

**DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
May 16, 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 TRUSTEES RENEWAL PRESENTATION**

Rex Whitten presented a PowerPoint presentation along with a printed handout for review. The initial Anthem renewal came in at 24.83% increase from 2021. Insurance Trustees worked with Anthem, and they came back with a 12.4% increase, net of 9.9% increase to the County in the amount of \$2,219,915.20 due to Anthem giving a credit of \$49,000 premium credit. For 2022 renewal, a regular eye exam is included in the medical insurance, Rex provided a view at adding a 'Materials only' policy to help cover frames, lenses and contacts at the cost of \$13,988.04, if the County does not want to add the materials only policy then Rex suggests the county cancel the current Eye med policy at a savings of \$2,902.20 to the county since the eye exam is part of the medical plan for 2022. Anthem has included laboratory coverage for both PPO and HSA, except HSA members cannot have free diagnostic due to IRS Regulations. Discussion took place among all members present.

**MATTER OF GALLAGHER INSURANCE PRESENTATION**

Dotty explained that Gallagher is not presenting today due to the very large increases they were getting and Gallagher didn't feel the County would entertain changing brokers at this time.

**MATTER OF ERTEL INSURANCE RENEWAL PRESENTATION**

Chris Burton, Susan Boyle & Kyle Yamafuji presented a PowerPoint presentation along with a printed handout for review. Ertel has a complete medical team along with a mobile medical center that travels directly to their clients and administers physicals and medical screens on site. Ertel feels that focusing on Preventative Care is a proven strategy to lower health risks and health care claims. Ertel presented the 'discount card option' that is a risk to the County but the Benefit plans are better for the employee, except for the Out of Network-Out of Pocket amounts, this option came in at an 11.47% increase to the County in the amount of \$2,313,864.48. Discussion took place among all members present.

**MATTER OF PAYROLL**

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve payroll for the period of April 24 – May 7, 2022. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

**MATTER OF MINUTES**

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the corrected minutes dated May 9, 2022 with the date change. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

### **MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Michael Watson made a motion to approve the following travel requests to attend the National Association of Drug Court Professionals 2022 RISE Seminar held in Nashville, TN on July 25-28, 2022: Ryan Hull was in to explain and discuss the RISE 22 National Drug Conference Requests, Mike Watson is accepting of allowing our employees to attend training to increase education, William Hartman feels these conferences are held at the most expensive cities at no personal fault of our employees, Todd Sanderson asked if other office staff attended these conferences as well:

Neal Blythe: \$2,617.32 paid from department travel from County General and Pre-Trial Diversion Funds.  
Erik Weber: \$2,357.69 paid from department travel from County General and Pre-Trial Diversion Funds.  
Jonnie LaRowe: \$2,863.00 paid from department travel from User Fee Fund.  
Adam Squiller: \$2,863.00 paid from department travel from User Fee Fund.  
Ryan Hull: \$2,729.28 paid from department travel from User Fee and Veteran's Court Grant Funds.  
Kurt Grim: \$2,729.28 paid from department travel from Veteran's Court Grant Funds.  
Steve Smith: \$2,863.00 paid from department travel from Problem Solving Court Grant Funds.  
Jessica Lopez: \$2,863.00 paid from dept travel from Family Recovery & Problem Solving Court Grants.  
Kay Landwehr: \$2,863.00 paid from department travel from Family Recovery Court Grant Funds.  
Stephanie Hamilton & Cory Swagger: \$4,771.54 paid from dept. travel from County General Funds.

Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

### **MATTER OF REGULAR TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Mike Watson made a motion to approve the following travel requests:

- 1) Michael Watson to attend the Mayors and Commissioners Caucus held in Huntington on May 18, 2022. Estimated cost of \$55.00 paid by Commissioners travel.
- 2) Jessica Stanczak & Bernard Sukala to attend IEHA Monthly Meeting held at Sutton's Deli in Angola on May 19, 2022. Estimated cost of \$0.00 paid by department travel.
- 3) Rick Short to attend Spring Advance Training for SRO's held at the Westin Hotel in Indy on May 19-20, 2022. Estimated cost of \$64.00 paid by department travel.
- 4) Michael Watson to attend the Solar Workshop for Public Officials held in Geneva, IN on May 25, 2022. Estimated cost of \$63.00 paid by Commissioners travel.
- 5) Nancy Westrick, Liz Blotkamp & Karen Bishop to attend the 2022 State Called Annual Clerk's Conference held at Crowne Plaza in Indy on June 14-15, 2022. Estimated cost of \$2,589.00 to be paid from State Called Meetings account.

Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

### **MATTER OF ORDINANCE 2022-R-7, DCC 4-8-1 AN ORDINANCE TO PRESERVE THE LOCATION OF AND PREVENT DAMAGE TO SECTION CORNER MARKERS WITHIN DEKALB COUNTY**

Michael Watson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-R-7, DCC 4-8-1, an Ordinance to Preserve the Location of and Prevent Damage to Section Corner Markers within DeKalb County on FIRST Reading. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2022-R-7, DCC 4-8-1, an ordinance to Preserve the Location of and Prevent Damage to Section Corner Markers within DeKalb County by Title only on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-R-7, DCC 4-8-1, by Title only on SECOND & THIRD Readings. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

**MATTER OF HUMANE SHELTER DEMOLITION AGREEMENT**

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the demolition agreement that Jim McCanna prepared and to have Jim send it to the Human Shelter. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

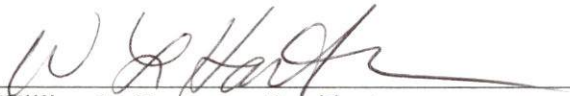
**MATTER OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVANCED ACADEMY**

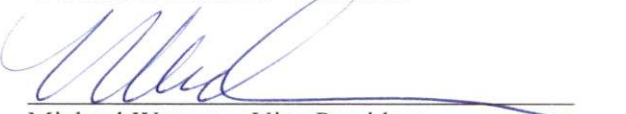
Jason Meek has graduated from the National Emergency Management Basic Training Academy and would like to attend the Advance Academy and is seeking Commissioners approval at this time to submit his application and acceptance.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve Jason Meek to apply and accept position in the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

**MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

Topics include: recruitment around the County, worker's compensation review, highway move, misc. unused product in basement to be sold by Littlejohn, 40-hours work week discussion, and Central Dispatch A/C.

  
William L. Hartman – President

  
Michael Watson – Vice President

  
Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:

  
Susan Sleeper, Auditor