

## FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MEETING

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

**Meeting called to order** at 6:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, Attorney Greg Heller and Auditor Christina Sriver.

**HIGHWAY** – Salt supply is critically low; John would like to have a salt shed to hold more supply. John presented to INDOT Fulton County's request for Federal Aid projects including bridges #32 and #50. Bid opening for Community Crossings Projects will be opened February 20<sup>th</sup>. There have been three incidents while plowing snow totaling approximately \$9,158.70 and put one truck out of service.

**ADA** – A meeting has been scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Fulton county Government building at 8:15 a.m.

**SHERIFF** – Sheriff Chris Sailors presented the monthly report for December and the annual report for 2017. As of this morning the jail population was 110; 23 are held out-of-county. A total of \$79,100 was spent in out-of-county housing in 2017. The monthly average inmate population was 71 in 2015, 76 in 2016, and almost 93 in 2017. Sheriff Sailors discussed some of the trends from the last ten years. The Mental Health Addiction Task Force has divided into two groups: Celebrate Recovery started last week and is meeting twice a week; and the Four-County program for substance abuse and education has been put in place with a grant from Drug-Free Fulton County for \$6,000 and a donation for \$10,000. He will be requesting additional jail staff to address the understaffing issue.

**E911/COMMUNICATIONS** – A main telephone circuit was cut by RTC; one of the main circuits cut was to the new consoles. Upon rebooting some programming issues were found with the Fire Department and coordinates; they will be fixed next Monday. She is working with the fire department and other agencies to help replace radios old VHF with the 800-series radios. The cost of replacing VHF radios is approximately \$20,000-\$30,000. She suggested replacing radios when grants are available and slowly replace the VHF radios with 800s. The Kosciusko EMS Director is running Fulton County Lutheran EMS group; the EMS Board will be meeting next month. The Spillman software has been leased; the equipment for the mobile units will be done through the Sheriff. Gail is working on the specifications of the agreement with the local units on the CAD system and will get to the Commissioners; requested by next week.

**CORONER** – Jeri Good gave a summary of 2017's activity that included 178 deaths; the Coroner was called to 43 deaths to assist and/or investigate.

**FUNDING AGREEMENTS** – Bryan presented a Funding Agreement for \$2,000 to Crime Stoppers. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

### FULTON COUNTY FUNDING AGREEMENT

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners and Crime Stoppers enter into the following funding agreement:

The County agrees to provide funding from county revenues in the amount of \$2,000 for the fiscal year of 2018.

The Agency shall use these county tax revenues in the fulfillment of the obligation(s) described as:

“By assisting the law enforcement agencies operating in Fulton County, Indiana, in the apprehension and conviction of criminals by making funds available for use in offering rewards.”

The Agency agrees to abide by the reasonable regulations established by the County (including the County Council as the fiscal body of the County) in the use and expenditure of these funds. The County agrees that the purpose outlined in the above paragraph is a legitimate county governmental purpose. The County is accepting this as the purpose of the agency in its request for county funding.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2018.

Bryan presented a Funding Agreement for Fulton County 4-H Council. Rick motioned to accept, Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

### FULTON COUNTY FUNDING AGREEMENT

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners and Fulton Co. 4-H Council, enter into the following funding agreement:

The County agrees to provide funding from county revenues in the amount of \$12,500 for the fiscal year of 2018.

The Agency shall use these county tax revenues in the fulfillment of the obligation(s) described as:

“The continued support and development of the Fulton County 4-H program through the cooperation of the Purdue University/Fulton County Cooperative Extension service. That support and development includes: learning and leadership opportunities for approximately 400 third through twelfth grade youth in Fulton County , educational trips for F.C. 4-H members, F.C. 4-H member scholarships, training materials and adult leaders, 4-H camp expenses/enrollment, 4-H Fair Judge expenses, and 4-H recruitment materials and activities.

Independent of the Fulton County 4-H Fair Association, the Fulton County 4-H Council, Inc. represents more than 100 adult volunteers who make a positive impact on 4-H members. Many of those 4-H members have become leaders in their schools and communities.

The continued financial support of the Fulton County Commissioners and the Fulton County Council is integral to the success of the local 4-H program.”

The Agency agrees to abide by the reasonable regulations established by the County (including the County Council as the fiscal body of the County) in the use and expenditure of these funds. The County agrees that the purpose outlined in the above paragraph is a legitimate county governmental purpose. The County is accepting this as the purpose of the agency in its request for county funding.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUATION)** – Dr. Brubaker presented a Health Board recommendation of Kevin Rayburn to the Health Board. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

**CLAIMS** – Approved as presented

1/11/2018	Highway-Contract payment for paver & roller	\$56,891.64
1/16/2018	Misc. Claims	\$452,292.38
1/5/2018	Misc. Claims	\$229,185.89
1/3/18	Claim for cleaning	\$1,030.40
1/5/2018	Payroll	\$196,105.85
1/8/2018	LIT Distribution & EMS	\$587,537.42

**TRANSFERS** – Approved as presented.

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
			32301	
		33000	Repair &	
Communications	County General	Cleaning	Maintenance	\$75.00
Unable to pay this out of 911 Fund; maintenance on fridge.				

**MINUTES** – Rick motioned to approve minutes from the January 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> meetings seconded by Steve; passed 3-0.

**STATEMENT OF COUNTY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES & EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION** – The Auditor stated that the annual report of receipts and expenditures and employee compensation report have been sent to the newspaper and will be posted in the hall near the door for the public to access.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Steve stated that the drudging of Indian Creek has begun. Russell Phillips questioned when the MET towers will be coming down. Commissioners assume the towers are contracted with the land owners; Commissioners are unsure of how long the contracts are for. Russell questioned if the language for commercial wind energy is being removed from the zoning ordinance why would the MET towers need to remain in place? Commissioners are unsure of the answer other than to serve the term of the contract.

Lynn Studebaker requests the Commissioners to sign a pledge to make the future intentions clear (concerning commercial wind farms). Commissioners Lewis and Ranstead agreed to sign, Metzger abstained.

Rick stated he and John (Geier) discussed previously the use of county-line roads and will relay the contacts to John in case they should approach him.

Roger Rose has been elected Vice-President of the US 31 Coalition.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Steve received a letter from the DNR concerning spraying for Gypsy moths; there will be meetings to address.

**RECESS** – Steve motioned to recess at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Rick; passed 3-0.

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Bryan Lewis

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Rick Ranstead

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Steve Metzger

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ATTEST: Christina Sriver, Fulton County Auditor