

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Monday, May 7, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 9:00 a.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, Attorney Greg Heller and Auditor Christina Sriver.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION – Casi Cowles presented an unsafe order for a property at 6373 Sunset Blvd owned by Joyce Hardacre due to a partially burned structure presenting fire hazard, hazard to public health, public nuisance, unsafe structural condition, and not being maintained. Steve motioned to affirm the order, Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

Casi presented a second unsafe order for a property at 6343 N Sunset Blvd, Macy, owned by Cecil Davis and Frankie Woodward due to unsafe structural condition, fire hazard, hazard to public health, public nuisance, and danger concerning building condition.

A third unsafe order for a property at 7199 N 475 E, Rochester owned by Ricky Snelling was presented due to unsafe structure, fire hazard, hazard to public health and public nuisance. Rick motioned to affirm the order for the Snelling property, Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

FEDCO – Terry Lee updated on the FEDCO activities. He is set to close on the Boley property by the end of June. Terry passed two leads for Dean Foods from the State Department of Agriculture. He has interest in expanding an assembly 20,300-30,000 square foot building in 2019 close to 31. There is out-of-state interest in investment properties. There is a job fair this Thursday at Tippecanoe Valley High School. He is looking into a bike rodeo for the 4-H Fair this year. He has been asked by USDA to apply for the revolving loan grant, if received would put the loan program at around \$500,000.

PIKE LUMBER ABATEMENT REQUEST – Rich Solano, Corporate Treasurer of Pike Lumber, discussed the possibility of a \$2.2 million-dollar project to increase production by adding more dry kilns. They are looking at Akron for the addition or Milan and ask for a tax abatement for the project if done in Akron. Commissioners approve.

ORDINANCE FOR MEAL ALLOWANCE FOR POLL WORKERS – Bryan read Ordinance 05072018 aloud. Rick motioned to read the Ordinance by title only for the second reading, seconded by Steve; passed 3-0. Steve motioned to read the Ordinance by title only for the third reading, seconded by Rick; passed 3-0. Rick motioned to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Steve; passed 3-0.

**ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE MEAL ALLOWANCES TO POLL WORKERS
ORDINANCE NO. 05072018**

FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, IND. CODE §3-6-6-31 permits the Clerk of Fulton County to provide a meal allowance instead of meals to each Poll Worker on election day.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Fulton County Commissioners that the Fulton County Clerk may compensate each poll worker in the amount of \$20.00 on the day of the election for a meal allowance using Election Fund Category 1001.39102.000.062.

RAMCO ABATEMENT REQUEST – Ted Waggoner asked for an Economic Revitalization Area to be designated at Ramco Supply (4572 N. Old US Hwy 31, Rochester) and approve a tax abatement for a \$1,350,000 in real estate improvements and \$385,000 in new machinery. The abatement requested is 10 years for real property and 10 years on the personal property. This would bring an additional 10 full-time employees over the next five years. Commissioners leave the decision on the length of the abated tax years to County Council. Steve motioned to approve the Commissioners Report to Council, Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

VSO – Ric Fouts discussed the report of activities for April including a food drive and delivered to 9 families in need over Easter. From August '17 to March '18 there is just shy of \$30,000 average benefits per month. The overall cash flow that brings to Fulton County is \$97,000 per month. He is working on putting a booth up at the 4-H Fair.

HIGHWAY – John presented a permit request from Paul Slisher Excavating for a bore at 250 E. Rick motioned to approve, seconded by Steve; passed 3-0. John presented a second permit request from Paul Slisher Excavating for cutting across 500 S. Rick motioned to approve, seconded by Steve; passed 3-0. John updated on activities including sign inventory, replacing culverts, grading gravel roads, sodding roads for chip and seal and patching holes. John asked for commissioner's approval of the 2018 road program including 104 miles of chip seal around 9 miles of pug to be laid, 1 mile of micro sealing and 4.5 miles of asphalt to be laid. This would be an appropriation from Wheel Tax/Sur Tax. Commissioners approve. FEMA has approved the public assistance for the flood damage but no paperwork has been received yet. The mower that was purchased will not be ready until August. The jet rodder purchased from the Town of Akron has been received and put into service. New Holland has a moderately used backhoe and approached John about trading in theirs for a new one. Commissioners suggest having other companies bring a test model to try and get other quotes. How to pay for the equipment is also a concern for both commissioners and John. The recovery vehicle motor needs repairs that will cost \$4,500-\$6,000. Commissioners are worried

about other unknown costs but since it was received at no cost it may be worth the repair; commissioners approve. The approaches of Bridge 120 over Mud Creek have eroded and CCL has injected flowable fill approved by USI to fill the voids. Bridge 172 has been found to be in critical condition. Commissioners reviewed a proposal of \$85,000 from USI. Rick motioned to approve the hiring of Orville Reese and former employee Steve Summers, seconded by Steve; passed 3-0. John asks for commissioner's approval for Micro Seal to be done on a few roads on the west side of Rochester; approval granted. John asks for commissioner's approval for resealing Old US 31 with Bio-Seal; approval granted. Rick motioned to enter an agreement with Midwest Spray Team & Sales, Inc. for right-of-ways for herbicides for brush and broad-leaf, Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

ORDINANCE TO VACATE– Bryan read Ordinance 05072018A aloud. Rick motioned to read the ordinance by title only for the second reading, Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

**ORDINANCE VACATING A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY
IN RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA
Ordinance 05072018A**

WHEREAS William O. Allen and Katherine Schlosser have petitioned for the vacation of a public right-of-way in Richland Township, Fulton County, Indiana. Owners of the real land within original and subsequent plats of the town of Tiosa in Fulton County, more particularly described as follows:

A portion of Third Street within the plat of the Town of Tiosa, more specifically a 30' east/west roadway lying between Lota 12, 5, 13 and 49 and running a total length of 310', located in the plat of the Town of Tiosa, a platted subdivision located in the Town of Tiosa, Fulton County, Indiana.

