

## **DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

July 10, 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**

A review of recruitment around the County started out the day. HR is still working on all the insurance paperwork. Dotty had sent the Surest Summary Plan Description for review and feels it is more on the Surest side, as it contains more legal info. Attorney Kruse expressed he is not an expertise in Health Insurance and there would be Federal Laws and Regulations that he would not be familiar with. The Commissioners agree they are happy with Dotty's review and trust the information provided.

### **MATTER OF ZONE AMENDMENT**

Chris Gaumer explained the Proposed UDO change recommendations from the DeKalb County Plan Commission. The DeKalb County Plan Commission met on June 21, 2023 and have issued *favorable* recommendations for changes on both Resolutions for changes on the A1 & A2 Uses and Development Standards, conservation AG Subdivision, Minor Subdivision and Fee Schedule.

### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Ben would like to rebid bridge #132, he had talked with those that normally bid did not receive their info back in time from their contractors or the project did not fit into the timeframe of the contractor's schedule. Bridge #57 and CR 35 should both be starting on the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>, the milling from roads are used to fill in certain areas to repair, patch, etc. Ben will be submitting for the full \$1,000,000 Community Crossing Grant.

### **MATTER OF LPA CONSULTING AGREEMENT ON CR 56 FROM SR 327 TO E JUNCTION OF COUNTY ROAD 17**

Todd Sanderson motioned to accept and sign the Consulting Agreement with Butler, Fairman & Seufert for Des. No.: 1702950. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

### **MATTER OF SECURITY AUTOMATION SERVICES**

Commissioner Hartman explained that it was determined that \$150,000 is the threshold for bidding. Commissioner Watson expressed that this is a \$10M project so they should do it right in the first place. Commissioner Hartman came back with Watson's 'right' may not be the same as what he feels is 'right'. Auditor Sleeper reminded the Commissioners that last week they

were not sure on the cameras but were in agreeance with the proximity entrances. Ben would like to have some cameras at least in the front, in the office, in back, by the shops and gas, etc. Commissioner Sanderson feels he is in favor of cameras, not to get him wrong but maybe not the extent of what is proposed. Jack Smith came in to answer the commissioner's questions. Commissioner Sanderson would like to visit the site and go through it with Ben to see locations of proposed cameras. Jack asked where the Commissioners are with the process because the Vendor is concerned on being able to get product.

**Todd Sanderson made a motion to move forward with the SAS Security System for the gate and proximity access cards. Michael Watson seconded if his opinion is not too irrelevant and all approved.**

#### **MATTER OF PAYROLL**

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve payroll for the period June 18- July 1, 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 MINUTES**

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the minutes as dated July 3, 2023. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

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

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

- 1) Effie Campbell drop off displays at the State Fair on July 27, 2023. Estimated cost of \$136.00 paid by department travel.
- 2) Elysia Rodgers to attend the Indiana State Fair on July 27, 2023. Estimated cost of \$136.00 paid by department travel.
- 3) Effie Campbell to take the Food & Garden drop off Food & Garden Projects at the State Fair on July 31, 2023. Estimated cost of \$136.00 paid by department travel.
- 4) Elysia Rodgers to travel to the State Fair on August 3-5, 2023 to work the 4-H Market and lamb show. Estimated cost of \$136.00 paid by department travel.
- 5) Elysia Rodgers to travel to the State Fair on August 21, 2023 to pick-up 4-H projects. Estimated cost of \$136.00 paid by department travel.
- 6) Susan Sleeper to watch the recorded version of the AIC Institute Class – Budget & Finance II. Registration fee of \$65.00 paid by Co. Elected Officials Training Fund.
- 7) Shelia Stonebraker & Tammy Warstler to attend the NE District Assessor Meeting held on July 28, 2023 at Sutton's Deli in Angola. Estimated cost of \$23.00 paid by department travel.

Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

**MATTER OF MILESTONE PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND FOR BRIDGE #57 ON CR 40**

Michael Watson made a motion to acknowledge receipt of and accept the Performance and Payment Bonds form Milestone. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

**MATTER OF MAINTENANCE SOFTWARE**

Todd Sanderson sat down with Ken Rowe and reviewed the software and it is a spreadsheet that you can add documents to that would remind Ken when certain maintenance items need completed and it is likely the entire County would be able to utilize the software.

**Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the agreement with Brightly Software, Inc. in the amount of \$4,550.21, priced at coverage of 100,000 square foot and paid by the IT department. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.**

**NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUNDING**

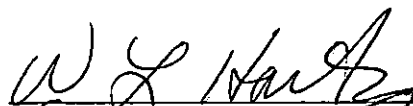
Todd Sanderson sat down with Cheryl Lynch and feels that she and Dr. Souder are both on board with the new funding. Todd Sanderson is concerned about the over-reaching from the Federal Government. Michael Watson also expressed that the Federal Government or State Government could require things on all the Grants we receive, even the Community Crossings for highways. Todd Sanderson want confirmation from Cheryl and Dr. Souder that if the program goes rogue that DeKalb County will pull out. Michael Watson suggested that public comment should be taken on this topic as they have on the other contentious topics.


**MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

Topics include- SRO Officer position

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


The Commissioners met in Executive Session as noticed beginning at 10:15 a.m., in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B). There were no decisions made and no other matters discussed. The Executive Session concluded at 10:41 a.m.

  
William L. Hartman – President

  
Michael Watson – Vice President

  
Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:

  
Susan Sleeper, Auditor