

COMMISSIONER MEETING

Monday, October 2, 2017

Meeting called to at 9:00 a.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, Attorney Greg Heller and Auditor Christina Sriver.

RECORDER – Cindy Goodman requested a waiver of the probation period and reduction of salary reduction for her new First Deputy as she has several years' experience doing title searches in her office and already has much knowledge of the department. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

COUNTY INSURANCE (P & C) – Michael Bowditch of Consolidated Union updated on the services provided to Fulton County and discussed the progress of the Safety Committee. He will be meeting with Department Heads soon to confirm equipment schedules. Gail (E911/Communications) mentioned that Stacy Edgell (Risk Control Field Rep with Tokio Marine) would like to meet with all Department Heads on October 30th.

TREASURER – Kathy Easterday would like to change from the current credit card processing company; it offers a lower processing fee. The contract would be for three years going into effect on January 1, 2018. Commissioners gave approval to move forward and the contract will be brought at a later date for approval.

E911/COMMUNICATIONS – Gail discussed the October monthly reports. Gail anticipates an employee leaving and asked for permission to post a job opening online and internally at the same time; she also requested a change to the Personnel Policy to the hiring process. She has been researching reviews for radios for the Highway Department. She recommends that he moves forward with Motorola; he can continue to use her radios in the meanwhile. Spillman will be implemented this week. She would like the Sheriff's Department to choose the mobile units by November 1st. She is working with Spillman on MOUs beginning on October 17th at 9 a.m. and will pass on to the County Attorney in increments (as sections are written) for review. The EMS meeting will be moved to October 25th. The dispatchers will be training with Pulaski County for the state connectivity program in late October/early November.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors is working with Josh Sriver (IT Director) to select a camera company to fix the issues with the system. A handgun training class will be held on October 21st for up to sixteen applicants. A permit is required, 21 and over is the preferred age. Chris discussed the jail inspection report. He will be getting more information to the Commissioners and discuss the items that must be fixed. Gail added that the tower costs need to be considered when discussing any renovations to the jail as she anticipates the cost to be at least a million dollars. He anticipates the number of bookings in 2017 to be the highest the county has had. He feels that a meeting with the courts and attorney's should take place to address the overcrowding.

HIGHWAY – John Geier presented a driveway permit for a dairy barn at 5705 N 600 E, Rochester. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; passed 3-0. He presented a contract for E & B Paving for the

partnering project with the city for Zebra Lane from Park Street to SR 14 and Park Street from 13th Street to SR 14. John updated on current projects including mowing, the Recycle Center has been paved, they are getting ready to start the Aubbeenaubbee Township parking lot. USI's recommendations for the bridge bump are either to redo the deck for a long-term solution or for a short-term solution to seal the approach slab cracks and replace the damaged bridge rail post. Commissioners recommend doing the short-term fix for now. Fulton County was awarded \$515,050.26 through the Community Crossings Grant. Commissioners recommend using a contractor to quote the projects that are being funded through the grant. He is looking into uniforms for the department for safety purposes. Michael Bowditch stated that a proactive approach makes the county more marketable to insurance companies.

ADA – There is no survey on ADA compliance from the state this year as they are changing their format. The title VI and ADA training is on November 1st in Gary.

EMA – Larry should know if they are getting a grant for equipment soon. The EMAI conference is on the week of October 17th. There was a gas leak at the new gas station (under construction) that he responded to recently.

VSO – Ric Fouts presented the monthly report for September. He will be out of the office for a fall VSO meeting in Lafayette next Wednesday

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2018 – Steve motioned to approve the proposed Holiday schedule for 2018, Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

New Year's Day	Monday	January 1, 2018
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 15, 2018
President's Day	Monday	February 19, 2018
Primary Election Day	Tuesday	May 8, 2018
Memorial Day	Monday	May 28, 2018
Independence Day	Wednesday	July 4, 2018
Labor Day	Monday	September 3, 2018
General Election Day	Tuesday	November 6, 2018
Veteran's Day	Monday	November 12, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 22, 2018
	Friday	November 23, 2018
Christmas Holiday	Monday	December 24, 2018
	Tuesday	December 25, 2018

MINUTES – Rick motioned to approve the minutes from the Executive Commissioner's Meeting September 18, 2017 and regularly scheduled Commissioner's Meeting, Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented.

9/25/17	Host Fees & Sur Tax and Wheel Tax Distributions	\$108,970.39
9/29/17	Payroll	\$172,510.04
10/2/17	Misc. Claims	\$511,403.03

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented.

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Treasurer	County General	Legal Fees	Maintenance Equipment	\$400
To repair and service cash counter machine.				
Highway	Motor Vehicle Highway	Utilities	Cell Phone	\$225
To supplement account to the end of the year.				
Commissioners	County General	Bldg & Other Insurance	Citizen's Cemetery	\$37
To pay for one month's trash service				

OLD BUSINESS – Bryan stated that IDEM approved the closure of the old landfill. The demolition has begun on the Akron Opera House last week. Area Plan Commission passed the amendment recommendations at their last meeting and Commissioners received the amendments this morning. They will be planning a public meeting to review and discuss the recommendations. Bryan opened to public

Bill Crowe from Plymouth recently visited the Tipton wind farms and spoke to three land owners. He is concerned about the tiles being crushed and not finding out about it until the following year after planting crops.

Nancy Crowe presented information with pros and cons to the wind farms and encourages the commissioners not to be in a hurry.

Russell Phillips asked when the amendments will be online. Commissioners commented that they will be available online hopefully today.

Mr. Phillips requested that the setback factor of height versus setback be 2.5 rather than twice the height of the tower. He also requests that Commissioners speak to officials in other counties where they implemented a ban on wind farms and provided a list of recommendations to the Commissioners of whom he would like them to speak with.

Bryan stated that he has sent questionnaires to some counties to get feedback.

Kathy Miller questioned why the setback for the river is what it is. Commissioners suggested she asked Casi Cowles (Area Plan Director) for an answer. Mrs. Miller also requested that Commissioners consider the land owners and future use of their property before approving (recommended amendments).

Nancy Crowe encourages Commissioners to consider setbacks for the open ditches also. Greg Heller added that there is a seventy-five foot right-of-way already established.

NEW BUSINESS – Kathy Easterday discussed adding the service "Positive Pay" through Lake City Bank for fraud protection.

RECESS – Rick motioned to recess at 10:22 a.m., seconded by Steve; passed 3-0.