

DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 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

Others present:

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

This is the first meeting that is live-streamed on YouTube with the ability to view and review. This will be available on the County Website under County Council.

Eldonna King opened the meeting with prayer at 8:35 a.m.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Amy Prosser made a motion to approve minutes dated March 8, 2022. Robert Krafft seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF ADDITIONALS

David Yarde made a motion to approve Human Resources additional of \$16,000 into Consultant Fees (32840) within the General Fund Budget (1001). Eldonna King seconded and all approved.

Eldonna King made a motion to approve Community Corrections additional of \$7,600 into Executive Director (11440) within the General Fund (1001). William VanWye seconded and all approved.

William VanWye made a motion to approve Surveyors additional of \$8,770 into Purchase of Vehicles (44610) and \$6,500 into Equipment within the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138). David Yarde seconded and all approved.

William VanWye made a motion to approve Health Departments additional of \$1,347.50 into Equipment (44430) within the Health Maintenance Fund (1168). Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

Amy Demske made a motion to approve Community Corrections additional of \$126,886 into the following accounts within the Change Academy School Fund (4116). Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

Part Time (10750) - \$23,800
Program Coordinator (11492) - \$12,700
Benefits to County (12400) - \$32,314
Safety Supplies (22160) - \$200
Cleaning Supplies (22270) - \$400

Education Coordinator (11443) - \$14,100
Program Facilitator (11630) - \$29,800
Office Supplies (22110) - \$500
Incentives (22255) - \$1,000
Other Operating Supplies (22730) - \$150

Postage (33220) -\$100
Utilities (33540) -\$3,500
Testing Services (33900) -\$500
Contractual Services (34330) -\$2,700
Equipment (44430) -\$500

Telecommunications (33240) -\$2,172
Building Maintenance (33680) -\$450
Travel/Training/Education (34295) -\$1,000
Computer Equipment (44420) -\$1,000

Eldonna King made a motion to approve Coroners additional of \$26,400 into Equipment (44430) with in the IPEP Safety Grant Fund (9111). William VanWye seconded and all approved.

Amy Demske made a motion to approve Community Corrections additional of \$88,686 into the following accounts with in the State Grant Juvenile Fund (9122). William VanWye seconded and all approved.

Education Coordinator (11443) -\$25,000	Program Coordinator (11492) -\$30,000
PERF (12100) -\$10,186	Utilities (33540) -\$3,000
Equipment Rental (33710) -\$2,500	Building Lease (34080) -\$18,000

MATTER OF TRANSFERS

Eldonna King made a motion to approve Public Defenders transfer of \$10,800 from Conflict/Counsel/Deposition (11498) to Other Service Fees (32780) within the General Fund (1001). David Yarde seconded and all approved.

David Yarde made a motion to approve Sheriffs transfer of \$2,500 from Travel/Training/Education (34295) to Operating Supplies (22130) within the Handgun Application Fund (1156). Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

William VanWye made a motion to approve Health Department transfer of \$5,027.47 from Insurance (12200) to Liability Insurance (33410) within the Health Fund (1159). Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

Amy Demske made a motion to approve Central Communications transfer of \$7,000 from Equipment Repair & Maintenance (33620) to Equipment (44430) within the Public Safety Fund (1170). William VanWye seconded and all approved.

William VanWye made a motion to approve Probations transfer of \$9,500 from Manuals (22740) to Testing Services (33900) within the Probation Donation Fund (4114). Eldonna King seconded and all approved.

Amy Demske made a motion to approve Community Corrections transfer a total of \$31,305.72 from Residential Service Facilitator (11695) to the following accounts within the State Grant Community Corrections Fund (9127). Eldonna King seconded and all approved.

Residential Service Supervisor (11684) -\$6,500	Residential Service Supervisor (11685) -\$2,300
Residential Service Supervisor (11686) -\$2,600	Residential Service Supervisor (11689) -\$3,000
Residential Service Supervisor (11692) -\$3,500	Residential Service Supervisor (11696) -\$4,700
Residential Service Supervisor (11698) -\$2,300	Overtime (11050) -\$2,500
Benefits to County (12400) -\$3,905.72	

MATTER OF FINANCIAL REPORT BY FUND

The Council certified that they have received and reviewed the March 2022 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

