

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, July 18, 2022

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, and Auditor Christina Sriver. Not present: David Sommers and attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer.

**TAX ABATEMENT** – Lauren Adley (Peterson, Waggoner & Perkins) requests a tax abatement on behalf of Jason Grube. He is purchasing a building to expand a fabrication business. The business will bring 7-15 full-time employees averaging over \$40,000 per employee/year) with \$15-\$20/hour wages plus benefits. Personal property will be purchased as well as \$1.5-2 in improvements to the building in 2023. There is a purchase agreement in place for \$1.4 million with operations beginning by end of year. There are issues with IDEM regarding the building that will need to be addressed. The request for abatement is for personal property up to 10 years and real property up to 20 years. Commissioners approve a recommendation to the Council.

**HIGHWAY** – John Geier present permit request 22-23 for a driveway permit. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Lewis seconded; carries 2-0. Permit request 22-24 is for a road bore to install a 6” tile on 650 E. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Lewis seconded; carries 2-0. Permit request 22-25 is for a CenturyLink terminal on Old SR 17. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Lewis seconded; carries 2-0. John updated on the department activities including changing culverts, blade mix, chip sealing and mowing. Paving at the museum will commence on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The new tandem truck is being outfitted at WA Jones. The truck that was going to be purchased in Pennsylvania was not purchased; the truck was not in good working order. John recommends a no parking ordinance for Commissioner consideration, Commissioner Lewis read the ordinance aloud:

**ORDINACE NO. 07182022**  
**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING FOR BRIDGE 21**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to I.C. 36-1-3-2, the policy of the State is to grant units all the powers they need for effective operation of government as to local affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Bridge 21, located on County Road 200 West, nine hundred feet north of the Olson Road, has been determined by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to pose a safety hazard when traffic parks on bridge and adjacent roadway.

**WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners have determined there shall be no parking beginning fifty (50) feet approaching Bridge 21 from either the north or south direction, and no parking on Bridge 21; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That there shall be no parking beginning fifty (50) feet approaching north or south of Bridge 21, located on County Road 200 West, nine hundred feet north of the Olson Road.
2. That there shall be no parking on Bridge 21, located on County Road 200 West, nine hundred feet north of the Olson Road.



3. That no parking shall include motorized vehicles, golf carts, ATV's, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, trailers, campers, buggies, wagons, farm implements and equipment or livestock.
4. That a violation of this ordinance is punishable by fine up to \$2,500.00 and may be enforced through the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Indiana.
5. That this Ordinance shall be in full force upon passage and publication as provided by law.

The second and third readings will be held in the next meeting.

The CDL ordinance to reimburse employees expires in August; John requests an extension. The CDL license laws have changed increasing the cost to \$4,800-\$4,900. John requests the amount of reimbursement be updated to reflect increase of cost to obtain. No employees have been reimbursed to date, there are 2 potential employees currently that are interested depending on reimbursement amounts. Commissioners agree to extend the ordinance with Council establishing the reimbursement amount. John requests Commissioners to approve and sign an application for Community Crossings in the amount of \$333,333. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Lewis seconded; carries 2-0. A brush cutter purchase was discussed for clearing brush on Glaze Hill.

**COMMUNICATIONS/EMA** – Gail Karas discussed a meeting with volunteers. The insurance agent has confirmed that they will be covered under the umbrella policy. The red district trailer has been returned to Marshall County. The white trailer was relocated to Kosciusko County. Both of the 1-ton trucks have been relocated. The EMA Durango was suggested to be a vehicle for maintenance to be used around town or auctioned. The military Blazer will go to auction. The generator was recommended to be kept. There are tents that could be retrofitted for heating or cooling if there is shelter needed. There is a gray Ford that is believed to have a title remaining with Pulaski County; Commissioners recommend the Highway Department return it to Pulaski County. There is a Gator that should be properly titled and brought back to Fulton County. There are fuel tanks that are recommended the Highway Department hold; Commissioners recommend auctioning the tanks as the Highway Department does not see a use for it. Gail has applied for a table-training grant for LEPC for \$5,500. Commissioners approve for a dispatcher's position be held through the end of the month; she is not yet eligible for FMLA. Gail followed up on a complaint from Lutheran regarding Samaritan. There is an EMS meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the jail regarding EMS services covered in a current contract. There will be a follow-up conference call on the 27<sup>th</sup> with Lutheran to discuss issues. Akron has been discussing creating an ambulance group and funding to ensure ambulance service for Akron. Gail suggested to Council that vacation days be paid out upon expiration rather than requesting an extension or allowing them to expire.

**SHERIFF** – Chris Sailors reviewed the monthly reports for June. There are 104 inmates currently being held. Of them 46 are awaiting trial, 16 are being held for Howard County, 16 were sentenced in-house, 13 are being held for Wabash County, 6 are awaiting sentencing, 4 are being held for a hearing, and 3 are being held for probable cause. He attended the National Sheriff's Conference in Kansas; mental health was a topic of discussion. There was a round-table discussion regarding body cameras and lack of funding. There is a grant through the criminal justice institute but the ongoing cost is a hurdle. He presented information on the new Fulton County jail to other conference attendees. There are 2 vehicles he will be taking to auction. There was a car/deer accident that totaled a vehicle. Once the insurance reimburses for the vehicle he would like to reappropriate the money for a pool vehicle.

**CORONER** – Jeri Good stated that there have been 36 families served with 2 child fatalities that are still under investigation; one child passed over the weekend. There have been 3 calls in the past 4 days. There is a meeting upcoming for the recommended sidewalk at Sweetgum and SR 14. There are IPEP grants coming up that she intends to apply for. Commissioner Lewis discussed READI grant funds as a possibility for paying for the sidewalk.

**FUNDING AGREEMENT** – A funding agreement for 4-County Mental Health was presented in the amount of \$154,950 for providing mental health services to Fulton County and surrounding counties. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Lewis seconded; carries 2-0.

**MINUTES** – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve minutes of the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Commissioner Lewis seconded; carries 2-0.

**CLAIMS** – Approved as presented

LIT Distribution	\$	646,269.33
Tourism	\$	8,867.85
July 18 <sup>th</sup> Misc. Claims	\$	370,722.22

**TRANSFERS** – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Soil & Water Conservation District	County General	Building Rent	Copier Maintenance	\$9.00
Due to recent increases to copier maintenance.				
Health	Health	Board Member	Certification	\$795
For supplemental granted by Council				
Health	Health	Board Member	Certification	\$946
For supplemental granted by Council				

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS** – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Commissioners	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	Contract	\$1,250,000
\$150,000-RTC	\$150,000-ARC	\$150,000-Town of Fulton	\$150,000-Town of Kewanna
\$150,000 Leiter's Ford (Community Building)	\$150,000-Nyona/South Mud Lake Conservancy	District	\$150,000-4-H Fairgrounds
\$90,000-Habitat for Humanity	\$50,000 Fulton Co. United Way		
\$60,000-Kewanna Library			

**OLD BUSINESS** – The ARP applications are being reviewed for intended distribution of August 1. The AED training will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30 a.m. in the jail training room; the Auditor will send an email to department heads requiring the training for all employees. Julia Shambarger reported on the Times Theater progress: \$23,000 has been spent, with another \$50,000 planned. The marquis has been repaired. There was another grant leveraged for the marquis. The Northern Indiana Community Foundation granted \$45,000 and First Federal gave \$15,000.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**RECESS** – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 7:12 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Lewis; carries 2-0.

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Bryan Lewis

*Rick Ranstead*  
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David Sommers

*Christina Sriver*  
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

