

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, March 15, 2021**

**Meeting Called to Order** at 6:30 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer and Auditor Christina Sriver.

**FULTON COUNTY H.O.P.E. UPDATE** – A Treasurer’s report was presented by Virga Smith for review. She reported of families that have been helped by the program.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT** – John Geier presented Permit 21-6 for a U-shaped driveway in front of building to road. The driveway would fall within the right-of-way. Rick motioned to approve, Bryan seconded (Steve abstained); carries 2-0. Permit 21-7 request a road bore for a 6” tile across 1100 West. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 21-8 requests a driveway at 6768 N Talma Rd. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 21-9 requests to replace a 12” tile that crosses 675 S, 50’ south of SR 25. John has wanted to fix the tile but has been denied by NIPSCO but the property owner has notified NIPSCO that he is repairing. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 21-10 requests to bore a 10” tile 200’ north of 550 S on 250W. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. John updated on work activities including cutting trees, grading gravel roads and patching. Rick motioned to approve spring bids opened on March 5<sup>th</sup>, Steve seconded; carries. John discussed the SR 17 detour over Mill Creek between 550 S and 400 S. The department has added additional stone to sturdy the road and added signage to detour the traffic. He requests a temporary 35 MPH speed limit. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; carries. An RFP has been advertised for countywide bridge inspections due by April 9<sup>th</sup>. John presented a contract for Joe Morrow for 3 years/\$30 per mowing the highway department grounds. John suggests lowering the salt order for 2021-2022 from 750 tons to 675 tons; commissioners approve. John requests rehiring a past part-time employee for summer mowing; /Commissioners approve. Commissioners approve John taking a wrecker to the FFA auction.

**IT/MAINTENANCE** – Josh Sriver sent reports prior to the meeting, no questions or comments received.

**SHERIFF** – Chris Sailors updated following the jail construction meeting that was held today. Top soil will be moved and curbing will be started the first week of April. Phone systems will begin being installed tomorrow. He requests a tractor on a grant program that requires maintenance at 50 hours and charges for mileage over 100 miles. He is looking at quotes for vehicles; the Durango purchased last year for \$33,573 is quoted now at \$30,673. If he purchases four 2020 vehicles and a transport van for the jail he can get a package rate of \$146,000. He plans to keep a couple of the old vehicles for pool cars. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; carries. He would like to auction some old vehicles at the FFA auction. He discussed a body scanner and dual-band radios for his 5-year capital plan. He has funds available to purchase and train a new K-9.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Gail Karas reviewed the annual PSAP report for the State. She has a few questions concerning the proposed personnel policy changes the committee is discussing. She discussed soft costs for the new dispatch center. She will be attending an award ceremony at the Clark County Council meeting with the NENA and State 911 Boards. She discussed the bid specs needed for the tower project. She discussed Rapid SOS that is part of the next generation of 911 updates. She would like to take the 911 car to the FFA Auction. The COVID update will be tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

**EMA** – Larry Hoover reported there was a burn ban put in place Friday afternoon. The county travel status was moved to yellow today, intended to move back to green tomorrow.

**JAIL MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN APPOINTMENT** – The Jail Maintenance Technician has been hired by the Sheriff for the jail. In an effort to clarify who the employee reports to the Commissioners would like to officially appoint the position. Rick motioned to approve the appointment, Steve seconded; carries.

**CORONER** – Jeri Good discussed some soft costs for the forensics center. She went to a State Coroner’s meeting recently and discussed a mass fatality demonstration coming up. She has had one fatality for Coroner’s call this month.

**FUNDING AGREEMENTS** – Steve motioned to approve the funding agreement for the Youth Outlet Center for \$5,000, Rick seconded; carries. Rick motioned to approve the funding agreement for Fulton County H.O.P.E. for \$10,000, Steve seconded; carries.

**MINUTES** – Meeting minutes from February 15<sup>th</sup> were motioned for approval by Rick, seconded by Steve; carries.

**CLAIMS** – Approved as presented

Council on Aging	\$52,861.00
March LIT Distribution	\$652,487.75
Sur/Wheel Tax Distribution	\$30,622.04
Payroll 3/12/21	\$216,337.43
Payroll Deductions 3/12/21	\$74,745.50
March 15 Misc. Claims	\$350,858.44
February Jail Construction	\$791,718.51

**TRANSFERS** – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Sheriff	County General	OT Merit Deputies	Retirement Cont.	\$1.00

Account was \$1 short of what was requested and due in 2021

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS** – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Communications	Statewide 911	Equipment	\$40,483.00
To use for grant match for 3 new consoles at the new dispatch center			
Communications	County General	Furniture/Equipment	\$14,036.74
7 chairs for the new dispatch center			

**OLD BUSINESS** – The State held a meeting to discuss the PEL study for the limited access SR 31 project including the intersection of Old 31 and the railroad tracks at Argos. The State is covering lift station project for the jail and the expenditures made so far will be reimbursed.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**RECESS** – Steve motioned to recess at 7:32 p.m., seconded by Rick; carries.