

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

September 26, 2022

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

Others Present: First Deputy Carla Winebrenner
Deputy Auditor, Jody Wiedenhoeft
Attorney James P McCanna, absent

MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Dotty began by going over recruitment around the County in the Title IV D, Prosecutor, Community Corrections, Sheriff, Extension Office, and Sunny Meadows. She hasn't heard from Ben Parker about the Highway position. Veteran Service Deputy position has been sent to WIS for review. They were at the AIC Conference and spoke at one of the meetings about recruiting and retaining employees. Nationwide will look at employee's entire portfolio who are enrolled in Hoosier Start. PERF representative will be here in October for employees to meet with. She sent utilization review from Anthem for commissioners to look at. Lindsey is checking retention schedules for employee files (I 9s) and scanning them in. They have to be held for 75 years. She also scanned in a card file that was found in the Auditor's Office.

MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES-PAUL WHITE

Discussion on the Eric Fuller property at 6810 CR 62, Saint Joe and he is present. First notice was sent March 10, 2022 to clean up his property. Third notice was given in September. It is on the corner on 101 and CR 62. Eric Fuller was told to put a fence up. He put one on the east side and is working on the south side. He has been working on cleaning it up. There are cars on this property that were not there before. Mike stated there is an ordinance for this and you can't store them on the property. He wants to scrap the vehicles and states that scrap price is down. He moved to the country to be able to do his business. The neighbor has complained about the mess. There is an ordinance that covers this. Chris Gaumer states that the amount of junk on the property is too much. The ordinance states that we can put a lien on the property. Robert Wilder lives on SR 101 and states that he has had many complaints regarding this property. He said it's a gross violation to the county ordinance. He shared an article in the August 16th Star about a theft at Color Master. The article refers to a property at the 6800 block of CR 62, which is the only property on this stretch of road. The commissioners state that he has 30 days to clean up the property and it has been going on for 6 months.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Michael Watson made a motion to pay the claims from September 26, 2022 and Todd Sanderson seconded the motion.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the corrected minutes dated September 19, 2022. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the following travel requests and seconded by Michael Watson:

- 1) Michelle Fosnaugh to attend IACCAC Summer Assembly held at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis-Union Station in Indianapolis on August 30-31, 2022. Estimated cost of \$73.00 paid by department travel.
- 2) Kurt Grimm to attend Winter Workshop & District Board Mtg held at the Renaissance in Carmel on December 8-9, 2022. Estimated cost of \$739.00 paid by department travel.
- 3) Susan Sleeper, Carla Winebrenner, & Jody Wiedenhoeft to attend Auditor's Fall Conference held at Belterra Casino Resort in Florence on October 25-28, 2022. Estimated cost of \$2,006.00 paid By State Called unappropriated account within County General and County Elected Officials Training Fund.

MATTER OF CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion to clean the building. A-1 put a bid in to clean the Central Communications building. Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve and a second by Michael Watson. All approved and motion carried. Todd Sanderson approved of the Priority 1 fire alarm system after he looked it over.

MATTER OF PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER

Suzanne Davis has agreed to take the position. Chris Gaumer was here to discuss this. He will be doing orientation next week.

MATTER OF CENTURYLINK CABLE CUT DURING WORK ON BRIDGE

Received a phone call from Becky Roller and the Highway Department is working on a bridge and cut a Centurylink cable to their internet on September 12th. She would like the county to pay for her internet. We will talk to Ben during the break to get an answer regarding this. They had the cable between the guardrail and the road, and it should not have been there and it would not have been cut. Michael Watson will call her back of the findings. Ben said he reported it within a couple of days.

MATTER OF OCRA

Michael Watson states that they are doing grants and they cover public services and storm water.

MATTER OF COURTHOUSE MASONRY RESTORATION

Larry Lane came in to discuss the light post at the south end of the courthouse. He said the sidewalk is pushing up and cracked it. Discussion to fix it and check the others around the courthouse. He brought in a quote for \$4,520 from C & S Masonry Restoration. Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve and Michael Watson seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION


Discussion on solar farms for personal and commercial. Chris clarified the dimensions that need to be from the property line. There is an ordinance that covers this. The concerns are pollution and people do not want to look at them.

Michael Watson states that he will have an occupational therapist to evaluate the residents at Sunny Meadows.

Community Corrections has 52 people currently on work release. Bill Hartman would like to talk to the electric company because of the high rate of the electric bill. Todd Sanderson needs to talk to the natural gas company regarding the prices.

Michael Watson states that there are many other properties that need to be addressed regarding junk and debris. He states these need to be addressed and not ignored.

Michael Watson reported on the AIC Conference. There was discussion on solar. Also health dollars coming back to the counties to make Indiana a healthier state. The state would like to address the mental health issues too.

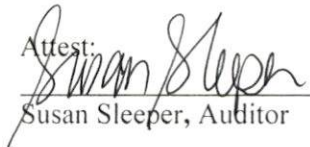


William L. Hartman – President



Michael Watson – Vice President

Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:


Susan Sleeper, Auditor