

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 20, 2023

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

Others Present: Auditor Susan Sleeper
Attorney Andrew Kruse

MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Dotty discussed CPR training classes, Wellness Screening Day, The Safety Committee and updating the safety manual, Job Classification Committee, and recruitment around the County. Dotty met with APEX and they need a much more robust claims report to take out to bid. Insurance Trustees/HILB Group looked at the Knowb4 policy and is comfortable with the verbiage and glad it will be in the Employee Handbook. There has also been assurance that all three courts will participate in the Knowb4 training. Dotty is going to send her suggestion as maybe the policy should include 'other cyber training' and not just the 'Knowb4' title so that the policy does not have to change if the training changes. Attorney Kruse had a very good meeting with Dotty last week, and he feels that our insurance company for worker's comp. is doing well for the employees.

MATTER OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF BUTLER

Michael Watson motion to approve and all to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between DeKalb County and the City of Butler for the Real Estate known as 5221 US 6, Butler. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF RESOLUTION 2023-R-4: A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS 5221 US 6 TO THE CITY OF BUTLER

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-R-4 as described above. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Ben informed the Commissioners that he is still waiting on ERS for tower specifications. He then discussed Wetlands Mitigation Credit purchase and the possibility of requesting a reimbursement at 80/20 according to BF&S but has not received INDOT confirmation yet. Next, Ben discussed the August 18, 2022 crash at CR 427/11A that damaged a County light pole, the pole was ordered with a 22-24 week delivery time, and cost was \$5,067 and has now been installed. Ben explained that he attempted to reach out to the insurance company of the person who hit the pole and received a release of property damage to receive a check for \$3,812.46 as settlement that included partial or no coverage on certain materials as well as depreciation of materials. Todd Sanderson does not agree with the stipulations the insurance company put into the release. The Commissioners requested Attorney Kruse to respond to the insurance company.

**MATTER OF MITIGATION PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OPENINGS
MITIGATION BANK, INC AND DEKALB COUNTY**

The Federal Road Project for CR 56 will require mitigation from a couple of partial acres of wetland affected by the project. Instead of the County finding a wetland somewhere to mitigate, there is an 80-acre tract in Allen County that is certified wetland mitigation for local government, therefore DeKalb County can purchase part of this wetland to make up for the peat and/or wetland being disturbed.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to accept and the president to sign the Openings Wetland Mitigation Bank- Mitigation Credit Purchase Agreement to purchase 0.158 Conditionally-Certified Class II Emergent Wetland Credits from the Bank for \$12,640. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

Michael Watson made a motion to approve payroll for the period of Feb. 26 – Mar. 11, 2023. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the minutes as dated March 13, 2023. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Michael Watson made a motion to approve Special Claims as submitted. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

Todd feels they are never going to deny a travel request, especially for the Courts and feels that the Commissioners do not need to review them and the departments have their own travel budget and they know what training the departments need and the Commissioners most of the time do not. Bill feels there is more depreciation on a county vehicle vs. using a personal vehicle for travel. Auditor Sleeper will ask her Auditor group how other counties handle their travel and Attorney Kruse will check into the liability side on the topic.

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

- 1) Angela Sorg to attend Indiana Extension Educators Association Conference held at the Abe Martin Lodge in Nashville, IN held on April 12-13. Estimated cost of \$316.00 paid by department travel.
- 2) Elysia Rodgers to attend Indiana Extension Educators Association Conference held at the Abe Martin Lodge in Nashville, IN held on April 12-13. Estimated cost of \$495.00 paid by department travel.
- 3) Susan Sleeper & Carla Winebrenner to attend SRIs 2023 Tax Sale Seminar held at the Renaissance Indy North location on April 14. Estimated cost of \$139.00 paid by department travel.
- 4) Susan Sleeper to view the recorded versions of AIC Classes: Grants and Record Retention. Estimated cost of \$130.00 paid by department travel.
- 5) Mike Watson to attend AIC Grant Class in person held in Indy on April 6. Estimated cost of \$212.00 paid by department travel.
- 6) The following to attend the 2023 RISE Conference held in Houston, TX on June 26-29:

Ryan Hull: \$3,186.32 | Bonijene Crider: \$3,186.32 | Karla Benetiz: \$3,624.16 | Michelle Ford: \$3,186.32 | Patricia Lopez: \$2,155.96 | Erik Weber: \$2,196.92 | Stephanie Hamilton: \$2,462.80 | John Watkins: \$3,940.28 | Adam Squiller: \$3,145.92 | Bailee Grayless: \$3,186.32
Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF LIABILITY INSURANCE STATEMENT OF VALUES SIGNATURE

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the president to sign the Statement of Values for Insurance Trustees. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF ATTORNEY FEE AGREEMENT WITH BARNES & THORNBURG, LLP AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE DEKALB COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE 2023 FINANCING

Michael Watson made a motion to approve and the president to sign the Attorney Fee Agreement with Barnes & Thornburg, LLP as Bond Counsel for the Highway Garage 2023 Financing. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF BOT AGREEMENT

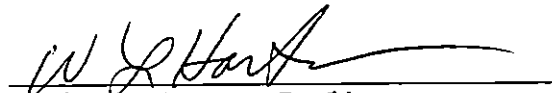
Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve and the president to sign the BOT Agreement for the Public Works Campus Project and for the president to sign the 'Exhibit E'-Completion Statement subject to the review of the easement document. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Topics Include: Highway Project, meeting with Judges & Sheriff on security, Schwiegle case, and Fire Suppression System for new Highway Campus.

Attest:


Susan Sleeper, Auditor


William L. Hartman – President


Michael Watson – Vice President


Todd Sanderson – Vice President