

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 11, 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

WIS study came in on Friday and has been passed on to Rick Ring for approval on distribution. Dotty Miller brought in a newspaper clipping from Stryker, OH, the wage is significant, and when working overtime it is actually paid at double time, she passed the information along to the Sheriff's department. There are potential of 3 replacements for the Sheriff's department, however they are for 3 positions that are leaving in July so not actually filling the many open positions. Dotty discussed additional employment openings around the County. Dotty briefly discussed the email sent about ParetoHealth from Ohio to help with our health insurance cost and the information she obtained from the Hill Group. Dotty informed the Commissioners there has been many survey responses along with comments.

MATTER OF CHANGE ACADEMY MOU ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

Michael Lapham provided the DeKalb Change Academy Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding for 2021/2022, 2022/2023 & 2023/2024. Michael Lapham presented the changes to the MOU since the last approval.

Michael Watson motioned to approve the DeKalb Change Academy Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the changes to 1(d) and 5(c). Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF VCheck24 GPS MONITORING SYSTEM

Michelle Fosnaugh is requesting the Commissioners to enter into an agreement with VCheck24, an electronic monitoring service through a mobile app for monitoring of the Community Corrections Victim Impact individuals. There will be an initial 30-day trial period; thereafter the Active Client rate is \$1.00 per day per each active VCheck24 monitoring client that is activated. Michelle explained the requirements they have when a device cannot be located. Michelle and another employee put the app on their own devices for about 5 days and they were very impressed with app. Michael Lapham explained this is Michelle's proactive approach to the legislative changes. Those individuals on the monitoring system will be paying the fee for this service. Michael Watson commended both Michael Lapham and Michelle Fosnaugh for the work they have both done to get the Community Corrections program back on track.

Todd Sanderson made a motion for the president to sign the Agreement for Monitoring and Associated Services with VCheck24. Michael Lapham seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF WALMART COMMUNITY GRANT

Michelle Fosnaugh is seeking approval to write a Walmart Community Grant that could award up to \$2,500 and does not require a match or in-kind. They would purpose this grant money for mowers, trimmers, bicycles, outdoor recreation equipment and incentives such as a movie service. Michelle provided an example of a bank letter that is needed when the grant application is submitted. Auditor Sleeper will work with Treasurer Wilcox to obtain the needed letter. Michael Lapham explained that once we are accepted for this grant, she will be able to go back for it every year.

Michael Watson made a motion for Michelle Fosnaugh to write the Walmart Community Grant. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF CINTAS SERVICE AT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

There is currently a contract with Cintas for rug replacement, cleaning supplies, etc. and Michelle Fosnaugh has cut back on the amount of times they come, but the rug contract is a 5-year contract. Michelle has purchased their own mops and handles and once they are received she will cancel that portion of the service.

Michelle Fosnaugh provided a copy of the latest Cintas Safety Program Bill in the amount of \$70.03 for the month that included the following charges:

Hard Surface Disinfectant Service: \$7.15 x 2 for the front office box and back office box, this is the cost of the Cintas employee wiping the cabinet with a Lysol wipe.

Antiseptic Pump, 2oz.: \$13.44 x 2 (1 bottle for front box and 1 for back box)

Burn Care Pump, 2oz: \$13.44

Roller Gauze, 2 inch: \$6.72

Roller Gauze, 4 inch: \$8.69

Michelle did a quick Amazon search and can get the same items listed about for a total of around \$16.00 give or take depending on time of ordering. Cintas also informed Jason Meek they could no longer perform the monthly AED checks for Community Corrections. Michelle is requesting the cease the service with Cintas for her department. Michael Watson said that Wildman is a more competitive option if looking for a service.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to cease servicing of the safety supply cabinets with Cintas for Community Corrections. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PURDUE UNIVERSITY ON BEHALF OF PURDUE EXTENSION SERVICES

Michael Watson motioned to approve the president to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Purdue University on behalf of Purdue Extension Services and DeKalb County Community Corrections for the life skills classes. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF ALLIANCE INDUSTRIES

Don Chaffin spoke on what has been happening at Alliance, they now employ two non-verbal workers that are working with simple tasks and have a device to help communicate if needed, they are able to employ workers that could never get a job in the job market with their disabilities. He wanted to give his appreciation for the funding the Commissioners have given over the years. Don Chaffin spoke on a few success stories from Alliance Industries. Todd Sanderson asked if Alliance Industries is a 501c3 and they are, and work on a very small budget and could not do what they are without their benefactors.

