

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, October 4, 2021

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer and Auditor Christina Sriver.

JMS – Rick Anderson followed up on his previous presentation on energy-efficient savings. He would make recommendations for savings at no cost. Mr. Anderson reports average savings of 5%. Commissioners will discuss with Josh Sriver, maintenance director. The contract would specify the guaranteed energy savings and guarantee of work performed.

GARMONG – Bryan Lewis discussed an energy deduction (Section 179 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005) that Garmong has requested permission to apply for. Holli Shorter-Pifer will review; she approves.

FEE WAIVER REQUEST – Nickle Plate Trail Board requests a waiver of Technical Review Committee Application fee. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; carries 3-0.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – John Flint updated on department activities. Permits were presented for consideration. Rick motioned to approve permit 21-33, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 21-34 was motioned for approval by Steve, Rick seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 21-35 was motioned for approval by Steve, seconded by Rick; carries 3-0. Permit 21-36 was motioned for approval by Rick, seconded by Steve; carries 3-0. CCMG call for applications will open in January. USI presented an on-call letter to prepare shelf-ready projects for the call for the Community Crossing grant application. The updated PASER rating is due in December; the report will be relied on for the project(s) to be included in the grant application. Rick motioned to proceed with contract with USI on-call for up to \$35,000, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Bridges #32 and #50 (federally-aided projects) are close to bid letting. Construction inspection contract for bridge #50 for \$129,000 was motioned for approval by Rick, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Steve motioned to approve the construction contract for bridge #32 for \$175,000, Rick seconded; carries 3-0.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors estimates there were 700 in attendance at the jail open house. A desk and control tower have been installed, a few more cameras need installed, he will be in touch with Josh Sriver concerning IT equipment. Bryan Lewis stated that the sewer hook-up is anticipated to be on or after October 11. The old jail was inspected, the new jail will be inspected after the health inspector is through which can't happen until after the sewer hook-up is complete. The fire and ADA inspections were complete. The paper towel dispensers will need to be lowered for ADA compliance. Training will be started after all systems are installed. An insurance agent toured the jail and commented that there should be no stoves in the break area, which there are not. Commissioners approve window tinting by Rochester Glass be completed.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas delivered the reports for September. She presented quotes for consideration. The R56 standards correction will be performed on November 8th. Gail presented a quote for recording systems for analog and digital for the new facility; she has six unused lines currently. The next COVID call will be on the third Friday of the month. There was not good attendance for the last meeting. The Health Department reported a 26% positive rate for COVID-19 tests with approximately 100-130 tests performed per day. The hours of testing have been posted to Facebook and the county website. The newspaper and radio have also announced the hours of operation. Lifecare was on the call (COVID meeting) and gave a good report. ADA/Title VI/Safety meeting is coming up. She will be

requesting experienced staff to have on retainer. Commissioners approve moving forward to Council with the request.

PUBLIC DOG ISSUE – A member of the public was in attendance with a dog issue. She discussed with the Sheriff and came to a conclusion.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES – Pete Karas discussed reporting to the state and mileage reimbursement. He feels the mileage reimbursement is low due to fuel prices raising. Bryan Lewis stated that he will call a meeting with the Personnel Policy Committee to discuss.

EMA – Larry Hoover stated he will be attending EMAI conference. The Health Department has discussed issues testing under a tent during winter. A generator was proposed to cover HVAC issues. Commissioners will update after consideration.

JAIL MAINTENANCE – Chad Calvert requested purchasing uniforms. Commissioners agree his job description will reflect the uniform to be required and meets policy standards.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMETN – Taken under consideration.

OLD JAIL PROPERTY – Commissioners and public discussed using the lot for parking to save further taxpayer dollars on updating the building.

MINUTES – Meeting minutes September 20th were motioned for approval

CLAIMS – Approved as presented

Annual Riverboat Distribution	\$	40,864.13
August Host Fees	\$	33,333.33
August Sur/Wheel Tax Distribution	\$	53,535.12
FEDCO Grant Distribution	\$	218,500.00
Payroll 9/24/21	\$	225,683.42
Payroll Deductions 9/24/21	\$	96,886.45
September Credit Card	\$	9,034.67
Tourism	\$	5,025.00
Misc. Claims	\$	307,570.33
July SIHO Bank Fee	\$	76.42

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Courthouse	County General	Janitor Supply	Uniforms Purchased	\$600.00
To cover costs for the remainder of the year.				
Treasurer	County General	Printing	Office Supply	\$1,000.00
To cover shortfall				
			Vehicle Registration \$15	
			Utilities \$10,000	
Commissioners	County General	Consult Fee	4-H Fair Board \$600	\$10,615
Utilities for new jail, 4-H Fair Board for loss of revenue due to COVID-19.				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Highway	MVH	Bituminous	\$300,000

For pug oil and extra fall work on roads.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Rick stated that the bid for property and casualty insurance from Consolidated Union has been received. Bryan discussed a meeting with the Mayor to discuss FEDCO. The current secretary is the interim Director at a 50% increase in wages. The county will develop a vision of what direction FEDCO should take. A member of the audience requested to keep steel wheels off the roads due to damage. The Highway Department will call other counties to see what solution they have found. The Sheriff administration building was discussed to house either the health department or probation; nothing definite has been decided. The anticipated move-in date for the new jail is mid-November with 911 coming later after the tower is complete.

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