

## **DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

June 20, 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 Miller went over the Worker's Comp claims that remain and have fallen off; we have 6 that remain. Dotty Miller also went over the employment openings and hires around the County. Dotty stated that she has about 40 individuals that have not submitted their Health enrollment information. The employee survey is being worked on with IT, and the Commissioners would like the survey to go to all employees for feedback and to tailor the survey to those departments that have different hours.

### **MATTER OF RECORDERS OFFICE MAINTENANCE PROJECT**

Leta stated the new carpet is completely down and the painter will start at the end of the week or next. The cabinetry fronts either have the burgundy or blue fronts, and Leta purchased updated material and she and her staff pulled them down and recovered them for less than \$100. Leta asked if she submitted a claim if she could be reimbursed for the fabric \$74.15 and adhesive of \$9.59 for a total of \$83.74. The Auditor made sure she understood that we could not reimburse for the sales tax and Leta understands that. Leta also gave kudos to her staff for all the hard work they did on cleaning and moving items in her office for the remodel.

### **MATTER OF SUNNY MEADOWS CEMETERY PROJECT**

Leta has talked with Don Pierson about the current mower being able to keep the cemetery mowed until the fence is brought in and installed, she has talked with the Council liaison and Robert Krafft feels it should be included in the Sunny Meadows budget. The Commissioners agree to go with the same mower that Don currently uses on an as needed basis.

### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

One of the new dump trucks has arrived and is getting fitted, the 2<sup>nd</sup> truck is about 60 days out. Further discussion took place on the increase of new trucks currently, along with other machinery that is down at this time and the issues that are going on.

### **MATTER OF ERICKSON'S HEAVY DUTY PERMIT TO MOVE TRANSFORMER**

Ben let the Commissioners know that he is still working on the heavy duty permits with Erickson and working out the logistics. Ben is not finding a real good route and is asking if the Commissioners are in acceptance of Ben signing the permit once a route is found or if they would like him to bring back the route prior to approval.

Todd Sanderson made a motion for Ben to use his discernment on approving the heavy duty permit and route needed. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

### **MATTER OF HEAVY DUTY PERMIT FOR ERICKSON'S #3-2022**

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve Erickson's heavy duty permit 3-2022 for CR55 to State Road 8 north, approximately 2400 feet and for Ben to sign. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

### **MATTER OF HEAVY DUTY PERMIT FOR L.E. MYERS DOING WORK FOR AEP**

Permit requested for: 149,000 pounds plus a rubber tire unit at 97,000 pounds to travel the following route: CR 71 north of U.S. 6, CR 75 from U.S.6 to CR 16, CR 79 from U.S.6 to CR 16, CR 77 from CR 16 north to substation by CR 4, CR 16 from St Rd 1 to CR 79 and CR 28 from U.S.6 to 7104 CR 28 and not to cross bridge #65 on CR 28. Ben is going to request a bond as the previous road damage that has happened when AEP work is being completed.

Todd Sanderson made a motion for Ben to use his discernment on approving the heavy duty permit with a \$1,000,000 bond and workout the route needed. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY BUILD PROPOSALS RECEIVED ON 6/16/2022**

Tony Vie discussed the proposals received from the RFP that was sent out to five companies, with three responding. Tony Vie explained what he looks for in a proposal of this type, and was impressed with all three proposals, but the decision is up to the Commissioners. Tony feels from an experience standpoint all three proposals meet the quality and he does not feel the Commissioners can go wrong with any of them. Tim Ehlerding spoke on their ability to work with the County and the flexibility they offer in order to work with the County on whatever process is chosen. Todd Sanderson wants more time to read them all. Michael Watson feels we are not at the point to make this decision at the time with many unanswered questions. William Hartman explained they have some logistics to work out with Council before being able to commit to anything at this point. Further Discussion took place on the project among those present. Todd Sanderson would like to come to an agreement with some changes and see where we come in at, Ben said that a lot of the increase are in contingencies and that maybe we should bid as is and see where things come in. Tony Vie explained that when the bids come in then if the prices are not palatable then the Commissioners could turn it down now. Discussion took place on the Commissioners and the Council staying in their own lanes, Commissioners building and Council financing. Further discussion took place. William Hartman has an issue of the Commissioners to develop the ARP Plan, but if Council does not approve the appropriations then what was the point, the Council still has the control over the decision. William Hartman suggests that we submit another proposal to Council at their July meeting, and Michael Watson reminded that Commissioners need to submit the Highway Project proposal at the same time. Additional discussion took place on prior projects and mistakes made and political stances that are influencing decisions. The Commissioners all decide that it is their duty to go to the Council with their proposal, and the Council needs to use their duty and decide how to fund it, whether it is through cash or financing. Todd Sanderson agrees, they should all stay in their own lanes but he is going on record as wanting to pay with cash that we currently have for this project, as cash is king right now. Tim Ehlerding gave an example of how the team works together, etc. and that it really is vital that the CMA is