Don would like to find a few more companies in Noble County to be able to serve not just DeKalb County. Michael Watson agrees with Todd Sanderson that the funding give to the Human Shelter vs. Alliance Industries is upside down at this time. The Commissioners will each schedule to take a tour of Alliance Industries.

MATTER OF MAYOR LEY-CITY OF AUBURN REQUESTS

Mayor Ley, Daryl McConnell, Erik Weber and Larry Lane were in attendance to speak to the Commissioners about the placement of speakers around the courthouse square. Mayor Ley began talking about the lights around the courthouse square needing refurbished, the County owns the lights on the square and it would be up to the Commissioners to refurbish them. Discussion took place on the manner of setting the concrete to hold both the light post and speakers. Mayor Ley discussed a downtown sounds system and passed out a photo of the proposed system. The new system is needed to no longer have overhead wires and the City is requesting to put the new speakers on the Courthouse square. William Hartman asked what the timeline is for the speakers, and they are needed very soon and the City will have to look into what can be used on a temporary basis for this Fall 2022 season.

The Mayor then spoke on the request to annex about 213 acres west on State Road 8. He provided maps that depicted the proposed annexation, current County owned property, and the current zoning maps. Mayor Ley also proposed the City of Auburn taking over Potter Drive to own and maintain, this was not acted on.

Mayor Ley is requesting with some urgency to annex the properties, get the TIF district of the City underway to be ahead of the major plans for the ground requested in the annexation. He also reminded the Commissioners there are statutory deadlines they have to meet on annexations.

Mayor Ley also stated the City is very interested in obtaining the 47 acres currently owned by the County to develop a park for the west side of Auburn. The City would also be interested in the 160 acres that Community Corrections is on if it would be of any value to the County to have this knowledge. Michael Watson is in support of annexing the 47 acres with pond and take ownership as there is not a downside to the County in doing so, Todd agrees. Todd Sanderson asked if the City was thinking a purchase of property or trade, the Mayor is open to whatever can work. Attorney Weber explained that it is possible to work out an agreement, but there may need appraisals done to obtain the worth of the property. William Hartman cannot think of a trade that would fit this scenario, but the County could use the cash at this time.

Michael Watson made a motion to approve the annexation of the three parcels requested that include the following:

07-05-25-400-001 owned by Parkview Health Systems, Inc.

07-05-25-400-002 owned by County of DeKalb

07-05-25-300-002 owned by Corporate Anderson, LLC

Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Ben brought in the original surety bond for The L.E. Myers Company and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in the amount of \$1,000,000 for hauling and transportation on project at 301 RE Jones Rd., Butler, IN 46721 for Auditor Sleeper to keep with the bonds in her office.

Ben received an invoice from Kaufman drilling for the pump test on the Henderson property and brought to the Commissioners to be paid. Ryan Grogg explained the changes that will be needed due to the results of the pump test.

The company that applied for the permit was Everstream so they were the permit coordinator. Then Verita was to do the install work. They bored the line in within one foot of the road and placed access boxes at the same distance. These should all be on the backside of the ditch within two feet of the backside of the R/W. They asked for 4' within the backside of the ditch in areas but not within one foot of the pavement. The commissioners have requested it all be removed to the backside of the ditch. Ben and Mark have a meeting with them tomorrow along with Bill from the surveyor's office.

Chip and Seal started today for the County.

MATTER OF ESTABLISHING A ROAD BORING FOR PRIVATE UTILITIES

Attorney McCanna provided the Commissioners with a document he had prepared in 2021 that had not been acted on for review on Establishing a Policy for Landowners who are not a Regulated Public Utility to Petition the County Commissioners to Run Certain Permitted Private Utilities under County Roads. Short discussion took place and topic tabled until next week.

