

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 25, 2024

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

Others Present: Auditor Susan Sleeper
Attorney Andrew Kruse (absent)

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Tandem Dump Truck:

Todd Sanderson motioned to approve Ben to submit the Request for Quote, pending Attorney Kruse's approval of the documents for the Tandem Dump Truck. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Road Paver:

Ben's current road paver is a 1984, he has found a 2008 road paver in Angola for \$24,900. Commissioner Sanderson feels we should offer \$20,000.

Michael Watson motioned to make an offer of \$20,000 on the 2008 Blaw Knox Track Asphalt Paver PF5510 Highway Class. If the seller does not agree, Ben can see if the seller will split the difference. Todd Sanderson seconded and all approved.

Misc:

The highway guys are working on pulling out old equipment and items that need to be sold or disposed of. If the items do not sell for more than scrap price, then Ben will just scrap it for the money.

Todd Sanderson motioned to allow Ben to list the items to be sold on govdeals.com. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF BEACON SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL AGREEMENT

Chris Gaumer attended to request approval from the Commissioners to approve the agreement for the oblique imagery to be added to the Beacon site. There is a one-time setup cost of \$1,100 that includes a \$200 discount and an annual hosting of \$1,548 to be paid for thru IT's budget.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the Beacon Add-on Service as described above. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

Larry Williams: asked how accurate the property lines are on Beacon? Larry feels his lines are off about 20 feet. Chris asked Larry to send the legal description and will have GIS look into the entire Woodland Trail.

MATTER OF DeKalb CHANGE Academy MOU for 2024/2025, 2025/2026 & 2026/2027:

Michelle Fosnaugh explained that the agreement presented includes an increase to the other three schools, and they had already taken the amounts to their school boards and received approval with signatures. DCCC will make some transfers in their budget and Council will allow for some appropriations from the General Fund to make up the difference from Hamilton pulling from the program.

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the DeKalb CHANGE Academy MOU for 2024/2025, 2025/2026 & 2026/2027. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The wellness clinic is being held tomorrow on March 26, 2024, with about 50 people signed up. Last week there was a time slot held for AFLAC and Hooser START-Nationwide for current employees to make changes to their AFLAC policies or anyone to make changes or add to their Hoosier START policies. Dotty plans to schedule an open enrollment with Boston Mutual. Recruitment around the County was then discussed. A short discussion took place about Sunny Meadows and the residents helping. Dotty feels that Morgan is doing very well and is starting on her 3rd week with DeKalb County.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

Michael Watson made a motion to approve payroll for the period of February 25 – March 9, 2024, that processed on March 22, 2024, and was pre-approved by Commissioner Watson. Todd Sanderson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve Special claims processed March 18, 2024 in the amount of \$239.98 consisting of warrant #'s 135191 thru 13592 along with General claims processed on March 25, 2024, in the amount of \$1,212,953.71 consisting of warrant #'s 135196 thru 135219 and wire transfer #'s 27727 thru 27863. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Todd Sanderson made the motion to approve the minutes dated March 11, 2024. Michael Watson seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Topics Include:

Electric Service Agreement between City of Auburn and DeKalb County:

Todd Sanderson made a motion to approve the Electric Service Agreement with the City of Auburn that includes the following terms and conditions below. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

1. The City of Auburn shall:
 - a. Remove the electric pole on the Courthouse square and the electric pole on the South side of East Eighth Street which provide power to the Courthouse; and
 - b. Install a new pad mount transformer; and
 - c. Move the flush mount box for yearly fair transformer; and
 - d. Pay the costs of labor in the amount of \$5,709.00; and

- e. Pay the costs of equipment in the amount of \$2,952.00; and
- f. Provide the Auburn Electric contribution in the amount of \$8,900.00

2. The DeKalb County Commissioners shall:

- a. Pay the cost of the concrete pad for the pad mount transformer; and
- b. Pay the cost of materials in the amount of \$16,763.56, which includes the cost of directional boring.

Discussion of Memorial Resolution:

Auditor Sleeper will discuss with Council President and complete the blanks in the Resolution and bring back for approval at the next meeting.

Sale of Surveyor 4-wheeler:

Ben is going to list this on govdeals.com

Letter of Appreciation – Pranger Enterprises, LLC:

Todd Sanderson motioned to approve the letter to be sent to Pranger Enterprises as provided. Michael Watson seconded and all approved.

DeKalb County Jail Maintenance Discussion:

Commissioner Watson spoke with Sheriff Thomas and his Maintenance Officer Rowe on what needs to be done at the current facility as complaint resistant as possible considering the ACLU radar the recent lawsuit has brought us to this point. The Sheriff and Officer Rowe created a list of current maintenance issues of the Jail at this time. Commissioner Sanderson is very much in favor of keeping the current building in working order. The Commissioners will review and revisit at the next meeting.

DCCC HVAC & Fire Inspection:

The HVAC Inspection Agreement is due to be re-signed. When looking into this and for prior inspections it was discovered that the inspections were not done. Michelle has been in contact with Attorney Kruse on whether he could provide a letter requesting a refund for the services that Innovative Controls did not perform. When Innovative Controls appeared to complete the 3rd year inspection, there have also been 3 wirings found that are not connected in which Michelle is working on figuring out if the fire system is connected correctly and operating. It is also time for the annual fire system inspection. Having Johnson Controls complete the inspection will complete the annual requirement and answer with certainty the question about the wiring to the rooftop units. The Commissioners are in consensus they will approve the most economical package when received.

Misc:

Covered Bridge Roof, CR 56 utility issues, Garrett designated channel @ Central Dispatch usage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION as noticed.

The Commissioners met in Executive Session as noticed beginning at 11:00 a.m., in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). There were no decisions made and no other matters discussed. The Executive Session concluded at 12:04 p.m.



William L. Hartman – President




Michael Watson – Vice President



Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:



Susan Sleeper, Auditor