

FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, May 01, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, Attorney Greg Heller and Auditor Christina Sriver.

HIGHWAY – John Geier presented a permit from Nipsco for 2874 SE Lakeshore Drive, Macy; Steve moved to accept, Rick seconded; passed 3-0. Bridge 503 is projected to be finished on Saturday when it is paved. John will be going out to Lucas Street following this meeting for a pre-construction meeting with DLZ. George Watson of USI set up a meeting with Army Corp of Engineers, IDEM, IDNR, US Fish and Wildlife and DNR. The meeting revealed that the construction of the road did not satisfy all interested parties. USI will advise. John needs three proposals for bridge inspections due May 15th. Rick moved to accept the year report for the highway, Steve seconded; passed 3-0. The ADA and Title VI Sensitivity training was held on April 19th. John will get information out to the employees that were not able to attend. He is working on updating the ADA transition plan.

TED WAGGONER – Mr. Waggoner is speaking on behalf of Rochester Iron and Metal. The salvage yard would like to do some improvements to their business on Lucas Street and is requesting tax abatement. Add at least six (6) new employees and \$360,000 in new earnings for those employees. In 2012, they (RIM) moved locations and in doing so, have increased employees from 14 to 49. Mr. Waggoner requested commissioners to consider and approve the proposed report and recommend the 10-year tax abatement. Steve moved to accept the proposed abatement, Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

CONDEMNATION HEARING – Casi Cowles presented information concerning 3534 Strawberry Lane, Rochester, and reported that the owner began scrapping off the metal from the trailer and the frame is the only thing remaining. She would like to get an order to remove the remaining structure. Rick moved to fulfilling the unsafe order, Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Steve moved to waive permit fees of \$100 (building permit fee) and \$25 (site improvement fee) for a home they are building in Whippoorwill Estates (4338 N 100 W), Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

BURN ORDINANCE – Jana Vance spoke on behalf of Rochester Community Schools. They are having trouble meeting state codes concerning the air quality and introduced the Patty Moore (school nurse) to verify the increase in impacted students during leaf burning season. Jana discussed the impact that burning has during school activities and sports. A representative of Rochester Community School Maintenance Department previously discussed with the county building inspector and presented documents from IDEM referencing the Clean Air Act. The school air must be replaced five times a day. Brad Carter discussed the millions of dollars being spent on the HVAC system and the law requirements of indoor air quality (IC 16-41-37.5) They are mandated by law to control air quality and they ask the commissioners allow them to follow the law. The school nurse reported 35 asthmatics in the middle school buildings. A resident questioned stick pick-up following a winter storm or throughout off-seasons. Rick explained that the ban does not include sticks, only leaves and trash. The Fire Chief, Tom Butler,

responded that recessional fire is still allowable. He also spoke on a personal level that the smoke also reaches him on 13th Street near Main Street and encouraged commissioners to take action. Dee Williams, a resident from Shafer Shores, discussed that he is in favor of the burn ban but would still like to burn small twigs and sticks. He would like the ban to restrict burning in a barrel. Another resident discussed the need for an alternative for the stick pick-up as well as it is a wooded area and sticks are also an issue. Steve Metzger stated that he is receiving phone calls from taxpayers expressing concern that the ban will extend throughout the county. He firmly stated that is not the intention of the commissioners. Greg Heller feels there are two options: (1) go through the ordinance to decide what to burn, however that will be open to interpretation; (2) address the issue of the sticks and small limbs through the highway department and what they will be able to pick up. Bryan discussed having the highway department pickup sticks and small limbs as an additional service. Tom Butler discussed having the option to allow an emergency burn after a strong storm if needed. Greg added the following amendments and corrections: in the second paragraph, "WHEREAS, the county of Fulton County, Indiana"; bullet point number one "1. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the open burning of any matter or material except as specified in paragraph two (2) below, within the following described areas of Fulton County, Indiana, and as illustrated on Exhibit A, attached..."; paragraph two "Residents of Fulton County, Indiana, within the designated areas..." Commissioners will have a pick-up schedule by the next scheduled meeting. Steve moved to approve the burn ban with the amendments, seconded by Rick; passed 3-0.

EMA – Larry Hoover stated that grant for \$14,000 has been approved and the recording equipment has ordered in conjunction with Gail. A grant for a new trailer for his department was approved and he has gotten it ordered. The salary reimbursement grant has been signed and submitted. The P25 update was finished Thursday night and went very smoothly. A joint exercise will be planned for the fall with Pulaski County.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors announced the meeting being held Friday at Circuit Court to gather information from the Judge, Prosecutor and elected officials concerning jail data for the feasibility report. Chris understands that DLZ will be physically inspecting the jail, Bryan asked for clarification due to having the roof inspected later this year as he does not want to pay for the same service twice. He sat down with some of the council members last week to discuss the CAD system. He would like to meet with Gail once she returns from her meeting later this week. The biggest issue is in the implementation cost. He is meeting with a vendor later today to discuss the ability to accept credit cards for bond payments and cash payments at the kiosk. Chris stated the need of having a paperless system and that it would greatly reduce paper used. There is money in Cum Cap to purchase some cars this year. He has contacted Ford concerning the Police pickup truck package. He had a full-time jail officer leave and is transferring a new part-time to the full-time position. He is requesting the 8% pay reduction introductory period waived due to qualifications. Rick moved to waive the 8% pay reduction, Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

VSO – Rick Fouts announced that on April 5th the Boy Scouts did a food drive and requested help from the Vets to distribute. He gave the monthly report for May. He will be at a meeting May 5th -8th at Camp Atterbury.

CONDEMNATION CONTINUED – The resident of the previously discussed condemnation hearing spoke that she has gotten someone to help her with removing the contents and structure. Greg informed her that she will be notified of proceedings and requested her current address for serving the papers.

MINUTES – Minutes for the April 17th, and April 28th, 2017, meeting were motioned for approval as presented by Rick, seconded by Steve; passed 3-0.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented.

4-20-17	Highway Truck	\$29,739.00
4-28-17	Payroll	\$182,346.45
5-1-17	Misc. Claims	\$315,691.64

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented.

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
		39800		
Commissioners	1001 County General	Consult Fees/ Job Functions	Taxes	\$2,793.22
To pay for the 2016p2017 taxes on the Sheriff's building				

OLD BUSINESS – Bryan stated that he and Greg haven't had much time to discuss the opera house quotes. He doesn't foresee the demo happening before July 4th.

NEW BUSINESS – Christina gave a report of the Insurance Committee meeting held Friday, April 28th with Becky Whittaker (Creative Benefit Solutions) and Cheryl Jennings (Jennings Insurance). The meeting was to discuss the discovery that Fulton County lost the grandfather status concerning the Affordable Healthcare Act as far back as 2012 or 2013. The recommendation was to make a good-faith effort to notify employees and document the discovery. The only foreseeable changes with insurance going forward is claims that will be made for services that were covered under the grandfather status in preventative services and clinical trials.

RECESS – Rick motioned to recess at 10:46 a.m., seconded by Steve; passed 3-0.