included as early as possible for the project to run smoothly. Further discussion took place with Tim Ehlerding on how the processes work. Tony Vie feels that Elevatus, Ben and Bill have already cut the fat out of the project and there is not much more to cut out at this point. The Commissioners plan to make a final decision on selecting or not selecting a CMA by next week.

#### **MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve General Claims consisting of warrant #133224 thru 133282 in the amount of \$7,802.40, and wire transfer #21417 thru 21528 in the amount of \$575,940.19. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF MINUTES**

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the corrected minutes dated June 13 & 16, 2022. Michael Watson seconded and motion passed.

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

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the following travel requests:

- 1) Derrick Burgett to attend Basic Patrol Rifle Training held at the Auburn Range on June 25, 2022. Estimated cost of \$0.00 paid from Department Travel.
- 2) Cheryl Lynch, Carma Johnson, Debra Kraft and Theresa Overy to attend the Public Health Nurse Meeting held in Columbia City on July 15, 2022. Estimated cost of \$0.00 paid by department travel.
- 3) David Cserep to attend NADCP Conference held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel on July 24-28, 2022. Estimated cost of \$2,207.27 paid from Department Travel.

Michael Watson seconded and motioned passed.

#### **MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Michael Watson made a motion to appoint the following Advisory Board Members to positions listed with a term date of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026:

Public Defender: Mark Olivero  
Victim or victim advocate: Marris McKenzie  
Mental Health Administrator: Karla Benitez-Estrada  
Lay Person: Thomas Drzewiecki  
Lay Person: Lili Hand  
Lay Person: Tammy Fink  
Lay Person: Jeremiah Otis

Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF COUNTY HOME REPORT**

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

#### **MATTER OF JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Michael Watson made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Jail Inspection Report that was completed on May 12, 2022. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

**MATTER OF CANTEEN SERVICES FOOD AGREEMENT FOR THE SHERIFF DEPT.**

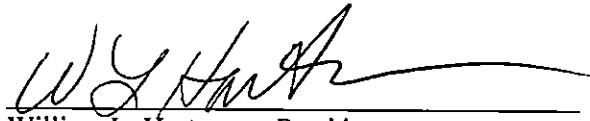
Michael Watson made a motion for the president to sign the Canteen Services, Inc. Food Service Agreement that give the independent contractor the exclusive right to operate a food service at the DeKalb County Jail, to begin on June 19, 2022 and remain in force for one year, thereafter, extending for up to four additional one year periods, upon mutual agreement. Either party may terminate the Agreement by giving ninety days' written notice to the other party. Canteen will provide a cold breakfast, hot lunch, and hot dinner each day at a cost of \$2.43 to \$3.83 per meal depending on the quantity of inmates' meals 0-119+, with kosher meals falling at \$6.60/each and Medical Snacks at \$1.25/ea. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

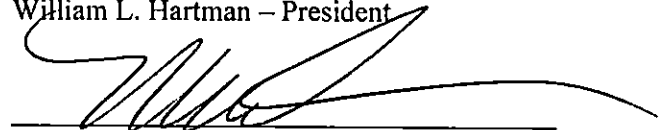
**MATTER OF PETERSON CONSULTING SERVICES, INC ENGAGEMENT FOR CAPITAL ASSET REPORTING**

Michael Watson made a motion for the president to sign the Peterson Consulting Services, Inc. Engagement for the Auditors office to use their services for yearly Capital Asset reporting tracking and requirements. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

**MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

Topics include: wages, Henderson estimate, closeout of the Peckhart Ditch Bridge and Lenora Lane, horse drawn buggy ideas, and solar funding.

  
William L. Hartman – President

  
Michael Watson – Vice President

  
Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:

  
Susan Sleeper, Auditor