

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

June 6, 2022

Commissioners Present: President William L Hartman
 Vice President Michael Watson
 Vice President Todd Sanderson

Others Present: Auditor Susan Sleeper, absent
 First Deputy Carla Winebrenner
 Attorney James P McCanna

MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Lyndsey Kartholl is the new administrative assistant for Human Resources. Discussion on the health plan and preminums. We have two scenarios to spread out the \$49,000 or not to. Insurance Trustees are waiting on those numbers. Times will be scheduled for the employees to meet with them if they have any questions. Motion to split 50/50 and include the \$49,000 by Todd Sanderson. 2nd by Michael Watson. Motion carried

Motion for the president to sign the Anthem renewal packet for 2022-2023. 2nd by Michael Watson. Motion carried.

Discussion on openings around the county. Some are community corrections new res director, case manager, res facilitator. Central Comm new dispatcher coming on board. The Ext Office has been doing interviews on their new full time position. First deputy in the surveyor's office has not had any resumes. Dotty is reaching out to people to see if she can get any interest and trying new ideas.

Larry Lane had to check out the honey bee situation in the annex office building.

The 8 hour work day is open to discussion. Todd is intrigued with 4 ten hour days. The highway dept has been doing this during the summer. Bill stated the county would need to do this year round. They think a survey for the employees would be a great start.

MATTER OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BROCHURES

Mary Simcox is on the town board of Saint Joe. Discussion on brochure that she brought in. Copy of the National Preparedness goals on rail incidents. Major concern on the rail activity and hazards. Evacuation areas are on the map for Noble and DeKalb counties. A grant paid for some of the costs of the brochures. Jason Meek stated that DeKalb County doesn't have an educational brochure yet. We can only request that people evacuate, but can't make them. Discussion on support of a grant to cover these costs. Jason said we have a database to contact people through text. Motion to proceed with the program and looking into grant opportunities by Michael Watson and 2nd Todd Sanderson. Motion carried.

MATTER OF PROSECUTOR INVESTIGATOR VEHICLE

ClaraMary Winebrenner is asking for a county vehicle for her investigator, Lonnie Lanning to take home. They only turn in mileage when going to Indianapolis. The Sheriff has a car that he could use. We can

check on the all the particulars on the trade between departments. Motion to allow the Prosecutor to have a decommissioned Sheriff vehicle for the Investigator by Todd Sanderson and 2nd by Michael Watson. Motion carried.

MATTER OF TONY VIE: HIGHWAY BUILD PLAN

Discussion about local contractors doing the work and taking their bids. Mike is an advocate for local contractors. The general contractor will include all of this. Todd suggests to renovate the existing building and then move on to the rest of the project. Discussion on whether to have a construction manager.

MATTER OF PAT HENSINGER: CHIP & SEAL CR 45

Pat Hensinger is here to discuss the dust created on CR 45. She states you can't be outside, the vehicles are affected, and erosion is taking place. She's lived there for 28 years and the houses have doubled creating more traffic. What needs to be done? Ben states that the drainage is terrible and would have to establish ditches, drainage pipes, and then chip and seal. Need to test the soil out there to see what it is. Todd Sanderson asked if we could do something to contain the dust. It would be approx. \$11,000 for the 2-mile road to fix. Her other question is why don't we have wheel tax? Discussion followed. Ron Heinman lives on this road for 47 years and he thinks he's hearing excuses. Many semi-trucks up and down the road. He feels the state should give back more money for the roads. Matt Donovan bought a property last fall. He was informed that there was a petition going around to get this taken care of. Emily Heinman came to the podium to discuss the drainage issue on the road. Michael Watson would like to see this road get some dust control. The commissioners' said this will be handled on a case by case basis. Michael Watson made a motion to fix the dust issue and Todd Sanderson 2nd motion.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Estimate of the bridge inspections for the county. Ben Parker will send the information to the commissioners. He will start chip and seal in 2 weeks.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to have Alt & Witzig Engineering , Inc. to do the boaring services for the highway dept. Michael Watson 2nd motion.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Michael Watson made a motion to approve May 2022 Bookkeeper and Payroll claims along with General claims processed on June 6, 2022 in the amount of \$484,826.11 consisting of warrant #'s 133143 thru 133213 and wire transfer #'s 21280 thru 21382. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the corrected minutes dated May 23, 2022 with the date change. Michael Watson seconded and motion passed.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

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

- 1) Cheryl Lynch & Carma Johnson to attend County Base Community Vision Planning held at Butler City Hall on June 7, 2022. Estimated cost of \$0.00 paid by department travel.

- 2) Ashley Emerick, Tyler Schafer & Jennie Short to attend Dr. David Avolt In-Service Training Conference held at Sheraton Keystone in Indy on June 16-18, 2022. Estimated cost of \$597.00 paid by department travel.
- 3) Cheryl Lynch, Carma Johnson & Debra Krafft to attend D3 LHD Meeting and D3 Helathcare Coalition Meeting on July 15, 2022, location TBD. Estimated cost of \$0.00 paid by department travel.
- 4) Cheryl Lynch, Carma Johnson, Kylie Reed & Kathy Rutledge to attend Civil Unrest Functional Exercise held at Trine University in Angola on August 3, 2022. Estimated cost of \$0.00 paid by department travel.
- 5) Susan Sleeper to view the AIC: Cybersecurity Institute of Excellence Webinar. Estimated cost of \$60.00 paid by Elected Officials Training Fund.

Todd Sanderson seconded and motioned passed.

MATTER OF FINAL PAYMENT TO MOSAIC FROM DCCC PROJECT

Discussion on final payment to Mosaic. Motion to pay Mosaic by Todd Sanderson and 2nd by Michael Watson. All approved and motion carried.

MATTER OF RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS FOR HEIDTMAN

Motion by Michael Watson and 2nd by Todd Sanderson.

MATTER OF 2023 COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULE


Commissioners' schedule needs one date changed in June. Motion to approve with correction by Todd Sanderson. 2nd by Michael Watson motion. Motion carried.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

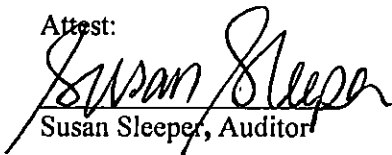
Topics include: Discussion on lights and dishwasher at Community Corrections. Probably need to buy a new dishwasher. Back up pump went out. Holiday Schedule approval to be tabled for a week.


William L. Hartman – President


Michael Watson – Vice President


Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:


Susan Sleeper, Auditor