- The Grade and Drain portion of the Runway 9/27 Extension Project has begun with the demolition of several homes. Drainage pipe is staged onsite. We expect full mobilization on Monday the 4th.
- CR 29 between CR60 and CR62 will be physically closed in the coming weeks. County highway has given BF&S guidance on signage and notification has been made to the Sheriff's Department, Central Comm/Dispatch, and EMS dispatch and Andy Barrand from the Star was notified. An article was in the paper on April 1st.
- We decided to put the EV Chargers at the Airport on hold. The cost was prohibitive at this time in the Board's opinion.
- The Fixed Base Operator (FBO) Request for Proposals (RFP) is on the streets. At the time of this brief we have distributed 23 documents and have had one site visit so far with another scheduled. This is very exciting for us. As we develop and grow, so must the services we offer to the public and this process creates a competitive environment for those that wish to offer aviation related services. We hope to end 2022 with a very active and motivated FBO partner at the airport. If you would like an electronic copy, please email rcouchman@dekalbcountyairport.com.
- We are working on a storm sewer rehabilitation project at the airport We found no hidden problems during video exploration so we will focus on just the structures that have erosion issues. This is very good news and will keep the cost down. We will go out to bid in the coming weeks.
- We recently were made aware of the fact that the Meese Chapel on CR 60 will be ceasing services and the property will go up for sale. This is the property just east of our east T-hangars. We own property on both sides and feel that this will be very important land to own for future development. Dating back 20+ years, we have had a gentleman's agreement with the church that we would not seek to purchase the property until they are ready to sell. Mr. Don Smith informed me of this agreement and I have passed it on to every Board since. We are now in discussions with them and will have more information in the coming weeks.
- Plans for the next phase of the runway extension project will be complete this month and once they are approved by the Board they will go out to bid. The next phase will be paving, reinstallation of NAVAIDS, and lighting. With bids in hand in the June-July timeframe, we will then apply for the federal grant for 2023 construction.

Old Business

- We have directed BF&S Environmental staff to look at aerial photos of the Speedway site to help us to determine if they are in compliance with the mitigation plan that they drafted and presented to the BZA.
- We continue to work with the Plan Commission on modifications to the Airport Overlay Districts within the UDO.

MATTER OF 2021 JAIL REPORT

Robert Krafft made a motion to accept the 2021 Annual Jail Report submitted by Sheriff Cserep and prepared by Captain Joshua Hicks. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF 2021 SOIL & WATER ANNUAL REPORT

Eldonna King made a motion to accept the 2021 Annual Soil & water Conservation District Report. William VanWye seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF SALARY & HOURLY WAGE ORDINANCE 2022-OCC-2

David Yarde made a motion to approve the Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance: Ordinance 2022-OCC-2 on the FIRST Reading. Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

Robert Krafft made a motion to suspend the rules to pass the Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance: Ordinance 2022-OCC-2 on the 2nd and 3rd Readings. David Yarde seconded and all approved.

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve the Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance: Ordinance 2022-OCC-2 on the SECOND and THIRD Readings. David Yarde seconded and all approved.

The council agrees to have WIS virtually meet with the Council and also to give the Department Heads the chance to speak with WIS face to face as well for a full day.

MATTER OF COMMISSIONER-COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Status of Highway move: The design of the facility should be wrapped up very soon with Elevatus, they have agreed upon the layout of the property. The need of a 6 bay repair shop with a 1 bay wash and also a warm storage building before the Highway can operate as well as a fuel tank. We have 18 months to get the Highway Department out of the current property. Sanderson did give information that Henderson may be out of this property sooner and would give us time to start.

Status of 11A | 427 Round-a-bout: About 3 years ago there was a public meeting and it was tabled at that time. The Round-a-bout is designed but still remains at a standstill at this time.

ARP Projects: Sanderson said the priority is Highway at this time, as the priority of the Jail was dismissed by prior administration. Ring would like to see a Highway plan before approving the ARP dollars. Sanderson assures there is a plan, that is an estimate at this time but the exacts will be coming soon. VanWye received many calls about the proposed ARP dollars spending dealing with the \$37.5k that Ashley is receiving as 90% of their calls is from DeKalb County. Hartman feels that if Steuben does not come thru with proceeds for Ashley that DeKalb will make it correct. Sanderson is a fan of broadband, but feels if someone moves to the Country they do have an option and chose to live out in the Country, and if we can bring it to them then he wants to but feels the other needs of the County need taken care of first.

MATTER OF COUNCIL DISCUSSION

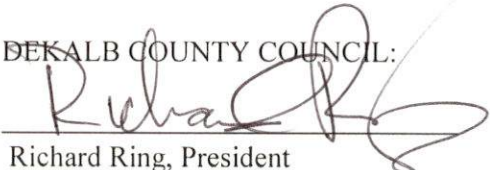
Update on Tax Abatement Procedures/Guidelines:

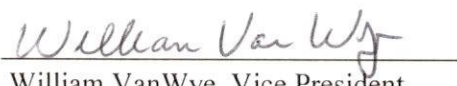
Rick explained that the tax abatement committee has been working on how and why a tax abatement is granted. There were 2 documents handed out for Council review that include an application and a grading system. The Council is to review the documents and if we are going to adopt these procedures than a Resolution will need to be passed at a future meeting. Amy Demske explained that this application will answer a lot more questions for all of Council to be able to understand what is actually being requested for abatement. David Yarde expressed that another form would have to be made for agriculture as that is a new portion passed by legislature.

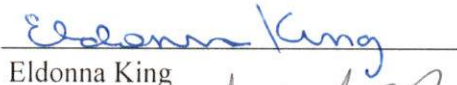
MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Amy Prosser made a motion to adjourn at 11:39 a.m. Second by Amy Demske, and all approved.

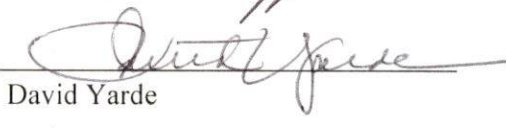
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ATTEST:


Susan Sleeper
DeKalb County Auditor