

## **COMMISSIONER MEETING**

**Monday, December 18, 2017**

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

**CONSOLIDATED UNION** – Michael Bowditch presented the insurance invoice for 2018; the amount has of value has increased by almost 2%. The department heads were provided a list of equipment for verification. There is a decrease of about \$3,000 in the premium.

**SOIL & WATER** – Glen Jones (member of Board of Supervisors), with Mike Norman and Ross Burdge, are present to ask for the Commissioners to reconsider severing the employment of the Soil and Water Conservation District Secretary and moving to a funding agreement. He asks that Commissioners vote to rescind the funding agreement. Glen stated that there are two USDA employees and Mill Creek Conservancy that also share the office space and the SWCD Secretary does work for them also. Greg stated that because the majority of the funding comes from the County then she would be a county employee. Commissioners would like to discuss the situation in more depth going forward. Rick motioned to rescind the funding agreement and reinstate the secretary as a part-time employee, seconded by Bryan; passed 2-0.

**KEWANNA LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT** – Joshua Martindale has been filling-in as Treasurer for another member of the Kewanna Library Board while he has been ill and asks to be reappointed for a four-year term. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

**FULTON COUNTY AIRPORT** – Dan Funk discussed projects including drainage with installation of culverts and tiles with 95% cooperation from FAA. With that participation came some FAA changes to the improvement plan the Airport created. They will be building a new hangar with a lean-to for office space with an approximate cost of \$948,000. A portion of the airport land has been marked for renewable energy, they would like to have solar. The board meets the first Tuesday of every month at 4:00 except January. Dan would like to discuss the runway pavement with Rick. Commissioners thanked the Airport Authority for the job they do and request an occasional report.

**SHERIFF** – The first jail committee meeting was held; the next meeting will be in February. Bryan discussed a conversation with Council President Widman concerning the financing for the jail. Legislation and legal counsel have been contacted to get started on funding solutions.

**HIGHWAY** – John Geier updated on the department activities including ditch work, tree cutting and plowing. He provided a progress report on Bridge #45. He would like to have bid opening at the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting for paving projects. He asks for a Commissioner to attend a meeting Laporte with him on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**E-911/COMMUNICATIONS** – Gail Karas has moved forward with the financial portion of the Spillman contract. She met with ERS to get pricing on radios; she would like to explore different avenues. She will

meet with fire departments at the LEPC meeting and discuss radios. She would like to have everyone on the 800 system once paging is available, should be next year. It will be costly to change over.

**EMA** – Larry Hoover received three titles including for the recovery vehicle for the Highway Department. He will have to apply for a lost title for one vehicle.

**CLAIMS** – Approved as presented.

12/7/17	Credit Card, Misc., FIT, CVET & LIT Distribution	\$639,087.58
12/8/17	Payroll	\$202,628.16
12/12/17	IT Claim	\$1,034
12/13/17	LIT PTRC to Treasurer/2017 Fall Settlement	\$955,551.27
12/18/17	Misc. Claims	\$368,498.64

**TRANSFERS** – Approved as presented.

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Area Plan Comm.	EDIT	Services & Supplies	Mileage	\$1,100.00
EMA	County General	Car Repairs	Training	\$650.00
			Dispatcher-\$100	
			Holiday Compensation-	
Communications	County General	Overtime	\$600	\$700.00
Circuit Court	County General	Jury Meals	Mental Evaluations	\$1,294.92
Park & Rec.	Park & Rec	Contract	Reimbursement	\$9.31
Auditor	County General	Postage	Office Supplies	\$170.00

**PUBLIC HEARING VACATING ZONE MAP AMENDMENT REQUEST** – Casi Cowles presented the Plan Commission's recommendation to amend the zone map to change a portion of Highway Commercial to Agricultural District along State Road 14. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; passed 3-0. Steve motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Rick; passed 3-0.

**MINUTES** – Bryan stated that the second motion to recess came from Bryan, not Steve, at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Minutes for November 6<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, and December 4<sup>th</sup> were motioned for approval with a correction to the November 20<sup>th</sup> minutes by

**OLD BUSINESS** – Bryan read and discussed a letter of intent for obtaining funding for the renovation and construction of a jail facility. Rick motioned to approve the letter of intent, Steve seconded; passed 3-0. Bryan stated that each Commissioner received a list of appointed positions to begin reviewing prior to the first meeting of the year.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Russell Phillips commented on the county website; he would like to have more information concerning the times and topics of meetings.

**RECESS** – Steve motioned to recess at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Rick; passed 3-0.