

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Monday, April 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.

TOURISM – Amy Roe updated on the requested by Jim Widman of the funding to the 4-H Fair and the Museum. She is working with the Indiana Tourism Association and the attorney that they provide. They are working with State Board of Accounts to get the final information needed to write a final ruling to show Council. Other counties are having similar issues and State Board of Accounts has been asked for clarification. The issue is that the money granted should be used on advertising and that was not necessarily the case. She hopes to have a letter by June. The tourism Board will reach out to the 4-H Fair Board to discuss. The Tourism Board has been warned that incorrect expenditures could result in a felony charge. In June the brochure, video and website should be complete. Patina Sable discussed the Living Local Fest on June 30th with the parade at 11:00 a.m. with events from 10:00 to 2:00. Currently they have planned to have demonstrations on the courthouse lawn and vendors on Eighth Street. Commissioners will try to work with them when scheduling concrete work. Tourism will stay in touch. It will take 30 days to have the permit approved and will need to know what the layout will be before submitting the permit.

CORONER – Jeri Good stated that of the 50 deaths so far this year 9, or 18%, have been Coroner calls. There have been 3 autopsies so far this year. Two have required toxicology and labs. She met with the Fulton County Leadership Academy and the Youth Leadership Academy to talk about the office duties. She was at Ancilla College recently to a symposium about forensics comparing the medical examiners system and the coroner's system. She has been trained on the use of Narcan in Marshall County last week. She stated the public can now be authorized to use Narcan.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Chris Sailors gave the monthly reports for the department. The average daily population is currently at 129 per month. The Miami County Sheriff is working on having the inmate contract approved by his Commissioners. He has a contract with Combined Public Communications (CPC) that provided a tech grant that was paid for through user fees. CPC has agreed to fix the issues up to \$180,000. He has a meeting with Secured Automated Systems on Thursday to do a walk-through to get things finalized for under \$180,000. He had a jail tour with City officials March 27th. He has put together a PowerPoint presentation because he has been asked to speak on the jail issues by Kiwanis Cub and Aubbeenaubbee Township Improvement Association. He anticipates speaking at the Lion's Clubs. He will forward the presentation to Commissioners and Council. He will be offering a citizen shooter class on April 28th and May 12th both are already full. He would like to continue to offer the class through the summer and fall months. Umbaugh is working to get estimates on the newly granted revenue sources with an optional income tax. He will be touring the Adams County jail again on May 11th with the County Attorney and anyone else who'd like to go. The Sheriff at Miami County has offered to give a tour also. He will go before the Caston School Board to discuss offering ALICE training to the staff. He has also been contacted by houses of worship to perform the training. The IT department is working on setting up the MDTs for running Spillman. The jail staffing is still an issue; he is looking for help again as he has had another correctional officer resign and he anticipates a deputy resigning. He is in need of replacing a couple of cracked windows at the jail. The new truck should be ready within the next 10 days.

EMA – A declaration is being sent to FEMA to request assistance for the flood damage and he anticipates a response within 2 to 3 weeks. He will be going to the NENA conference tomorrow and invites Commissioners to attend on Wednesday or Thursday. He will be attending the National Weather Service warning team workshop on April 23rd, WTH Conference on May 3rd and 4th, and the LEPC conference.

HIGHWAY – John Geier presented a permit request from Jeff Brandt on 475 N for a road cut. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; passed 3-0. Shannon Shepherd (Health Department) discussed the permit John received from Michael Thomas on Old 31 S for a septic that would require drainage to a culvert of ground/surface water. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; passed 3-0. NIPSCO applied for a permit to bore across Old 31 to install a gas main and natural gas lines in Bellwood Acres. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; passed 3-0. John updated on the department activities including sign inventory, replacing culverts, grading gravel roads, 2018 road program planning and patching holes. He would like to pre-pay a percentage of the AE-90 chip seal oil as Commissioners suggested. Rick motioned to allow the Highway Department to enter a pre-pay agreement, Steve seconded; passed 3-0. Pug will be starting to be made in the next week or so. Repairs from the flooding incident are still being documented for FEMA. Bridge #45 and Paving projects for Community Crossings should star the first week of May. Rick updated on the time clock conference call to clear up issues with the Highway Department. He would like to see a list from Department heads of who will authority from each department to edit any time on the system. Rick also discussed who is responsible for punching time clocks: all employees except Elected Officials. John asked for permission to send some employees to a conference; Commissioners approve.

MINUTES – Steve motioned to approve minutes with a correction to Council on Aging (Rusty Moore presented) from April 2, seconded by Steve; passed 3-0.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented.

4/3/18	Landscaping at the Courthouse	\$6,640.00
4/3/18	Hilltop Landscaping	\$5,500
4/6/18	Credit Card, LIT Distribution & Misc. Claims	\$503,538.65
4/10/18	Tax Sale Surplus to apply to taxes	\$0.04
4/10/18	Tax Sale Surplus to apply to taxes	\$9.98
4/10/18	Tax Sale Surplus to apply to taxes	\$9,214.30
4/13/18	Payroll	\$183,517.74
4/16/18	Misc. Claims	\$489,091.41

OLD BUSINESS – Bryan discussed a taxpayer request for amounts paid for wind farm research which amounted to a total of \$27,080.83. Nancy Crowe asked if the expenses were reimbursable from RES. Commissioners stated that the contract from RES was never signed so they aren't reimbursing but the county attorney will look over the Barnes and Thornburg and Umbaugh contracts to see if there is any reimbursement language in them. Commissioners are preparing to turn over land to the Park Board. The mayor agreed to give the County mulch from the City for the property. The attorney stated that it will involve a resolution, deed and a memorandum of understanding. Bryan is working on finding a Realtor for the Akron property where the Opera House stood. Bryan stated it might be more trouble than it's worth to lay new gravel on the lot. Commissioners would like to create specs to accept bids for the upkeep on the grounds at Citizen's Cemetery. Greg is working on figuring out how the county took over the maintenance and appointment of the sexton for the Cemetery. Umbaugh is working on how much revenue the new tax rate would provide and if a regional jail study has to be performed. Bryan would like to have an educational meeting for the public to present and discuss the jail issues. The Highway Department is still working on scoring the bridges.

NEW BUSINESS – none

RECESS – Rick motioned to recess at 7:18 p.m., Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

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Bryan Lewis, President

Rick Ranstead, Vice-President

Steve Metzger, Member

Attest:

Christina Sriver, Auditor