

**DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
July 20, 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 HUMAN RESOURCES**

Soil & Water had a resignation last week. The Board is continuing to reorganize the department. No positions will be posted until the reorganization plan is in place.

The Commissioners were briefed on open positions.

Sunny Meadows has not had any—even suspected—COVID-19 cases.

Dotty Miller is about ready to send the Employee Handbook to department heads for their comments.

PHP will be holding educational sessions. The first one will be regarding prescriptions. Another one will be about insurance terminology. Future ones will address other insurance topics that can help employees.

**MATTER OF CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS' RADIO PROJECT**

Assistant Director Tiffany Weimer was present to answer any other questions the Commissioners may have. A few board members were present in case they were needed. President Hartman said that J&K Communications has withdrawn their proposal. The Commissioners had questions about the payment terms that Ms. Weimer will be asking.

**MATTER OF MINUTES**

Donald Grogg made a motion to approve the minutes dated July 13, 2020 with corrections. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

**MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve Special Claims for the week of July 20, 2020, and General Claims consisting of warrant #130844 through #130851 in the amount of \$13,418.54 and wire transfer #15427 through #15497 in the amount of \$311,565.64. Donald Grogg seconded, and all approved.

**MATTER OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR SHERIFF**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion to approve the meal fee for Thomas Elliott III who will be traveling to Plainfield for Basic Academy Training at a cost of \$374.18, and it is to be paid from Commissioners' travel. Donald Grogg seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF CARES/COVID FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT FORMS FOR SIGNATURE**

Donald Grogg made a motion that the President sign reimbursement requests #12-20 for CARES/COVID funding for new purchases. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

Donald Grogg made a motion that the President sign reimbursement requests #21-70 for CARES/COVID funding for prior purchases. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved. These transactions will have data adjustments done in the financial system to back the purchases out of the funds/accounts from which they were originally paid and to show them as being paid out of the CARES Provider Relief Fund #8900 per State Board of Accounts.

### **MATTER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ANNUAL REPORT**

Jacqueline Rowan made a motion that the Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the Weights and Measures Annual Report for the period June 16, 2019 to June 15, 2020. Donald Grogg seconded,

### **MATTER OF HIGHWAY**

API has started on the west end of County Road 40. County Road 60's paving is complete and still needs to be striped.

Ben Parker distributed a comparison he created showing funding for the MVH/MVH Restricted Funds and LRS Fund from 2019 to 2020. He anticipates a possibility of up to a 20% decrease in road funding between the two funds together if the economy doesn't bounce back. One of the concerns for Highway Departments is the fact that so many employees in the overall workforce are working remotely, which impacts how much gasoline is being consumed.

There was discussion about whether the Highway and/or Local Road & Street CD's should be cashed in to help with the purchase of property for the new Highway Department sight or other needs due to shortage in revenues.

### **MATTER OF CONTRACT FOR CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS RADIO UPGRADE**

Jacqueline Rowan made the motion that since payment is not due until August 1, 2021, that we acknowledge Motorola Solutions to be the company we select for the radio upgrade project, subject to review by legal counsel. Donald Grogg seconded. A vote was taken, and with two ayes and one nay, motion passed.

### **MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

DeKalb County Commissioners met in an executive session beginning at 1:33 p.m. and ending at 1:53 p.m. The executive session took place in Commissioners Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the DeKalb County Courthouse, 100 South Main Street, Auburn, Indiana. The purpose of the executive session was "to receive information about and interview prospective employees." It is in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5). No other matters were discussed, and no decisions were made.

### **MATTER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES POSITION**

There was discussion about the open Inspector position, the number of candidates interested, the availability of the current Weights and Measures person to train the hiree, and the proposed pay for the position. Donald Grogg made a motion to offer this position to Patrick Grant of Fort Wayne at the rate of \$22,500 annually through the end of 2020. Come 2021, the Commissioners will have the opportunity to raise that wage if they so choose. Jacqueline Rowan seconded, and all approved.

### **MATTER OF OTHER DISCUSSION**

Other discussion topics included: utilities and retainage for Community Corrections' project; budget presentation schedule sign-up for August 11 or 12; Weights & Measures trailer and quote for repair; quote to repair limestone light piers; parking lot striping and the lot across from Development Services; hotel with delinquent innkeepers taxes; railroad bridge that the City of Auburn is purchasing from the County; new EMS agreement beginning to be negotiated; Insurance Trustees put on notice regarding possible claim for damage to driver's load; and appraisals for concrete plant being considered for the new Highway Department location.

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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

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Jan Bauman, Auditor