Insurance
		9153.12300.022.0029	\$ 824.45	Social Security
		9153.33900.022.0029	\$ 4,182.60	Testing Srvs.
		Total Fund 9153	\$ 8,073.09	

Probation	Family Recovery	9154.12100.022.0029	\$	2,017.27	PERF
Year-End Balances		9154.12000.022.0029	\$	3,974.28	Insurance
		9154.12300.022.0029	\$	1,493.59	Social Security
		9154.22250.022.0029	\$	200.00	Food Supplies
		9154.22720.022.0029	\$	800.00	Supplies
		9154.33900.022.0029	\$	1,109.60	Testing Srvcs.
		Total Fund 9154	\$	9,594.74	
 Probation	 Problem Solving	 9157.22255.022.0029	 \$	 726.20	 Incentives
Year-End Balances		9157.33900.022.0029	\$	3,201.60	Testing Srvcs
		9157.34295.022.0029	\$	5,000.00	Travel/Training
		Total Fund 9157	\$	8,927.80	

TOTAL OF ALL 2021 ENCUMBRANCES: \$1,370,056.87

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve 2021 encumbrances into 2022. William VanWye seconded the motion, and all approved.

MATTER OF FINANCIAL REPORT BY FUND

The Council certified that they have received and reviewed the December 2021 Financial Report by Fund.

MATTER OF DEKALB COUNTY AIRPORT UPDATE

Randy Fox distributed a brief of new and old business for the Airport.

New Business:

~Traffic for December was down a little from November. There was some rotten weather so there were not as many small aircraft and training flights going on. Jet traffic stayed healthy as it usually does, they tend to fly in all types of weather just as the commercial operators do. There were 82 business jet operations, 118 helicopter (mainly Parkview), 31 multi-engine, and 680 single engine ops for a total of 911 aircraft operations. In November, there was 88 jet ops, 89 helicopter, 44 multi-engine and 1069 single-engine for a total of 1,290 aircraft operations. Since the system went live on October 12 there was 286 jets, 277 helicopters, 132 multi-engine, 2,657 single-engine for a total of 3,352 operations.

~Another large sum was paid towards their one and only debt in the December meeting. They plan to pay off the loan in 2022. The loan started in 2015 at \$657,000 and they constructed a row of T-hangars and a row of larger box hangars, all of which are full and they continue to have a waiting list. Due to extremely low interest rates they are prohibited from paying the loan off early during the first 5-years. After that, they started to pay additional toward the loan at the end of every year. All payments are made from airport generated revenues and not from tax money.

~The Fixed Base Operator (FBO) Request for Proposals (RFP) is at the printer currently. They anticipate distribution beginning in the next week or two. They are very excited for this process to begin. As they develop and grow, so must the services we offer to the public and this process create a competitive environment for those that wish to offer those services. They hope to end 2022 with a very active and motivated FBO partner at the airport.

Old Business:

~They have directed BF&S Environmental staff to look at aerial photo's of the Speedway site to help them to determine if they are in compliance with the mitigation plan that they drafted and presented to the BZA.

~They have received a federal grant to move forward with the Grade and Drain portion of the Runway Extension Project. They anticipate some work to begin this winter with the bulk of the earth moving commencing spring of 2022.

~The Plan Commissioner denied our request to modify the UDO. Their goal was to head off possible future lawsuits due to the creation of ponds within the Airport Overlay District of the UDO. They will continue to work with the Plan Commission on modifications to the Airport Overlay Districts within the UDO.

~They are working on a website refresh, as their first site was developed in 2014, so WordPress and all associated plugins need updated to keep it safe and functioning.

MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS-COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Courthouse/Annex Windows: New windows went in the Annex and is completed with the exception of 2 windows that had to be re-ordered.

220 East 7th Street building: Reinforcement of the roof is a slow moving process but coming along, as Commissioner Hartman feels we will be keeping the building for quite some time.

2022: Auditor and Recorder offices remodel, new roof on 220 Building from Credent construction

Highway: working on getting an architect to get things moving and up and running.

Jail: Meeting scheduled for Friday 1/14/22 at 10:00 a.m.

MATTER OF COMMISSARY REPORT FOR JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

The Council acknowledges receipt of receiving the Commissary Report from the Sheriff.

MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2021 YEAR END REPORT

The Council acknowledges receipt of the Emergency Management 2021 Year End Report.

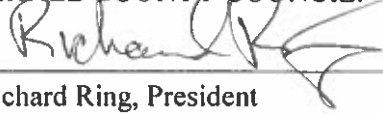
MATTER OF COUNCIL DISCUSSION

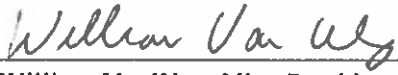
Online codification of ordinances and resolutions project is starting within the Auditor's office. Rick would also like to see that the Council meetings be live-streamed so that if needed council members can vote via online. Rick would also like to see the WIS re-evaluate the wages being paid per category are accurate for the world we are currently living in. Robert Krafft questioned on if there is a way to get a work load study performed as well.


MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Amy Demske made a motion to adjourn at 10:52 a.m. Second by David Yarde, and all approved.


DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL:


Richard Ring, President


William VanWye, Vice President


Eldonna King

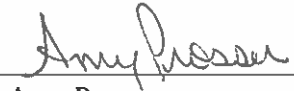

Robert E. Krafft


David Yarde

ATTEST:


Susan Sleeper
DeKalb County Auditor


Amy Denske


Amy Prosser

