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FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, June 20, 2022

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

HIGHWAY – John Geier presented permit request 22-21 for a wayward sign 90' north of the intersection of Southway Old 31. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0. John updated on department activities including patching, changing culverts, mowing and sodding. The first round of mowing should be complete this week. Bridge #79 on 700 E was repaired to remove it from the INDOT critical list. John received a quote for the office building roof in the amount of $8,965 from Twin Peaks, the sole bidder. It is included in the 5-year plan for 2024 but would like to repair now. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. John gathered quotes for a truck snow plow; he will need two. The lowest quote is $8,800. John will have to appropriate this from the MVH fund. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0. A culvert pip along the roadway east of the intersection of 550 N and 100 W. The estimate for the tile and labor is $10,676; Commissioners approve.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors reviewed the monthly reports. Sheriff presented an Ordinance to Establish the Sheriff's Sale Program and Service Fee to take effect July 1. Commissioner Lewis read the proposed ordinance aloud:

ORDINANCE NO. 06202022
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE
SHERIFF'S SALE PROGRAM AND SERVICE FEE

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Fulton County, Indiana (the "Sheriff') desires to enter into a contract for services to support the Sheriff in conducting foreclosure sales (the "Sheriff's Sale Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana (the "Commissioners") desire to establish a program to facilitate and enhance the conduct of the Sheriffs Sale Program; and

WHEREAS, IC 32-29-7-30) authorizes the Sheriff to charge an administrative fee of not to exceed the amount estimated on Exhibit A for costs attributable to the administration of the sale; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have the authority under IC 36-1-3-6 (the "Home Rule") to adopt an ordinance under Home Rule to establish and authorize the Sheriff's Sale Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana that:

Section 1. The Sheriff's Sale Program is approved and established to provide the procedure for the Sheriff to contract for those administrative, technical, clerical and related services that are reasonable and appropriate for the Sheriff to effectively prepare for, manage and implement foreclosure sales.

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Section 2. The Commissioners hereby establish a fund to be titled the Sheriff Sale Fund into which all collections of Foreclosure Costs Fees, as hereafter defined, shall be deposited and from which the appropriate expenses of the Sheriff Sale Program shall be appropriated and paid. The Sheriff Sale Fund shall be a non-reverting fund to be used only for the purposes set forth herein and shall not revert to the County General Fund at year end.

Section 3. The Sheriff is authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with a provider to obtain such administrative, technical, clerical and related services (the "Sheriff Sale Services") in order for the Sheriff to conduct the Sheriff's Sale Program.

Section 4. The Sheriff Sale Services contract shall provide for the delivery of such services by a contractor (the "Contractor") in compliance with all applicable statutory provisions for the conduct of foreclosure sale proceedings and the Sheriff's Sale Program. The Sheriff Sale Services contract shall also provide for the payment of a fee, not to exceed the amount on Exhibit A for each cause number scheduled in the Sheriff's Sale Program, to the Contractor for such services.

Section 5. The Sheriff is hereby authorized to charge a fee of the amount on Exhibit A per cause number of property in the Sheriffs Sale Program (the "Foreclosure Costs Fees") and to deposit such Foreclosure Costs Fees collected by or on behalf of the Sheriff in the Sheriff Sale Fund.

Section 6. The Foreclosure Costs Fee shall be payable at the time of filing the praecipe under IC 32-29-7-30), which shall be a charge for the Sheriffs Sale in addition to other statutory costs and fees.

Section 7. The Sheriffs Sale Program contract shall provide for a complete and accurate accounting of all Sheriff Sale Program proceeds and compliance with any reporting or record requirements as set forth by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Commissioner Ranstead motioned to suspend the rules and perform the second and third reading by title only, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Commissioner Lewis read the ordinance by title only. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the ordinance, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. There were three vehicles that were involved in car/deer accidents with airbag deployment.

CORONER – Jeri Good reported that she attended an education seminar last week with Coroner's Training Board (she is a member). The FedEx mass fatality of 2021 was reviewed for what worked and what didn't. Jeri is working on writing a plan for Fulton County. House Bills that were passed this last spring. HB 1174 allows Coroner's and their deputies as first responders. HB 260 allows anyone with a professional license to declare organ donation on their professional license. Jeri discussed sidewalk safety at Indiana 14 W (intersection of Sweetgum Road) with school children crossing. If there should be an active shooter at the school, the evacuation route would require children crossing the highway. There has been LED lighting requested from INDOT in the area also. Commissioner Lewis thanked Jeri for the letter as he has been asked about the safety of the area as well. There will need to be a solution for clearing the sidewalk in the winter.

