

FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 17, 2017

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.

PAT CALVERT (PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS) – Pat had previously attending a public meeting to request more accurate addresses for emergency purposes on her road and asked if there had been any progress toward fixing the addresses. Gail Karas spoke to the issue; since Pat removed “E” from her address there has been more accuracy. Gail handles addressing on a case-by-case basis; until she is notified, she may not be aware of the situation. Pat went on to say that when she goes to Akron she has noticed that there are some addresses out of order also. Gail stated that dispatchers will also advise her when addresses are incorrect and they fix them as they find them. Pat is also concerned out EMS service because an ambulance was turning around in the middle of the road on a curve. Bryan suggested future concerns be emailed to the commissioners and they can follow-up on them as necessary.

ROCHESTER DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP – Amy Roe announced that the Living Local Fest had more attendance than last year’s similar festival. She is working on marketing research in conjunction with FEDCO. She is partnering with IUK to put videos on the tourism website, paid for by Steven Ray and the Community Foundation. Bike racks and benches for downtown Rochester are in production.

E-911 – Gail is working on getting quotes on the tower grounding at the jail. She met recently with the Job Classification Committee and has followed-up by checking with other counties pay and found that others pay on a scale determined by years of service. She has a dispatcher leaving next month. She will be requesting from Council that she retain ten employees at all times to reduce overtime. She is also requesting new desks in her budget. She will have to find an alternative way to present her budget to council due to medical time off. Rick and Gail had previously discussed an incident and once she investigated she discovered the issue: when on a county line, air medics from all bordering counties are being called and should not be (unlike the ambulances). She will be further sorting this out with the EMS Board. The City of Rochester has presented another counter-agreement for sharing the Spillman CAD service. It was decided that the mutual agreement should be approved by the commissioners and then dispersed to the units for their approval; Gail will work on. She will forward the timeline from Spillman to commissioners as soon as she receives it.

FEDCO – Terry Lee presented the minutes from the last FEDCO Board meeting. There is interest for a wind farm for Fulton, Miami and Cass Counties being evaluated. The FEDCO board is looking into legal and financial representation as a district comprising of all three counties. A change to the wind ordinance should be presented by Area Plan Commission to cover issues of concern. Terry will follow up with Casi (Area Plan Director). There are no plans for reconfiguration of US 31 on the 5-year plan. He is meeting with the director of statewide services to discuss the 20-year plan. The J-Turns are scheduled for 2018.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors updated on a few missing stats from the June report. Last week the jail population was 103, with weekenders coming in he sent 15 prisoners to Miami County for holding. Two camera system quotes have been received and they are seeking a third quote. He will meet with Josh Sriver (IT Director) this week to review. Chris had previously sent the 2016 Jail report and asked for questions; there were none. A car was damaged due to car/deer accident; cost is estimated at \$8,000. Animal Control officer, Kyle Perkins, asked Chris to deliver his letter of resignation as he is moving forward with employment with Rochester City. Chris will post the position internally. Chris presented Deputy Michael Atkins and Deputy Matthew Utter with an award for their help with a cruelty to animal’s criminal case. Crime Stoppers and PETA got involved and offered a reward. Chris is still in the process of getting quotes for a vehicle scheduled for replacement. Chris is looking for new employees to fill vacant positions. A water line burst in the ceiling at the jail recently and has been repaired by Hermann and Goetz. He will be presenting a transfer or an additional appropriation in a future meeting to cover cost of utilities.

EMA – Larry presented the NIXLE contract for consideration; Greg reviewed. Larry, Gail and Chris assisted Kewanna with some communications issues in planning for the Fun Festival. Larry has purchased some equipment from Pulaski County and has received it; he is waiting on titles for some of the equipment. Steve motioned to allow Larry to authorize the NIXLE contract once received upon approval, Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY – John reported on activities including mowing, chip sealing and working on installing a new fuel injection pump on the chipper. The department will be paving Old Southway 31 this week or next and EMA will direct traffic so they don’t have to shut the road down. Lucas Street is currently being milled; pavement will be started on next Monday at the earliest. The Community Crossings call for projects were timely submitted. John has updated the PASER asset management plan and submitted to INDOT. John looked into the Old 31 bridge with DLZ; their suggested was to pump in concrete to level the plates, the soil is deteriorating. He will be following up and report. There is an area near a public access that continues to flood near NW Lakeshore Drive that is threatening entering a home; the surveyor suggests a tile across the access site into the water to drain the area. Rick suggested looking into cost of boring versus piping; John agreed. Commissioners are in approval.

ADA – John attended the Safety meeting on July 11th. Banning space heaters was discussed; end dates should be added to contracts with penalties imposed, Teri Furnival (Clerk) has money that could be used for painting her office within Title IV-D incentive funds.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented.

7/7/17	July 2017 LIT Distribution	\$482,199.92
7/11/17	Congressional School for July, 2017	\$438.46
7/14/17	2010 EDIT Bond Payment	\$106,062.25
7/17/17	Misc. Claims	\$440,055.11

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented.

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Soil & Water Conservation	County General	33601 Building Rent	30062 Maintenance Copier	\$50.00
Copier maintenance budget appropriation is not enough to cover charges from Cardinal Office products.				

MINUTES – Steve motioned for approval of the minutes from the July meeting, Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS – Amy Roe discussed the new Tourism Commission website: www.county25.com. Each of the towns have their own section but after 9 months she hasn't received much information from them. She would like to hire an intern to collect that information within the next six months. Some other items on the website: tourism grant application, history of Lake Manitou and 25 fun county facts. A Facebook page is also currently being worked on. On the note of the unpaid intern Amy stated that she has researched and gotten in writing that there are no legal issues of the intern being unpaid and the county is not liable.

VSO – Ric Fouts presented a report of results for the Veteran's Service annual report for 2016. The county has improved overall.

CORONER – Jeri Good stated that she has had 28 cases so far this year, 1 autopsy, 8 requiring a blood draw. She has been working with 911 for directions, the Sheriff on reporting and reporting to the state. In February, she and her chief deputy completed training and testing, she has one other deputy. She has also had extensive death training and universal precautions. Sheriff Sailors commented that the equipment she is using is below par. Where the deceased is being dropped off at the hospital is not ideal and he hopes the county could set up a better cooling facility somewhere sometime in the future. Bryan requested a list of some needs and equipment she is lacking for this year. Gail commented that since Jeri has taken over the office that the sensitivity complaints are much lower.

NEW BUSINESS – none.

RECESS – Rick motioned to recess at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Steve; passed 3-0.