

DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

March 13, 2024

The following Council Members were present:

President David Yarde
Vice President William VanWye
Member Richard Ring
Member Robert E. Krafft
Member Amy Demske
Member Amy Prosser
Member Rick Collins

Others present:

Auditor Susan Sleeper
Attorney Donald J Stuckey

Rick Collins opened the meeting with prayer at 8:31 a.m.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Rick Collins made a motion to amend the February 14, 2024, minutes. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

Amy Prosser made a motion to approve minutes as amended dated February 14, 2024. Amy Demske seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

William VanWye made a motion to approve Development Services additional appropriation request in the amount of \$9,500 into the purchase of vehicles account (44610) within the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138). Richard Ring seconded and all approved.

Amy Prosser made a motion to approve Weights & Measures additional appropriation request in the amount of \$67,175 into the purchase of vehicles account (44610) within the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138). Richard Ring seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF TRANSFERS

Rick Collins made a motion to approve Development Services transfer request of \$200 from Legal Reference Materials (22410) to Consultant Fees (32840) and the transfer of \$400 from Operating Supplies (22130) to Consultant Fees (32840) within the County General Fund (1001). William VanWye seconded and all approved.

Richard Ring made a motion to approve Central Communications' transfer request of \$500 from Incentives (22255) to Awards (33150) within the LIT Public Safety Fund (1170). William VanWye seconded and all approved.

Amy Demske made a motion to approve Prosecutors transfer request of \$1,600 from Office Supplies (22110) to Furniture and Fixtures (44410) and the transfer of \$3,000 from Replacement EE (11499) to Furniture and Fixtures (44410) within the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund (2501). Richard Ring seconded and all approved.

Rick Collins made a motion to approve Development Services transfer request of \$5,000 from Program/Software (34120) to Computer Equipment (44420) within the GIS Projects Fund (4930). Robert Krafft seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF FINANCIAL REPORT BY FUND

The Council certified that they have received and reviewed the February 2024 Financial Report by Fund.

MATTER OF AIRPORT UPDATE

Council and Commissioner Brief 3/13/2024

New Business

- The changeover from AvGas to JetA thereby expanding our JetA storage from 12,000 gallons to 24,000 gallons is underway but we ran into a few issues that needed addressed. Because the tank was previously AvGas, which is very corrosive, some of the piping for the sump system is deteriorating to the point that we can't get good quality JetA sumps for testing purposes so we are replacing that piping. Once the pipes are replaced and all tests come back good we can begin using the tank. The final steps will be later in the spring when we can paint the new piping and filter vessels to match.
- The 2024 NAVAIDS Relocation Project has begun. The contractor is currently replacing the communication cable between the Localizer and the Glideslope. They are building the rebar for the concrete MALSR bases and plan to begin pouring those in the next couple of weeks. They cut in an access road to get to the MALSR lane, and they removed all the equipment from the MALSR building and stored it to be used in the new building in the new location.
- John Brye has indicated that they will make their \$25,000 goal to move Meese Chapel.
- There is no further movement on the name change at the moment. We asked Crown Jewel Marketing to work on some items for us. They will get back to us mid-March.

Old Business

- None.

MATTER OF DCCC

Proposed 2025 Adult Grant:

Michelle Fosnaugh presented the 2025 Adult Grant Proposal for a total of \$2,227,809. The following changes were noted if Proposed Grant Budget is approved by State:

- \$56,361 in wage increases (including estimated increase in Probation Officer's Salary Schedule), gives all DCCC employees a wage increase based on individual performance evaluations, attendance, and experience.
- Overall, \$95,994 increased budget.
- PO Box rental will go away as they are installing a mailbox for deliveries.
- Savings on time clock software due to reallocation with other County departments utilizing the software.
- IT expenses will increase by \$13,204.
- Increase for equipment leasing reflects the increased number of days on electronic monitoring.
- Requesting \$41,452 in additional funding from IDOC.
- Project Income would increase by \$72,552.
- County Contribution would decrease by \$30,060.

If the 2025 Budget had to remain with no increase the following changes would occur:

- Grant funding would remain at \$1,131,530.
- Wage increases and other expenses will come from Project Income and County Supplements
- In 2023, DCCC personnel required 73% of the appropriated County Supplement.
- Cost Savings listed above remain the same.
- Project Income Budget will increase by \$76,764.
- County Supplement would increase by \$7,180.
- if no additional grant funding is received, DCCC will be able to complete all desired goals by increasing project income and receiving a \$7,180 in county-provided funding.

No action was taken on this matter.

