

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, September 20, 2021**

**Meeting Called to Order** at 6:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, and First Deputy Auditor Amy Roe. County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer not present.

**Area Five Agency/Linda Johnson**—Linda presented letter of intent for the Adult Guardianship VASIA Program 2022 to Commissioners, reviewed mission and services provided by the organization, and reviewed stories of the population served. Funding sources needed to run the program includes matching grants. A first-time monetary commitment of \$5,000 was requested of the Commissioners for the County match. Bryan requested more clarification on how this program supports Fulton County specifically. Steve made a motion to recommend to the Council that \$2,500 (equal to the City contribution) be appropriated for this purpose, Rick seconded; carries 3-0.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT** – John Geier reviewed the activity of the department. He shared that E & B started the Community Crossings project on 600 W. The highway department will assist on specific parts of this project as needed. The third reading of Ordinance No. 09072021 was done. Rick made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 0907202, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. John received a request for use of a wheel roller for the Kewanna Fall Festival tractor pull. Rick motioned to approve loaning the equipment to the Town of Kewanna, Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

**EMA-** Larry Hoover will be attending the EMAI Conference October 19-22 as he is on the Board. LEPC will be sending two members. If a new employee is hired they will attend also, along with Gail (911 Director) and Fire Chief Tom Butler. Commissioners directed Larry to reach out to the Health Department to offer support.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Gial Karas requested an extension to vacation time for Jennifer Duff, herself and Krista Sutton. Rick motioned to approve the extension for 3 months for each of the three employees, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. The recording system for the phone lines was upgraded. Pyramid will get 360-degree aerial photographs to send to the FCC for continuation of the tower approval process.

**SHERIFF** – Chris Sailors stated that the old jail will be inspected on September 30. Multiple parts of the construction are in the final phase of completion. Chris is having conversations with the insurance agent for the premium cost for the new jail. Sheriff Sailors has obtained quotes to deal with window glare at the jail; discussion was tabled. The jail was shut down for visitation for one week due to COVID-19. The Inter-local agreement between Fulton County and Marshall County was presented. Rick motioned to approve the agreement as presented, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Sheriff Sailors noted that he had sent the updated food contract from Canteen to the county attorney to review, but had not heard back. He noted that he pursued only a year contract in order to give the next Sheriff the ability to choose if they desire to find a different vendor. Chris estimates the agreement with Canteen saves \$50,000-\$60,000 per year. He noted that Canteen walked through the kitchen to review the needs of the kitchen to prepare to offer services to the County. He has reached out to multiple sheriffs' departments to receive feedback about Canteen including Portage County and no issues were noted. Bryan noted that he had received word that Holli had reviewed the contract and saw no issues thus Sheriff Sailors could move forward with signing the contract. Average daily occupancy of the jail has been between 67-68 inmates. Lastly, he noted that the Sheriff's department no longer collects fire arms fees due to changes at the State. Sheriff Sailors indicated that the State ensures that they would find a replacement for this lost income.

**ASSESSOR** – Judy Dancy presented the single reassessment contract bid in the amount of \$400,464. Steve made a motion to approve as presented, Rick seconded; carries 3-0.

**FAIR BOARD**- Steven Williams stated that there are events being cancelled due to the testing site being hosted at the location causing lost revenue of between \$500-600. A discussion was had regarding the details of the lost revenue. There is also a need to repair an AC unit in the office space in excess of \$4,100. Bryan noted that he felt due to the lost revenue being related to COVID that the County should provide money to cover this lost revenue. Gail interjected that the air ducts and filters need to be replaced in the building where the testing/vaccinating is being provided. Bryan requests a five-year plan from the 4-H Fair Board. Steve motioned to approve payment for lost revenue in the amount of \$600, Rick seconded; carries 3-0. Steven noted that the 4-H Fair Board is working on projects that they may desire to submit to the Commissioners to use ARP money for. Bryan directed Steven to get their plan together and then present it.

**MINUTES** – Rick motioned to approve September 7<sup>th</sup>, Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

**CLAIMS** – Approved as presented

Jail Construction	\$	332,254.00
Sept. 20 Misc. Claims	\$	261,599.23
Tax Sale/Certificate Sale Funds Distribution	\$	16,571.80
September 2021 LIT Distribution	\$	652,487.75
Payroll 9/10/21	\$	219,543.67
Payroll Deductions 9/10/21	\$	74,386.83

**TRANSFERS** – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Veteran Services				
Officer	County General	Mileage	Vehicles	\$4
Appropriation is \$4 short for new van.				
Veteran Services		Continuing		
Officer	County General	Education	Office Supplies	\$300
Money transferred to cover purchase of ink toner.				

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS** – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
		Overtime \$10,000	
		OASDI \$765	
Health	Rainy Day	PERF \$1,120	\$11,885
Emergency funding as needed for COVID.			

**OLD BUSINESS** – Ordinance No. 092021 was read three times in succession:

**Ordinance Number 09202021**  
**An ordinance establishing a Veterans Vehicle Donations Fund**

WHEREAS, the County of Fulton has elected to establish a fund named Veterans Vehicle Donations pursuant to I.C. 36-1-3 to receive donations for the intent of purchasing a vehicle for veteran transportation; and

WHEREAS, Fund 4960: Veterans Van Donations currently exists and no ordinance can be located for the establishment of such fund; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-1-3-6 requires a unit to adopt an ordinance prescribing a specific manner for exercising the power of home rule; and

WHEREAS, State Board of Accounts guidelines recommend using the 4100 series for establishing donation funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that there is hereby a fund created and named the Veterans Vehicle Donation Fund and numbered 4100 and is established with the following purposes:

1. Receiving donations for the intent of purchasing vehicles for transporting veteran officers of the military or naval forces of the United States to be operated by the Veteran Service Department of Fulton County
2. Funds held in Fund 4100: Veterans Vehicle Donations will be used explicitly for the purchase of vehicles to transport veterans.

The funds shall be administered by the Fulton County Council. The existing fund, Fund 4960: Veterans Van Donations shall be closed and the funds will be received into Fund 4100: Veterans Vehicle Donations for further use.

Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Steve noted that he received multiple calls from citizens requesting Fulton County not require COVID-19 vaccine passports. Steve also noted concerns regarding the vote center. Commissioners will discuss what to do with the old jail property in the next meeting.

**RECESS** – Bryan motioned to recess at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Steve; carries 3-0.