

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Monday, May 21, 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 Deputy Auditor Ashley Geller.

ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC WAYS IN RICHLAND TOWNSHIP – A Motion was entered by Bryan Lewis to read Ordinance 05072018A by title only for the third reading. Steve seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0. The Ordinance was read aloud for the third time. Bryan entered a motion to accept the Ordinance. Rick seconded the motion and it was approved 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 fight-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.

SHERIFF - Chris Sailors was present and introduced Mike Ruoff, Elevatus (architect for Adams County jail), that the county looked at to answer questions on House Bill 1263 regarding when the .25 income tax increase and the .20 legislative tax could be applied in counties that were looking to use it for a jail or correctional facility. Chris said that they have been asking the Sheriff's Association and no one seems to have answers. Chris interprets it that a feasibility study needs done. Bryan reported that Ice Miller emailed him and said that if a county has approved a proposal or contract with an architect or engineer for design of the jail we believe it is reasonable that the county meets the exception for to the feasibility study required under IC 36-1-8-19B. There is a July 1st deadline on this. Mike explained that he talked to George Englam, a lawyer that works for the house, and this lawyer believes Mike found the hole in the law, pertaining to our county having a previous jail study done and possibly having an architect and proposal in the works by July 1. George told Mike the bottom line is that the county's financial advisor and Legal advisor Ice Miller have to give the county that reading because the law does not state what the qualification is for starting that project. Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. there is a meeting at the Highschool cafeteria that explains what is going on with the jail. Chris will have a PowerPoint presentation and the meeting is open to the public.

HIGHWAY - John Geier presented with a permit request from Aaron Ramer for a driveway at 7541 East 450 North. The permit request that Aaron be able to replace the existing 12-inch culvert with a new 80-foot-long 12-inch culver. John has already looked at the driveway and checked with Casi Cowles to make sure that it meets all the requirements. Bryan motioned to approve the permit. Rick Seconded. The motion carried through 3-0. John presented another permit from Zimpleman Excavating LLC to lower an existing culvert on 200 West between 100 South and State Road 14. Bryan reiterated that this project is the full financial responsibility of the Zimpleman's. John reported that the Zimpleman's asked to use a county dump. This was not approved. It was approved to let the Zimpleman's use road closed signs that belonged to the county during the construction phase. John is to overlook the project and make sure that things are done the right way and to make sure that the Zimpleman's are aware that they are responsible for any damage that is done. Bryan entered the motioned to approve the permit. Steve seconded motion it was approved 3-0. The county has been working on mowing, chip sealing, and grading gravel roads. They hope to be done with the roads by the end of the month. USI was the high scorer for the scoring process for rating consultants for the Federal Aid projects for Bridge #32 and #50 this information has been sent to INDOT so that the county can proceed with the projects. The county is getting ready for the Community Crossings grant for 2018. INDOT will be accepting applications August 6, 2018, and the awards will be announced in November. The county rerated the PASER scored for roads and formed a committee to make recommendation on suggested projects to be turned in. The committee recommended Bridget #172 and a paving project on 100 N between 400 West and US 31. The county still has to finish the Olson Road project from last year's grant. John anticipates being done with it at the end of the month. Bryan requested a copy of the PASER report and John agreed to get this for the Commissioners. FEMA gave John a form to fill out and they are assigning an agent to look over the county's case for flood damage. Once an agent has been assigned he has to be in contact with John within in 7 days. John has not heard from the agent yet. John updated the Commissioners on the Community Crossing projects. Phend and Brown said they would be starting the paving project on May 29 and 30. This includes Wabash Road between US 31 and 500 E, 750 W between 400 N and 500 N, and Main Street in Leiters Ford. Bridge 45 is still on track with Northern Indiana Contractors for mid-August. John approached the commissioners regarding an appropriation he will need for Bridge #172. He is advertising the appropriation and will ask the council to decide on it during the meeting on the 15th. John asked for approval of the USI contract and presented it to the commissioners. Bryan asked for a motion for the engineering work on Bridge 172 for \$85,000.00 to be approved. Steve entered motion. Rick seconded motion it was approved 3 to 0. John presented a contract to the commissioners for the Microsurfacing of 8th street for \$50,633.80 from Pavement Solutions. John presented another contract from Pavement Solutions to crack and seal a mile worth of the road that was \$7821.20. Bryan entered motion to approve the contracts. Steve seconded the motion there were approved 3-0. John said he received a call from Rick Shoemaker regarding the gravel road 700 East, between 350 and 400 S. Rick Shoemaker requested a speed limit sign be placed out there. John reported that there is not a speed limit sign posted out there so therefore the speed limit is 55 mph. Rick Shoemaker told John that the cars were flying down that road and he has a business there. The county did a vehicle count there this week and there were approximately 28.6 vehicles per day. Rick Ranstead suggested that the Sheriff and County department do a study to come up with an appropriate speed limit for the road. John reported the following upcoming events for the county highway department:

*June 6th and 7th- John and Rick will be at conference.

*June 19th- Fleet safety training at 11:00 a.m. at the County highway garage. The Commissioners want anyone who drives a county vehicle to be present at this meeting.

*June 25th- early coordination meeting for Community Crossings. They will explain all the guidelines for the program and how to fill out the paperwork.

APPROVE MINUTES (5/7/18 REGULAR & EXECUTIVE)- Bryan entered the motion to approve previous minutes from May 7, 2018 regular session and 05/07/2018 Executive session. Steve seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 3-0.

TRANSFERS-

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Auditor	1112 Edit	31015-Loan Payment	31004 FEDCO Agreement	\$72,000.00

The transfer to FEDCO was tabled. Bryan was under the understanding that they were paying monthly.

CLAIMS-Approved as presented

5/8/18	Misc. Claims	\$175,245.15
5/11/18	Payroll	\$189,730.24
5/21/18	Misc. Claims	\$382,170.03
5/21/18	2018 Election	\$90.00
05/21/18	Jury Pay State vs. Stinemetz 2018 Election	\$3,928.16
05/21/2018	May 2018 FIT Dist	\$9,905.00
05/23/2018	Sur & Wheel Tax Distribution	\$103,643.25

OLD BUSINESS - Rick and Steve attended the Spillman Training session. It is going to be fabulous for the employees and save a lot of paperwork. Sheriff Sailors said they were excited to get it going and that it will allow the guys in the car to do their paperwork will allow for better reporting information. Jim Saner in Akron contacted Bryan wanted to know when the top soil seeding was going to take place in the lot in Akron. Bryan said that he would seed it and top soil it per the contract but mowing was not included. Bryan reported that there was \$2,500.00 in the contract for the seeding and the soiling of it and there was a miscommunication. One party said they wanted and another party said that they did not want it. Bryan reported that it was going to be soiled and seeded but the county was not mowing it.

NEW BUSINESS - Rick discussed a new wellness program for employees with the county's health insurance program that could help save premium costs. The program would cost \$14.00 per employee per month. He discussed the idea of the county paying for each employee from July to the first of the year, which would cost \$8,400.00, to encourage the employees to get on board with the program. Nurses from the insurance company will come to the county and do the baselines for each employee. The employees will have to develop goals and keep up with their wellness visits in order to participate. Bryan suggested that this be brought up at the next meeting so they could have time to think on the subject.

RECESS - Bryan asked for a motion to recess the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Rick entered the motion and Steve seconded the motion; passed 3-0.