

FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, April 3rd, 2017

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

TOURISM APPOINTEES – Amy Roe presented the five commissioner’s appointees for introduction: Lyle Lingenfelter is the regional/recreational representative; Treva Mulligan is the retail sector representative; Melinda Clinger is the arts and history representative; Kim Martin is the Akron Chamber of Commerce representative; and Amy Roe introduced herself as the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism President. Rick Ranstead moved to approve all appointees, Steve Metzger seconded; passed 3-0.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors announced that there will be e CAD system meeting later today to discuss which modules are necessary. He is currently looking into accounting software for the department. He discussed the issues with the camera system. The vendor is gather quotes to have the issues fixed. He has had a Deputy complete a four-day class; a new part-time jail secretary will be starting soon. A position for a part-time transport officer has been filled. Chris hopes to have an Amendment for Sheriff Retirement prepared for the next Council meeting. He has filed an Additional Appropriation that will be presented in the next meeting to pay for inmates being held in other counties. The floor buffer at the jail needs to be replaced.

E-911/COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas presented a letter with details of an annual conference and extended an invitation to commissioners, she will also invite Council members. She presented the reports for March. Gail asked for approval pending negotiations with Spillman. Rick’s response was to resolve the few remaining loose ends and present again at the next Commissioner’s meeting and then move on to the Council meeting. Chris Sailors discussed his concerns from a liability stand-point with the failures they have had with the current CAD system.

HIGHWAY – John Geier announced that 675 E between 500 N and 550 N (Talma – Athens Road) is closed due to a busted pipe and will probably be closed through the week. He updated on current activities including sodding, patching holes, grading roads and putting together the road and pipe programs for the year. Bridge 503 was inspected recently and is on target with the timeline. Bids for Lucas Street will be opened at the April 17th meeting. The trucks are at WA Jones waiting for the beds and hoists to be installed. He has set up a date for April 19th for Sensitivity Training as required by ADA and Title VI. Rick announced that the courthouse renovation is going well.

BURN ORDINANCE – Bryan announced that there will be two readings today and then open for discussion following, the third reading will be held at the next meeting scheduled on April 17th at 6:00 p.m. Bryan continued to read Ordinance #040317 aloud.

ORDINANCE NO. 040317
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING OPEN BURNING
IN DESIGNATED AREAS OF FULTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, open burning in certain areas of Fulton County, Indiana, causes potential health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Fulton County, Indiana, are authorized by the laws of Indiana to govern the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Fulton County, Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and Fulton County Council as follows:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the open burning of any matter or material within the following described areas of Fulton County, Indiana, and as illustrated on Exhibit A, attached and incorporated:

Beginning at the intersection of 13th St and HW US 31, the north boundary being properties directly North of 13th Street, East to the western city boundary line, South along the West city boundary line to the east right-of-way of HW US 31, North along the East right-of-way back to the intersection of 13th Street.

2. Residents of Fulton County, Indiana, including those designated areas in Section 1 above, may burn charcoal and/or wood in outdoor fireplaces and grills provided that the fireplaces or grills shall be placed in such a location as to be reasonably removed from any neighboring residence so as to avoid any smoke or fumes therefrom becoming a nuisance for any adjacent neighbor.
3. In the event that there are such unusual circumstances as to make the burning of a substantial amount of combustible matter desirable, any person wishing to burn any such material shall make a request to the Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana, for permission to burn such combustible material. Any requests shall be considered by the Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana, and, if authorized by the Commissioners, any such burning will be done under the supervision of the appropriate fire department.
4. Any violation of this Ordinance may be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,500.
5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after publication required by law.

Steve motioned to read the ordinance by title only for the second reading, Rick seconded; passed 3-0. Bryan read the ordinance by title only. Bryan continued with an explanation of the area covered under the ordinance. A resident from Woodland Court questioned if twigs and branches would be picked up. Rick responded that they will not be picked up, only leaves. However, if you can contain the fire you could burn them. If you have a large amount of leaves Rick suggested calling the Highway department for a pick-up. Another resident responded that there is a large amount of leaves and wonders if the highway department will be able to keep up. A resident from Lakeview Bend discussed the large limbs that they

have and commissioners clarified that she could burn those. Another resident asked about yard waste from trimming flowers in the fall. Commissioners responded that if it is small enough they could be picked up with the vacuum, if it is fairly woody they may be able to burn them. It was requested that the burn ordinance have a limit on hours of burning rather than banishing it altogether. Commissioners responded that that would be a more difficult option. Another resident asked if someone else were to light the leaves waiting for pick-up on fire what would happen. Commissioners responded that would be for the Sheriff's Department to decide.

EXTENSION OFFICE AGREEMENT – Amendment #2, Attachment A “To Extension Contractual Services Agreement Between Purdue University and Government of Fulton County, Indiana” for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$103,160.00 was presented. Rick moved to approve, Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

MINUTES – Minutes for the March 20th, 2017 were motioned for approval as presented by Steve, seconded by Rick; passed 3-0.

CLAIMS –

4/3/17	Misc. Claims	\$466,415.41
3/31/17	Payroll	\$170,944.84

OLD BUSINESS – The quotes for the Akron opera house were discussed. Rick motioned to reject the as they did not meet the specifications, Steve seconded; passed 3-0. They will reopen quoting to contractors and bring quotes received to the next meeting.

Rick opened discussion with Jodi from DLZ concerning state cuts for road funding.

RECESS – Rick motioned to recess at 10:17 a.m., seconded by Steve; passed 3-0

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____

Christina Sriver, Fulton County Auditor