

## DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 3, 2020

Commissioners Present: President William L. Hartman  
Vice President Donald D. Grogg  
Vice President Jacqueline R. Rowan

Others Present: Auditor Jan Bauman  
Attorney James P McCanna

### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

Ben Parker will be closing County Road 35 north of Waterloo due to safety concerns. The work being done by AEP causes motorists to have to drive on a soft shoulder to avoid the trucks and work area.

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve the LPA Voucher for County Road 56 Preliminary Engineering in the amount of \$18,552.82. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved. This is Des No. 1702950 and Reconstruction County Road 56 design for the period of December 2019.

Ben Parker said that all four bidders for the County Road 40 and 60 resurfacing Projects 01-03 had the proper paperwork and bid according to specs. He recommended that the Commissioners award the contract to API Construction for the lowest bid amount of \$947,866.12. Donald Grogg made a motion to approve the Notice of Award to API Contractors, Inc. and for the President to sign, and for all three to sign the Acceptance portion of Form 96. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved. The engineer's estimate was approximately \$1.2 million.

Other topics include the peat and marly soil on County Road 56, a driveway that needs to be removed but whose property owner is not cooperating, a subpoena for records from the Highway Department regarding signs at County Road 39 and County Road 4, and funding from the State that is dramatically decreasing,

### **MATTER OF MINUTES**

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve minutes dated January 27, 2020 with changes. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF REQUEST TO EXCHANGE LOCATION OF IV-D & SURVEYOR'S OFFICES**

Prosecutor ClaraMary Winebrenner, Title IV-D Director Michelle Hausbach, and Surveyor Mike Kline approached the Commissioners with a request to switch office space between the Title IV-D Office in the 220 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street building with the Surveyor's Office located in the courthouse. Prosecutor Winebrenner said it would be helpful to be located in the courthouse since their work flow is closely related to the courts. She also cited threats and intimidating behavior toward her IV-D staff which happens when security officers are not patrolling the building. The Surveyor believes being located off site would make coming from and going to field work would be more efficient with close parking and no security. He would like the Commissioners to look at the big picture of the County's office functions and the best physical placement of the offices. Prosecutor Winebrenner explained what she foresees as necessary modifications to convert the Surveyor's Office into a workable space for her staff, and that the expenses could be paid from Title IV-D incentive monies.

Commissioner Grogg asked Prosecutor Winebrenner why she wants to move now after the Commissioners nine years ago tailored the Title IV-D offices to what the Prosecutor wanted. He believes even the \$11,000 price tag to be paid from Incentive monies is unnecessary. She said perhaps they were wrong nine years ago, but if you are wrong, you don't continue being wrong. He said their intake window could be modified to become a slot, and perhaps the Commissioners could allow the staff to carry firearms. President Hartman would like to walk through the Title IV-D office and talk about it more in next week's meeting.

#### **MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve Payroll and Bookkeeper claims for the month of January 2020 and to approve General Claims consisting of warrant #'s 130122 thru 130230 in the amount of \$192,276.62, and wire transfer #'s 14061 thru 14155 in the amount of \$292,749.75, with the exception of the claim to Rebecca Calhoun in the amount of \$1,000 from the Drug Free Community fund until further clarified. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

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

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve the travel requests:

- 1) Travis Holcomb (VSO) to travel to WorkOne in Auburn on February 12, 24, and 26 for Microsoft training. No expenses will be claimed.
- 2) Sandi Wilcox, Pam Wallace and Lori Haase (Treasurer) to travel to Indianapolis on March 20 for the SRI Tax Sale Seminar. Estimated cost of \$147.55 to be paid from Commissioners' travel.
- 3) Katie Firestone (Recorder) to travel to Indianapolis April 14-16 for the State Called Recorders Conference. Estimated cost of \$381.56 to be paid from State Called Meetings.
- 4) Elysia Rodgers (Extension) to travel to Lebanon on February 7 for the Farm Stress Team Meeting. Estimated cost of \$127.28 to be paid from department travel.
- 5) Mark Olivero (Public Defender) to travel to Indianapolis on March 18, June 17, September 23, and December 16 for the Chief Quarterly Meetings. Estimated combined cost of \$682.24 to be paid from Commissioners' travel.
- 6) Ashley Allen, Theresa Muehlfeld, Sue Brown, and Cristy Green (Prosecutor) to travel to Indianapolis on February 6 for INPCMS training. Estimated cost of \$161.54 to be paid from department travel.
- 7) Sue Brown, Theresa Muehlfeld, Ashley Allen, and Cristy Green (Prosecutor) to travel to Indianapolis on February 11 for INPCMS training. Estimated cost of \$161.54 to be paid from department travel.

Donald Grogg seconded, and all approved.

#### **MATTER OF EVAPAR CONTRACT FOR COUNTY GENERATORS**

Donald Grogg motioned to approved the contract with EVAPAR for generators located at the County Jail, Health Department, Annex Building, Central Communications, and the County Home, for an amount of \$2,790.00. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved. The contract period is March 25, 2020 to March 24, 2021.

#### **MATTER OF 2019 RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL COMPENSATION**

Auditor Jan Bauman presented the 2019 County Receipts and Expenditures and 2019 Total Compensation for County Officers, Deputies, and Employees report that was posted on Gateway, on the courthouse bulletin board, as well as at Eckhart Public Library Genealogy Center, and Waterloo-Grant Public Library. Donald Grogg made the motion to approve and for all three to sign. Second by Jacqueline Rowan, and all approved.

**MATTER OF RESOLUTION RESCINDING DCC 9-1-1-1, COUNTY-WIDE SPEED LIMIT**

In 1991, the State of Indiana enacted what is now IC 9-21-5 which established a maximum speed limit of fifty-five miles per hour on roads and highways throughout the state unless otherwise marked. The County enacted in 1957 DCC 9-1-1-1 establishing a maximum speed limit for county highways a speed limit of fifty miles per hour. This has led to confusion as to which speed limit should be enforced by local law enforcement. Donald Grogg made a motion to rescind DCC 9-1-1-1 from March 1957 in favor of State legislation established in IC 9-21-5. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

**MATTER OF FUTURE DONATION OF COVERED BRIDGE DISCARDED MATERIALS**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to donate to the Friends of the Spencerville Covered Bridge the discarded materials from the existing covered bridge when the repairs to it are eventually done. Donald Grogg seconded, and all approved.

**MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

Other discussion included the following topics: Drug Free DeKalb's plan or update to the plan needing to be presented to the Commissioners prior to grant awards being paid; and travel for Health Department.

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William L. Hartman - President

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Donald D. Grogg – Vice President

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Jacqueline R. Rowan – Vice President

Attest:

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Jan Bauman, Auditor