

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
May 9, 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 reported the IT departments succession plans as three of the employees will be retiring in the next few years, and another IT employee has put in resignation to go back to the city. HR may take on the I.D. badge duty to complete during on boarding for new employees. A small discussion took place on the Treasurers proposal for a new position as a 'Procedural Manager' on what department this position should be placed under. Dotty also let the Commissioners know that WIS would be via Zoom at the council meeting on May 10th. Dotty had started quarterly meetings with Central Communications, Community Corrections and HR, and she had asked Michelle if she would like to continue them and it was well received. Dotty went over other recruitment around the County. Discussion took place on the changing of the tattoo policy for Sheriff Departments, and it was left with it being a decision of the Merit Board. Dotty went over the sub-committee meeting that was held on Friday May 6th. AFLAC renewal is coming up and HR and Auditor's office would like to allow only servicing current policies and NOT allowing them to add policies.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to allow AFLAC to service are current policies and not add policies. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF 1204 S. CENTER STREET, AUBURN

Arkie Hailfich, came to look for help, as he has been to the Building, Planning Commission twice under the prior administration, and states the building at 1204 S. Center Street is a disaster and a disgrace to Auburn and he is wanting to know how to get help to have the place cleaned up because he is tired of looking at. Mr. Haiflich has cancer and is trying to take care of this for his wife prior to his end of life. The neighbors are his wife's brother whom there is no relationship and they have restraining orders against each other; Arkie is looking for assistance on where to go. The Commissioners informed him that this is a City of Auburn issue and the Commissioners have no jurisdiction over the land and suggested Art go to the Mayor and attend the Plan Commission meeting on May 10th at 6:00 p.m.

MATTER OF AN ORDINANCE TO PRESERVE/PREVENT THE MOVEMENT AND DAMAGE OF SECTION CORNERS WITHIN DEKALB COUNTY

Mike Kline attended with an issue that has become an issue in other counties of patrons moving and damaging section corner markers. Several counties sent their ordinances and Mike would like to adopt an ordinance for the County. Jim will review the ordinance proposed and will get back with the Commissioners on his opinion to be ready for next week.

MATTER DCC 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Michael Watson made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2021 Annual Report for DeKalb County Community Corrections. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF DCC DISHWASHER WATER TEMPERATURE

Michelle Fosnaugh was in to see how to get the dishwasher issue of the water temperature not heating up to code. The Health department did an inspection and there needs to be a booster of some sort to meet this qualification. Commissioners is having Michelle obtain a few quotes to be acted on by the Commissioners as soon as possible at the next meeting as long as the quotes are received.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

The CR 11A crash in February that took down the light pole; our insurance company denied the claim as it is below the deductible, and they used to go after the other insurance company but in this case, they are not. The crash report does state that driver was under the influence. Jim will reach out to the driver's insurance company and go from there.

A small discussion took place on the updated calendar for the new Highway Build.

MATTER OF STONEBRIDGE ESTATES ENCROACHMENT

Stonebridge Estates has submitted a license to encroach on County property for a sign to be placed, the work is being done by Henney Builders. Ben reviewed and everything is fine and in order.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve and for the president to sign the license to encroach from Stonebridge Estates. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAFFIC STUDY ON 11A FOR AUBURN SPORTS COMPLEX

Auburn Sports Complex on 11A, Ben had asked for a traffic study to be done and the developer said 'noted', which was assumed it, would be done. At this time, they are NOT going to do a traffic study and Ben really feels the impact study needs to be done; he has talked with a few players who all agree the impact study need to be done.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to require a traffic impact study at the developer's expense to be performed on 11A satisfactory to the County Highway Superintendent and the State of Indiana, with the Auburn Sports Complex proposed project coming in. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Michael Watson made a motion to approve General Claims consisting of warrant #133055 thru 133094 in the amount of \$664,363.76, and wire transfer #20913 thru 21005 in the amount of \$677,837.84. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the corrected minutes dated May 2, 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 requests except for Stephanie Hamilton & Cory Swagger's to be resubmitted with other options available to assist on the cost of travel:

- 1) Effie Campbell to attend the All Area Extension Educator's Meeting held at the Cooperative Extension Services in Bluffton on May 9, 2022. Estimated cost of \$44.00 paid by department travel.
- 2) Angela Sorg to attend the All Area Extension Educator's Meeting held at the Cooperative Extension Services in Bluffton on May 9, 2022. Estimated cost of \$44.00 paid by department travel.
- 3) Joshua Stein to attend the Deceptive Behaviors and Hidden Compartments training held at the Fisher Police Department on May 10, 2022. Estimated cost of \$225.00 paid by department travel.
- 4) Angela Sorg to attend NCFRSAN Farm Stress Grant Retreat held at Keystone Crossing in Indy on May 12, 2022. Estimated cost of \$125.00 paid by department travel.
- 5) Cheryl Lynch, Carma Johnson & Debra Krafft to attend D3 Healthcare Coalition Meeting held on May 13, 2022. Estimated cost of \$0.00 paid by department travel. (location not yet determined)
- 6) Chris Gaumer to attend the Solar Workshop for Public Officials held at First United Methodist Church in Geneva, IN on May 25, 2022. Estimated cost of \$62.00 paid by department travel.
- 7) Stephanie Hamilton & Cory Swagger to attend National Association of Drug Court Professionals Rise 22 Conference held at Sheraton Grand Hotel, Nashville TN on July 25-28, 2022. Estimated cost of \$5,198.54 paid by department travel.

Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF DART NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CAPITAL PROJECTS PURCHASE

DART is required to give notice of the opportunity to hold a public hearing when they are doing a capital project. For the 2023 budget they are seeking to purchase 2 low-floor vans for their department.

Michael Watson made a motion to approve the notice and for the president to sign the notice to be published by DART. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF HUMANE SHELTER

Jim would like to put together a contract between the Humane Shelter and the County stating they shall remove the structure, and he would also like to have some further instruction on whether the property needs to be restored as to prior to the building being instructed. Jim will put a contract together and sent to the Commissioners for approval next Monday, and then send the proposal to the Humane Shelter.

MATTER OF COUNTY HOME REPORT

Todd Sanderson made a motion that the Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the April 2022 County Home Report. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.


MATTER OF COURTHOUSE BOILER

Larry brought in a proposal from FelgerHart, Inc. to fix the boiler back section and one intermediate section as well as all gaskets and sealing rope on the west boiler, along with replacing 6” pipe nipple and flange in the back section and clean the boiler and the exchanger sections. They will refill the boiler with glycol, leak test the boiler, reassemble the jacketing and test fire the boiler. The current lead time for parts is 20 weeks.

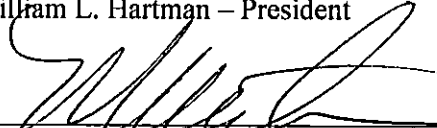
Todd Sanderson made a motion to accept and the president to sign the proposal from FelgarHart in the amount of \$9,705.00 to be paid from LITED #62, contingent on the warranty of the repair work. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Topics include: DCC back-flow issue, farmers market participation increased and the parking lot worked out well, and CR23 rocks with mower.



William L. Hartman – President



Michael Watson – Vice President



Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:



Susan Sleeper, Auditor