MATTER OF THE HIGHWAY PROJECT

Michael Watson feels it is difficult to make a decision on this until the commissioners make a recommendation to the Council and they decide how they are going to fund the project. Todd Sanderson would have no problem turning the project over to the Build-Operate-Transfer method and let them tell us when they want paid. Michael Watson and Todd Sanderson are attacking the recommendation to the Council from different avenues that were discussed. Tyler Dickson discussed the BOT process they are currently doing and how the developing of the cost would occur. Todd's main concern is staying out of the Councils lane and bring them a project and let them fund it. Todd asked the two contractors in attendance from a professional standpoint what avenue they would go, and they both agree that either Design-Bid-Build or BOT would be the best options. Michael Watson likes the BOT avenue due to cash flows, etc. Todd would like to build the best building possible with the least amount of cost. William Hartman feels the cold-storage building should be set aside for now, however it may be a minimal savings depending on how the Council funds the project. Todd and Michael would like to see the new equipment and the old equipment be stored inside to preserve as much as possible from the elements. The Commissioners will present to the Council the project and let the Council decide how to fund the project.

MATTER OF 2023 REQUESTED BUDGET

The Commissioners worked with Auditor Sleeper on what they wanted to request for their 2023 budget.

MATTER OF UPDATE TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Auditor Sleeper reminded the Commissioners that the Capital Improvement Plan needs to be updated and discussion took place and she will bring the topic up again for further updates and prepare to adopt a new 2-year plan.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

Michael Watson made a motion to approve payroll for the period of June 19- July 2, 2022. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve June 2022 Bookkeeper and Payroll claims along with Special claims previously submitted in the amount of \$9,411.53 consisting of warrant #'s 133285 thru 133286 and wire transfer #'s 21529 thru 21530 that were processed on June 28, 2022 and General claims processed on July 11, 2022 in the amount of \$705,175.14 consisting of warrant #'s 133305 thru 133348 and wire transfer #'s 21568 thru 21713. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Michael Watson made the motion to approve the corrected minutes dated June 27, 2022. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

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

- 1) Michael Watson to attend INDOT Commissioners & Mayors Open House held June 30, 2022 in Fort Wayne. Estimated cost of \$22.95 paid by Department Travel.
- 2) Holly Albright & Karen Bishop to attend the Indiana Voter Registration Association Conference held at Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Noblesville on August 8-10, 2022. Estimated cost of \$443.00 paid by department travel.
- 3) Sheila Stonebraker & Tammy Warstler to attend 2022 Summer Conference held at the Hilton, Indianapolis on August 30- September 2, 2022. Estimated cost of \$2,178 paid by State Called unappropriated line item.
- 4) Jason Meek to attend Emergency Management Conference held at the Indianapolis Marriott East on October 18-21, 2022. Estimated cost of \$886.77 paid by department travel.
- 5) Patrick Grant to attend 2022 Annual Conference of the Indiana Association of Inspectors of Weight and Measures held at Swan Lake Resort, Plymouth IN on November 1-4, 2022. Estimated cost of \$372 paid by department travel.

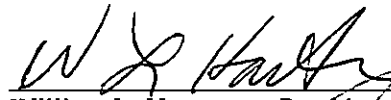
Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

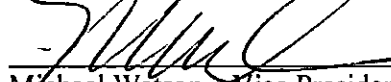
MATTER OF HORSE DRAWN BUGGY ORDINANCE

Attorney McCanna provided a draft ordinance for the Commissioners to be able to discuss and change prior to a final ordinance as a discussion point to get closer to adopting an official ordinance. Discussion took place on the topic.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Topics include: Transfers going in front of Council within Commissioners Budgets for 2022, BZA appointment of Jeremy Watson, Conrad Braun & 11A damage, CR 56 road improvement information from Brechbill Farms.


William L. Hartman – President


Michael Watson – Vice President


Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:


Susan Sleeper, Auditor