

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 4, 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 MINUTES

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

MATTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN PROBATION AND FAIR ASSOCIATION

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve the signing of the contract between Probation and the DeKalb County Fair Association for an amount of \$1,000. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved. This is for Probation to use Middaugh Hall for their temporary Reporting Center. The estimated need for Probation to use Middaugh Hall is 2 months and is to allow adequate social distancing due to COVID-19.

MATTER OF CLAIMS

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve Payroll and Bookkeeper Claims for the month of April 2020, and General Claims consisting of warrant #130575 through 130630 in the amount of \$173,375.92, and wire transfer #14748 through 14830 in the amount of \$279,137.52. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve payroll for the period April 14-27, 2020. Donald Grogg seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF RAILROAD PROPERTIES TO BE USED FOR TRAILS

Curt Custer would like to purchase 3 parcels owned by DeKalb County because they fall right in the middle of property he already owns. The Auditor's Office researched the properties and learned there was a stipulation in the deed that required the Commissioners to reserve their use for Trails. Mr. Custer said the properties are either landlocked or dead-end at I-69 and the he owns all of the other surrounding right-of-way. It was agreed that since the quit claim deed from the State of Indiana put the stipulation on the properties when transferred to the Commissioners that Mr. Custer should work with the State since the Commissioners have no authority with making a change to the stipulation. Auditor Bauman will provide the recorded document numbers to give Mr. Custer a place to start.

MATTER OF DART TRANSIT GRANT APPLICATION

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve the DART Transit Grant Application, Resolution 2020-R-9. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved. This is for a grant under Section 5311/5339 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended, for the period July 2020-December 2021.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Ben Parker opened the bids for dump truck chassis and equipment at 11:05 a.m. Bids were as follows:

MC Equipment, Inc.: Body equipment \$109,072 for one truck – equipment package

Selking International: \$211,780 for two trucks and two trades

Kalida Truck Equipment: Equipment package \$108,600 for one truck – equipment package

Stoops Freightliner: \$118,410 for one type of engine and \$119,194 for another type of engine-cab and chassis

Donald Grogg made a motion to table the bids until May 18th so Mr. Parker has time to review the bids and return with his recommendation. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

Mr. Parker obtained two quotes to remove and replace concrete on County Road 11A between County Road 23 and I-69. WCCI quoted \$29,124, and Henderson quoted \$26,848. Donald Grogg made a motion to go with the lowest quote which is Henderson at \$26,848. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved. This will be paid from LITED #38, ADA Compliance.

DeKalb County Ordinance 2002-8 DCC 8-1-1-3 was discussed. It is an ordinance regulating access to county highways by private entrances, driveways, or approaches; requiring minimum distances from county highways for buildings and other structures; restricting excavation or damage to highways and/or highway right-of-way; permitting; prohibiting unauthorized signs and markers; and penalizing violations. Mr. Parker and the Commissioners are considering whether changes are needed. No action was taken.

API is planning to start on County Road 60 by Vulcraft on June 1st. County Road 40 work will start approximately June 22nd. Each project will last about 22 days.

County Road 427 between County Road 36 and County Road 34 was closed this morning to work on the Eric Morris drain with the County Surveyor.

Pavement Solutions is doing crackfill.

Mr. Parker would like to have an ordinance for a stop sign at Boger Avenue and Lucille. Lucille is a “through” street. This is to keep our signs in compliance with MUTCD Standards.

MATTER OF SECURITY IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Cheryl Lynch would like to have more security for Kathy Rutledge. She is by herself many times when the other employees are out in the field. Also, the nurses’ offices are behind a locked door and not easily accessible if Ms. Rutledge needs assistance. There are emergency buttons but it could take several minutes until security can be there. The circular mirror on the wall cannot catch all of the necessary areas in the office. Could something be done physically to the office to increase security? Could a security officer be stationed in that building? The Commissioners discussed various options and will go to the Health Department to look at the area after today’s meeting.

MATTER OF DRINKING FOUNTAINS BEING COVERED UP DUE TO COVID-19

The drinking fountains will be temporarily covered up due to COVID-19.

MATTER OF OPENING WHITE ROOM FOR EARLY VOTING

Holly Albright requested that early voting be held in the white room so social distancing can be accommodated. Donald Grogg made a motion to allow the white room in the Annex Building to be used for early voting for 2020 only. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved. Holly Albright should work with Larry Lane to make needed arrangements regarding the building.

MATTER OF NEXUS CONTRACT FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY REVIEWS

Assessor Sheila Stonebraker had submitted the Nexus contract for Personal Property Reviews for signature by the Commissioners this meeting. The changes in the contract from 2017 to now included an increase in the amount per hour Nexus will charge as well as an increase in the percentage Nexus will collect if approved. Currently Nexus can be paid up to 50% of the collections, but they are requesting 66% with the new contract. The Commissioners would like for Ms. Stonebraker to make an appointment at an upcoming Commissioners' meeting to justify the need and justify the increase in compensation for Nexus. No action was taken.

MATTER OF FEE FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Donald Grogg made the motion to approve the Agreement for Services between DeKalb County and the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership, Inc. for 2020 and for the President to sign. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved. The fee will be \$91,097 for 2020.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Other discussion topics included: protocol in case of positive COVID-19 diagnosed for a County employee; tracking COVID-19 expenses; QCC contract section 3.6; and cross-training the Drainage Board Administrative Assistant position.

William L. Hartman - President

Donald D. Grogg – Vice President

Jacqueline R. Rowan – Vice President

Attest:

Jan Bauman, Auditor