

## **DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

February 6, 2023

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

Others Present:                Auditor Susan Sleeper  
   Deputy Jody Wiedenhoef  
   Attorney Andrew Kruse

### **MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

Dotty Miller announced that wellness screenings would take place on March 28, 2023 in the White Room of the Annex building; this will be free to all DeKalb County Employees, as well as any spouse who is currently enrolled in the County Health Plan.

Todd Sanderson made a motion for Dotty Miller to sign the Wellness Screening electronically on their behalf. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Dotty provided passed out a summary sheet of the Worker's Compensation recordable claims via email prior to the email as well as discussed at last meeting but needs the OSHA log Form 300 signed by Commissioner Hartman.

Michael Watson made a motion to approve and for the president to sign the Form 300A listing the Worker's Compensation claims. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

Dotty began discussion on CPR training. Central Communications has offered two of their employee's regular wages to train DeKalb County employees. Auditor Sleeper asked where the funds would be provided and Todd Sanderson said he felt it should be paid from their LITED Fund. Dotty went on to state that they are hoping to have at least one CPR trained employee per office.

Other Discussion: CINTAS Cancellation; Boston Mutual Presentation; Public Records Request; Recruitment around the county.

### **MATTER OF HEALTH PLAN RENEWAL**

Todd Sanderson feels that APEX would be the best candidate, and Michael Watson agrees.

Todd Sanderson then made a motion to name APEX as broker of record once the agreement is signed, and Mike Watson seconded the motion and all approved.

### **MATTER OF SOLAR DISCUSSION**

Lynn Reinhart begins discussion regarding Solar. He would like to touch on 3 topics: Fiscal Revenue Setbacks, Discuss the Fear of Change and NIMDY (Not In My Back Yard). He stated he spoke with Anton King as part of the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership, and he was waiting to receive data from the Baker Tilley Group, specifically for the revenue numbers. Lynn went on to state that the County should slow down when making decisions until we have all of the pertinent data from Baker Tilley. We should also look over all data of new funds from across the United States and can look specifically at data and the funds that are now provided for schools for whatever that school choose. Lynn

went on to discuss setbacks, specifically the buffer, and the amounts that have been thrown out such as 200, 400, 600 and then 1,000 feet. Additional discussion took place.

Dawn Schrader begins speaking about the distance from her house to the middle of the road, and the land across the street that will be wasted if the setback amendments for solar panels are approved.

Sara with Sculpin Solar- begins with misc. topics, and has prepared and passed out a letter for the Commissioners regarding their comments and concerns on the prepared amendments to the Solar Overlay.

Ben Steury begins speaking about decommissioning requirements for other businesses coming into the county. Todd Sanderson responds by stating that the zoning should be changed to Industrial if Solar wants to come to DeKalb County.

Andrew Provines begins with stating this Solar could bring additional money to the county. He responds by saying most of Industrial zoning do not happen right beside homes. Most of the compromises thus far have come from individuals, rather than the companies. He then goes on to speak about Michael Watson's processes and emails to individuals such as Rick Ring. He feels that the Solar Companies have had more of an advocate than the residents of DeKalb County. He then provided copies of emails to all Commissioners.

Michael Watson came back as a rebuttal, and stated that he asked the companies to send their EDA's and he would look over all of the information. He stated he has done the exact same for everyone.

#### **MATTER OF 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER COUNCIL ON AGING INVOICES**

Tracy Bell began by providing a copy of the DART 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter update.

A few of her highlights include: They currently employ 15 part-time drivers. DART's price increase went into effect on January 9, 2023. \$2.00 increase within DeKalb County travel; \$5.00 per passenger, per stop within the same city/town; \$6.00 per passenger, per stop, out of town; Travel fares outside of DeKalb County (all ages) \$10 increase; \$35.00 One-Way Trip; and \$50.00 Round-Trip. They are still waiting for the transit from 2021 and have 2 low-floor minivans expected in 2023. Van #16 had Engine Replacement costing \$9,456.35 in December 2022, and Transit #15 – needs a new transmission for \$3,500.00. Total trips for 2022 were 18,118 with a total mileage of 172,718. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 Transportation Totals are \$192,268.41 – minus revenue of \$14,513.74 leaving a total of \$177,754.67. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 FAE Totaled: \$14,513.74.

Todd Sanderson made a motion for the president to sign the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Operating/Administration request in the amount of \$92,532.00 that covers October-December 2022 expenses. Michael Watson seconded the motion and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF PAYROLL**

Michael Watson made a motion to approve payroll for the period of January 15-28, 2023. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve January 2023 Bookkeeper and Payroll claims along with Special claims in the amount of \$20.00 consisting of warrant #'s 133939 that were processed on 1/31/2022 and General claims processed on February 6, 2023 in the amount of \$892,088.80, consisting of warrant # 133948 thru # 134021 and wire transfer # 23554 thru #23665 . Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

### **MATTER OF MINUTES**

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the minutes dated January 30, 2023. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS**

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

- 1) Angela Sorg to attend Programming at Angola High School on February 14, 2023. Estimated cost of \$25.00 paid by department travel.
- 2) Angela Sorg to attend Women in Ag Conference held at the Terre Haute Convention Center on Feb. 21-23, 2023. Estimated cost of \$216.00 paid by department travel.
- 3) Jeremy Heffelfinger to attend Field Search Software Certification Course held at the Auburn PD Training Center on February 22, 2023. Registration cost of \$495.00 paid by department travel.
- 4) Debra Krafft and Theresa Overy to attend Indiana's' World TB Day held at Ivy Tech Conference Center in Indy on March 23, 2023. Registration cost of \$51.26 paid by department travel.

Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF KNOWB4 POLICY**

Discussion about ramifications if employees do not do the training. Bill Hartman explains what the policy is. Auditor Sleeper asked if this should be a modification to the current handbook, or if a resolution is needed. Andrew Kruse stated there should be a motion made putting this policy into place.

Todd Sanderson then made a motion to make the KNOWB4 policy a requirement starting today, and requests that the courts to comply. Michael Watson seconded motion, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF VENDOR ACH REQUIREMENT**

Auditor Sleeper would like all vendors to go direct deposit, instead of cutting a check, and would like the Commissioners to think about the process. Todd Sanderson agrees and believes that this will streamline the process. Michael Watson agrees.

Todd Sanderson makes a motion to require all vendors to Direct Deposit/ACH as of today. Michael Watson seconded the motion and all approved.


### **MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

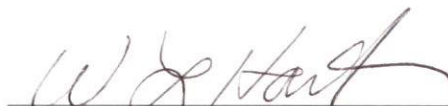
Topics Include: Sunny Meadows Water Heater

**EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGAN AT 10:15 A.M.**

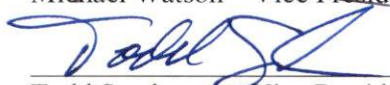
The Commissioners met in Executive Session as noticed beginning at 10:15 in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). No decisions were made and no other matters were discussed. The Executive Session concluded at 11:00 a.m.

Attest:

  
Susan Sleeper, Auditor

  
William L. Hartman – President

  
Michael Watson – Vice President

  
Todd Sanderson – Vice President