VSO – Ric Fouts reported that he attended a VSO meeting in Indianapolis earlier in the month. He has concerns with the new van delivery being 2023 and would like to verify delivery with no rise in cost. He is planning to hold an event later in the year at the museum and will involve Council on Aging and legal advisers amongst others. When Ric began his position there were 325 veterans served and now has 709 veterans served. Fulton County is ranked 70th in population and ranks 26th in benefit dollars. Ric ranks second in benefits and last in income compensation within the State.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas requests to work from home as needed for the remainder of the week. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0. She will be in Kewanna tomorrow to work on the communication plan. She has had employees affected by COVID.

She will need to rearrange schedules and move money around to accommodate. She will also have virtual training for EMD to save on mileage. She would like to balance the schedule with 36 hours on one week and 40+ hours on the second week. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve an emergency schedule change for a 60-day period to work out scheduling, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. The highway department equipment has been installed on the tower. The Community Foundation has grants available for non-profit organizations. Gail requests any empty filing cabinets for grant paperwork that needs to be retained. Craig Smith (EMA deputy) discussed redesigning the EMA logo on the truck (3 logos) and a 4'x8' sign on the building and received a quote of $900; Commissioners approve. Olson Auctions was contacted today for auctioning the diesel Blazer, and the Durango will be stripped to be auctioned as well. Clean-up is going slowly but progress is being made. There are volunteers coming forward, Gail will have them clock in and out through the CAD system and a criminal background check done. There is a county-owned Gator being held in Pulaski County. Kosciusko County is interested in one of the big trucks, possibly both. The District 2 trailer is currently at the EMA building, it is to be picked up by the end of the month. There is no list of inventories as to what is supposed to be on the trailer.

MOU FOR E-RECORDING SERVICES – The Recorder requests the Commissioners to approve a MOU to start e-recording non-transferable documents with CSC. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

FULTON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT – A member has resigned from the Airport Authority Board and needs to be replaced. Board appointment is tabled. The Park Board also needs a board member replaced.

ARPA FUNDING RECOMMENDATION – The ARPA Committee has recommended the following for funding:

$150,000 – RTC for broadband expansion
$150,000 – Akron Revitalization Committee (ARC) for two big needs
$150,000 – Town of Fulton for major needs
$150,000 – Town of Kewanna
$150,000 – Leiters Ford Community Building for upgrades
$150,000 – Nyona/South Mud Lake Conservancy District for sewer needs
$150,000 – 4-H Fairgrounds for repairs and maintenance to amphitheater and buildings
$90,000 – Habitat for Humanity to finish new house at 7th/Fulton Ave. and $60,000 for a storage building
$50,000 – Fulton County United Way for building repairs and upgrades
$60,000 – Kewanna Public Library for technical equipment
$250,000 – Employee Bonuses of $2,000 for FT employees/$1,000 for PT employees
Total: $1,500,000

Commissioner Ranstead requests continued monthly reporting. He will abstain from voting on 4-H Fairgrounds funding and employee bonuses due to conflicts. The Habitat for Humanity funding will help complete the current house and if there is extra it will go toward the next house. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve recommendations with the exclusion of the 4-H fairgrounds and employee bonuses, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0. Commissioner Lewis strongly urges anyone receiving the funds to use as a match for a partner grant. Commissioner Ranstead introduced the audience to Jodi Coblentz (DLZ) for help in finding grants. Alan Fisher (Woodlawn Hospital Administrator) offers help in finding grants as well. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve 4-H Fairgrounds and employee bonus funding, Commissioner Lewis seconded; carries 2-0. Employees must have been employed from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE COMPLIANCE – As a requirement of the General Obligation Bonds of 2021 and Local Income Tax Lease Rental Bonds of 2020, financial information must be disclosed annually. Having reviewed the information Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

MINUTES – Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve minutes of the June 6th meeting, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented

LIT Distribution	$ 646,269.33
2022 Spring Settlement, Fines and Fees, SWETA, PTRC	$ 1,572,655.61
2022 Spring Settlement, CVET, FIT, Property Tax, Excise Tax	$ 14,913,141.41
June 20 Misc. Claims	$ 1,866,380.48
Payroll 6/17/22	$ 243,992.38
Payroll Deductions 6/17/22	$ 107,089.68

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Superior Court	County General	Witness Fees	Transc. & Depos	$1,869.00
To pay for transcripts				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Commissioners	Jail Construction Fund	Demolition	$52,500
To demolish old jail facility.			

OLD BUSINESS –None

NEW BUSINESS – Julia Shambarger reported that the Times Theater has recently spend $6,500, all locally. They are spending $25,000 tomorrow on lightbulbs and sound equipment. They are also applying for other grants to help with the marquis. She also reported that there was a group of about 10 that will be meeting for a partnership to help each other. There will be a decision this week as to having a digital or manual marquis. The Times Theater has an opening for a $20/hour handyman.

RECESS – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Sommers; carries 3-0.

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Bryan Lewis

Rick Ranstead

David Sommers

Attest: Christina Sriver, County Auditor

I affirm under penalties of perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each social security number in this document, unless required by law: Christina Sriver

Prepared by: Christina Sriver

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