WHEREAS a public notice of hearing was published in Rochester Sentinel on the 23rd day of April, per state law, and a public hearing was held on the 7th day of May, 2018, to allow interested parties to make their comments and concerns known.

WHEREAS the Fulton County Commissioners duly considered the petition of the proposed ordinance and determined that the ordinance should be adopted.

THEREFORE, be it ordained that a portion of Third Street within the plat of the Town of Tiosa, more specifically a 30' east/west roadway lying between Lota 12, 5, 13 and 49 and running a total length of 310', located in the plat of the Town of Tiosa, a platted subdivision located in the Town of Tiosa, Fulton County, Indiana.

The third reading will take place at the next meeting on May 21st.

E911/COMMUNICATIONS – Gail gave the reports for April. Gail received one of two Presidential Awards given at conference last week. A Spillman kickoff meeting is on the 15th with lunch provided and the 16th-17th are meetings for the project leaders. Safety fleet training will be held on June 19th from 11-2 with lunch provided. Gail has a five-year plan in mind to help replace all the VHF radios in the county. She attended a school safety meeting to test 911 texting which worked well. Two of her employees will be ending their probation period at the end of the month. She would like to meet with Commissioners before the month's end to discuss those employees. Gail discussed being on the 4-H Fair Board and finances. The board is trying to get donations for millings and she asks the Highway Department to roll the millings. She has been working with FEDCO and the Community Foundation for the Fair activities.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Chris Sailors reviewed the April reports, the average daily population is 121. Doug Garvison is currently working on the MDT installs. The cameras are being rewired in a couple of the buildings to correct the issues. The shooter class went well with good response. He has been holding active shooter training and education classes with churches and schools. Wednesday Senator Head, Representative Jordan and Representative Guwein will be here at 10:00 to do a tour of the jail. The VHF radios that the Sheriff currently has are obsolete. He is trying to work on how to purchase new radios for the department. He is meeting with the Superintendent at Caston later today. The school is working on applying for a grant for a resource officer for the school. Chris would like to see the county hire an additional deputy and split the cost with the school at 70% to the school. During the summer months when the school is closed it would give the department an additional deputy on the road. Commissioners like the idea. There was another leak at the jail Sunday morning; a 2-foot section on the ceiling was replaced. He will begin the application process to replace the deputy that is leaving. Commissioners would like to hold a public meeting at the Rochester High School cafeteria to discuss jail issues and inform the public.

EMA – Larry Hoover updated Commissioners on recent activities. FEMA is reimbursing 75% of the flood damage.

CITIZENS CEMETERY – Joe Morrow submitted a bid for mowing and upkeep of Citizen's Cemetery including resetting stones that get knocked over. Rick motioned to accept the bid, seconded by Steve; passed 3-0.

MINUTES – Rick motioned to approve minutes from April 16th, seconded by Steve; passed 3-0.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented.

4/27/18	Payroll	\$187,973.61
5/1/18	Sur & Wheel Tax	\$62,998.76
5/2/18	Misc. Claims	\$16,408.93
5/4/18	CVET & LIT Distribution	\$535,203.42
5/7/18	Misc. Claims	\$1,001,696.24

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented.

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Auditor	EDIT	31035-Loan Payment	31004-FEDCO Agreement	\$35,843

To pay for January-April 2018 FEDCO Contract.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –

Department	Fund	For	Amount
0271 Public Defender	County General	32025-Reimbursement to Conflicts Attorney	\$35,000
Attorney’s holding billing, upcoming murder jury trial, and a depleted supplemental Public Defender Fund. Approved.			
		10700-Discretioning	\$6,586
		10101-Prevention	\$6,586
		10200-Treatment	\$6,586
1148 Drug Free Community	Drug Investigation	10300-Criminal Justice	\$6,586
Moving \$6,586 to each account due to surplus funds from previous years. Total amount \$26,344. Commissioners would like more information.			

OLD BUSINESS – Steve mentioned a recent Hazardous Waste Committee meeting that included discussion of the old Torex contamination testing and the testing done at the hazardous landfill on Old 17. Bryan received a letter concerning those matters and he passed it on to Greg for review. Nancy Crowe questioned the reimbursement of money paid to Barnes and Thornburg and Umbaugh to research the proposed wind project. It is her conclusion that if Fulton County does not get reimbursed the \$25,000 it just goes to prove that RES does not do what they say and neither does Mr. Metzger or Mr. Terry Lee. Greg stated that there was a contract with Barnes and Thornburg and Umbaugh for services provided and the services were received. There was never any contract between RES and the county that there was going to be reimbursement. There is no legal basis to be reimbursed by RES.

NEW BUSINESS – Phyl Olinger congratulated Gail for her Presidential Award. Greg will be reaching out to Sammy Stephens for more historical information concerning Citizen’s Cemetery. For the time being, the Auditor’s office will take calls concerning the cemetery.

RECESS – Rick motioned to recess at 11:10 a.m., Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bryan Lewis, President

Rick Ranstead, Vice-President

Steve Metzger, Member

Attest:

Christina Sriver, Auditor