MATTER OF CHANGE ACADEMY MOU

The CHANGE Academy MOU was presented. The MOU had been submitted to the Commissioners who did not approve because Hamilton Schools were still included, and they had pulled out of the program. The original MOU was for a total amount of \$130,000 whereas the updated MOU is for a total amount of \$120,000. Michelle stated that with Hamilton pulling out of the program there is \$10,000 that will need to be covered by DCCC and the County. There was a possibility that Project Income could cover \$4,900 if the Juvenile Grant could be amended. However, Michelle learned right before the meeting that it isn't possible to amend the budget at this time. This now means that the appropriated monies for CHANGE Academy in the County General Fund for 2024, which would include FY 2025 would need to be used to cover around \$5,624 of the \$10,000 loss from Hamilton Schools pulling out of the CHANGE Academy program.

There is consensus with the Council that the 2024 appropriated dollars in County General can be transferred to another category to pay for things needed from the \$10,000 difference from Hamilton pulling out of program.

MATTER OF 2027 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-CONSULTANT SELECTION MEMBER

The Plan Commission approved hiring a consultant to help write and RFP for a Comprehensive Plan update. Comprehensive Plans are adopted by the Commissioners (with recommendation made by Plan Commission) as resolutions, not ordinances. Which means Comprehensive Plans should be used as guidelines for the County. Resolutions are not Law; thus, the Comprehensive Plan is not law. Chris provided a document on why the rewrite is needed along with a timeline. Hometown Initiatives is a local planning, zoning, community development and administrative planning services consultant that has been asked to help write the Request for Proposals & Qualifications. Hometown Initiatives has prepared a contract to be discussed to prepare the RFP/Q with the Consultant Selection Committee. The Consultant Selection Committee should be zoning administrator, 4 members of Plan Commission, 1 member for County Commissioners, 1-member from County Council, and the Plan Commission Attorney (non-voting)-Andrew Kruse.

William VanWye nominated Robert Krafft for the Committee. Richard Ring seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF JOB CLASSIFICATION MEETING DISCUSSION

Robert Krafft went over the recommendations from the February 16, 2024, Job Classification Committee meeting that will come to the Full Council for a vote.

Benefits for Public Defenders/Prosecuting Attorney's:

Dotty gave a synopsis of what research she has found on the possibility of Public Defenders and Prosecuting Attorney's to be able to have benefits. Mark Olivero then spoke to the Council on the research he has done on surrounding counties and who offers benefits and who does not. President Yarde asked Mark Olivero if there was a possibility of offering Health Insurance only and not the PERF aspect? Mark feels that it is possible, but the surrounding counties offer PERF as part of their benefit package. Richard Ring feels that for the Public Defender and Prosecutor offices to attract attorneys more than just a wage will need to be offered to attract them. This topic will come back at the May Council Meeting.

MATTER OF 2024 SALARY & HOURLY WAGE ORDINANCE: 2024-OCC-2

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve the 2024 Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance: Ordinance 2024-OCC-2 by title only on the FIRST Reading. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

Richard Ring made a motion to suspend the rules to pass the 2024 Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance: 2024-OCC-2 on the 2nd and 3rd Readings. William VanWye seconded and all approved.

Robert Krafft made a motion to approve the 2024 Salary & Hourly Wage Ordinance: Ordinance: 2024-OCC-2 by title only on the SECOND and THIRD Readings. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

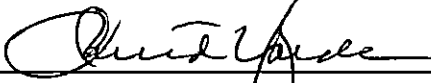
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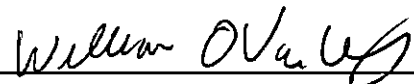
Richard Ring gave an update on the legislature that has changed since session has ended.

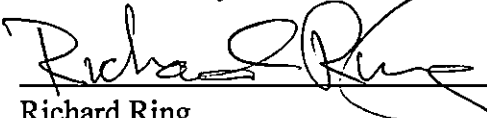
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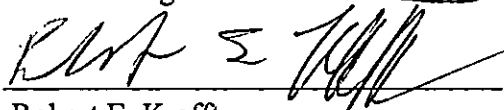
Rick Collins made a motion to adjourn at 10:57 a.m. Amy Prosser seconded and all approved.

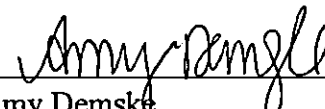
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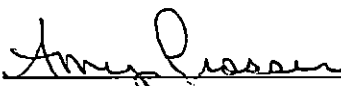

David Yarde, President

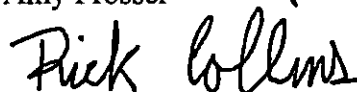

William Van Wye, Vice President


Richard Ring

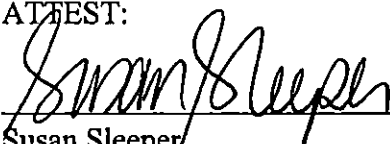

Robert E. Krafft


Amy Damsky


Amy Prosser


Rick Collins

ATTEST:


Susan Sleeper
DeKalb County Auditor