

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Phyl Olinger with Pledge to the Flag. Present are: Phyl Olinger, Randy Sutton, Jim Widman, Ron Dittman, Jim Showley, Lorie Hurst, Barry Hazel and Auditor Christina Sriver.

E-911/COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas presented the minutes of January 10th from the Communications Board meeting. Gail has been discussing with the fire departments about converting from VHF radios to the 800 system using grants purchasing in small quantities over a period of time. She is working through training with two new employees (one part-time, one full-time) and would like to make the new part-time employee to full-time. ADA/Safety/Title VI meeting will be on January 23rd at 8:15 a.m. at the Annex building.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors gave the monthly reports for December and annual report for 2017. The jail population as of today was 117. The average population for the jail in 2014 was 66, in 2015 it was 71, in 2016 the average was 76 and in 2017 it was 93. He explained the trends over the years with provided reports. There was a meeting today to discuss the drug situation and poverty. Two programs were started in the jail: Celebrate Recovery and a substance abuse and education program with 4-County. The Jail Committee will meet again on February 21st to get a response put together to address the non-compliance letter. The MDTs to run Spillman on have not been ordered yet. He will need fourteen (14) units at an approximate cost of \$3,000 per unit for the Panasonic Toughbook. He has encumbered \$30,000 from 2017's budget to cover the other critical equipment including the antennas, printers and scanners. Officers will need one day training class through IDACS to enable them to run plates from the MDTs rather than having dispatch run checks. In the winter when the wind blows the vents on the side of the jail lowers the temperature in the lower cells by about 20 degrees. He has gotten a quote to attach back-draft dampers/louvers for \$2,210 and will move forward to have the work completed. There is a full-time jail officer position open due to a resignation. He would like to add a few more part-time jailers due to the understaffing issues.

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated on the department activities. He is low on salt currently and doesn't have much left of his contract to purchase; he is currently looking for a secondary quote. John recently presented to INDOT our request for Federal Aid on bridges #32 and #50. Bid opening for bridge #45 will be on February 20th. There have been three snow plowing accidents so far and taking one truck out of service. He currently has a full-time opening.

MINUTES –A correction to the Kewanna Library Board appointment; Jeff Grube was replaced by Daniel Bates and his term doesn't expire until March 21, 2021. Minutes from January 3rd were motioned for approval with amendments by Jim Widman, seconded by Jim Showley; passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS – Concerning the appointment to BZA, Randy motioned to approve Scott Hizer, seconded by Barry; passed 7-0. Jim Showley discussed a Senior Official Workshop in Elkhart County on January 31st at 8:00 a.m. to explain roles and responsibilities in a disaster.

NEW BUSINESS - A meeting for Department of Homeland Security is being held tomorrow morning.

ADJOURN -Jim Showley motioned to adjourn at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Jim Widman; passed 6-0.