

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

June 15, 2020

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

Others Present: Auditor Jan Bauman
Attorney James P McCanna

Absent: Vice President Donald D. Grogg

MATTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Open enrollment was last week. Election forms are due today. Due to changes to the plans, the HR Department helped employees understand the changes.

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve the Large Employer Broker Agreement form with PHP and Gallagher and the President to sign. William Hartman seconded, and all approved. This is for the Health Plan Contract Year of 7/1/2020 to 6/20/2021. The County is charged \$19 per employee per month.

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve the Corporate Membership Program Memo of Understanding with the YMCA for 2020. William Hartman seconded, and all approved. Employee memberships are payroll deducted. The cost of memberships increased slightly this year.

Dotty Miller went over the various open positions within the County.

The Public Defender is having to eliminate the Recovery Works “grant” position. Mark Olivero would like to reorganize the position—change it to a support staff part time position working 26.25 hours per week at approximately \$15 per hour. Clerical work would be added to the Recovery Works duties of the position. The Council’s Job Classification/Compensation sub-committee will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the Public Defender’s proposed reorganization. No new position or person is being added so Commissioners need not approve it.

Ms. Miller is getting good comments about the proposed employee handbook that was distributed to several individuals to review. She will be talking to Shane Mulholland about some of the changes to make sure they comply with the law.

MATTER OF MINUTES

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve the minutes dated June 8, 2020. William Hartman seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF PAYROLL

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve payroll for the period May 26-June 8, 2020 as presented. William Hartman seconded, and all approved.

MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve the following travel requests:

- 1) Thomas Olinske (Sheriff) to travel to Terre Haute August 24-28 for ILETB Instructor Development. Estimated cost of \$615 to be paid from department travel.
- 2) Holly Albright and Karen Bishop (Clerk) to travel to Indianapolis on July 29 for the Indiana Voter Registration Association Annual Meeting 2020. Estimated cost of \$546.96 to be paid from Commissioners' travel and department travel.

Seconded by William Hartman, and all approved.

MATTER OF CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS' MOTOROLA RADIO CONTRACT

Director Brian Humbarger informed the Commissioners that the radio system's end of life cycle will be December 2021. Replacement parts are scarce and very expensive. After significant research, Mr. Humbarger learned that Motorola is the best vendor to use for value and reliability. The Governance Board supports this purchase. The cost will be \$599,000 and includes the radio replacement of all radios at Central Communications, a radio link to the tower at jail, access control system for doors and gates, and an interface between radio and recorder which is normally extremely expensive. The installation should be complete and operational by the end of the year. As long as a tentative agreement is signed by June 24th, Motorola will allow this price which includes a \$100,000 COVID-19 discount. The life expectancy is 10-15 years. This purchase will only include radios for DeKalb County Central Communications' employees.

Normally a project of this cost would require a formal bidding process. However, since this Motorola equipment is on the approved Sate Quantity Purchasing Agreement list, a formal bid is not required.

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve the Motorola MCC 7500E Console and Consolette Upgrade contract contingent upon the Council's support for funding it. William Hartman seconded, and all approved. The contract will be signed next Monday only after Council agrees to fund it.

MATTER OF CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS' REQUEST TO CARRY FIREARMS

There was a little more discussion about employees being able to carry firearms at Central Communications. Mr. Humbarger said that although their building is the most secure, it is also the most secluded. Also, disgruntled employees would bring a firearm whether or not there was a rule banning it. The Commissioners will wait until next week so that all three are present for the motion and vote.

MATTER OF HIGHWAY

Last week someone dumped shingles, nails, and other debris in the road on County Road 1 and County Road 34 near the Noble County line. The Highway Department had to clean it up.

There were a lot of trees down due to the storm that needed to be cleaned up last week.

Microsurfacing of County Road 11A will begin the week of June 22nd. API will begin work on County Road 60 also on June 22nd.

There was discussion about Highway grant match dollars for the next Community Crossings grant.

MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION

Other discussion topics included: status of generator agreement for Community Corrections; commercial shredder for courthouse; fire retardant for covered bridge; courthouse lamp posts; Community Corrections' soft costs; and attorney letter to Becca Behn responding about property in Waterloo

William L. Hartman – President

Donald D. Grogg – Vice President

Jacqueline R. Rowan – Vice President

Attest:

Jan Bauman, Auditor