

## FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:30 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Lorie Hurst, Barry Hazel, Jim Widman, Randy Sutton, Phyl Olinger, Jim Showley and Auditor Christina Sriver.

**UMBAUGH** – Jason Semler of Umbaugh discussed options for funding a new county jail: property tax versus income tax. He explained the current trends of county funds and options for increasing tax rates. If the county is interested in increasing an income tax they should get in touch with legislators; legal counsel may contact legislation on the County's behalf. Rick Ranstead requested a Council representative for the Jail Committee. Lori stated that a member of County Council from another county relayed to her that they are receiving revenue for holding inmates from other counties.

**CORONER** – Jeri Good announced that the IT Department has dedicated a page on the county website to the Coroner. She attended a First Responder meeting recently and plans to attend more. She reviewed a monthly report.

**E911/COMMUNICATIONS** – Gail Karas explained an application including a payment installment for Spillman and Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs). She previously emailed Council with a break-down of payments. Council will need to review funds to determine where the payment will come from when due. Council will meet soon with Commissioners to discuss further. The light poles for the consoles is already budgeted, she presents the quote for the cost. The VHF repeater system is going through numerous testing currently due to the repeater that needs repaired. She will present an appropriation for the cost. The grounding for the tower at the jail will be done as weather permits. She has hired one full-timer and one part-timer. She will push for the part-timer to go to full-time. Gail recommends that Dr. Mann is appointed to the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Board.

**SHERIFF** – Chris Sailors reviewed the monthly reports for October. He reviewed the current jail population and currently has 30+ inmates held in outside counties. Hermann and Goetz have discovered exhaust fans that are not working properly; the proposed cost is \$7,950.00. Council approved the expenditure to come from the money saved from the lower than expected cost of heat pumps. Sheriff Sailors presented a Memorandum of Understanding between Four County Counseling Center and the Fulton County Jail to provide behavioral health support services for incarcerated individuals who are suffering mental health related symptoms and/or substance use related symptoms. There are funds available for a portion of the cost for the first year and a private donor would donate the remaining funds needed for the first year. The Mental Health Task Force is exploring options to rehabilitate repeat offenders through Celebrate Recovery which is run by a local Pastor. The new replacement truck will not be received until 2018 once it is ordered. The Spillman project and MDTs (Mobile Data Terminals) will make the Deputy's more efficient including E-tickets. He will need a minimum of 15 MDTs; Josh (IT Dept.) has found the best to be a Microsoft Toughbook. MDTs will allow the Deputies to be on the road more. He would like 20 body cameras for deputies and correctional officers; he could cover roughly \$13,000 of that cost. Council will get together with Commissioners to discuss purchase options.

**HIGHWAY** – John Geier updated on activities including changing culverts, patching and grading roads and picking up leaves in burn area. He would like to purchase a sander for a ton truck that does not have one, a new gas shielded welder and traffic counters. He currently has funds available for the purchases. John is awaiting notification of status of the Federal Aid grant to resurface bridge decks on bridges #50 and #32.

**MINUTES** – Minutes from October 24<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled meeting were motioned for approval by Barry, seconded by Jim; passed 6-0.

**TRANSFERS –**

| Department  | Fund           | From Account         | To Account                  | Amount   |
|---|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Soil & Water  | County General | Maint. Copier        | Postage                     | \$7.00   |
| Additional postage has increased due to involvement in an increased number of programs. Randy motioned to approve, Phyl seconded; passed 6-0.   |                |                      |                             |          |
| Tourism   | Tourism        | Travel Expenses -    | Advertising                 | \$74.00  |
| To cover PO Box Payment. Jim S motioned to approve, Randy seconded; passed 6-0.   |                |                      |                             |          |
| Tourism   | Tourism        | Research & Grants    | Memberships & Subscriptions | \$162.50 |
| To cover Indiana Tourism Association membership fee. A motioned to approve, B seconded; passed 6-0.   |                |                      |                             |          |
| E-911   | Statewide 911  | Sprint E911 Contract | Equipment                   | \$1,860  |
| Short in the equipment fund due to replacing equipment on the tower earlier in the year. Payment of new radio consoles is due on the lease to Community State Bank. Phyl motioned to approve, Randy seconded; passed 6-0. |                |                      |                             |          |

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS -**

| Department   | Fund         | For            | Amount  |
|--|--------------|----------------|---------|
| Sheriff  | Cum Cap Dev. | Garage & Motor | \$2,590 |
| To use reimbursement money from insurance company and additional money for repairs to vehicle (2013 Ford Explorer). Barry motioned to approve, seconded by Randy; passed 6-0 |              |                |         |

**OLD BUSINESS** – Lois Manns, Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) recently received a letter regarding the Council and Commissioners desire to handle the department with a Funding Agreement for 2018 rather than a department budget. Jennifer Thum (IN State Department of Agriculture) discussed IC Code 14-32-4-18 stating that the county “may employ” and “shall provide supervision” for the SWCD employee. Council will have the County Attorney review the IC code and advise.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Phyl motioned that the Criminal Justice appointee should be on the Jail Committee, Lori seconded; passed 6-0.

**ADJOURN** – Jim Showley motioned to adjourn at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Phyl; passed 6-0.

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Christina Sriver, Fulton County Auditor