

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

~~Thursday, August 4, 2022~~

Tuesday, September 6

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

PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENTS TO THE FULTON COUNTY ZONE ORDINANCE, FULTON COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE, AND FULTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Heather Redinger explained that the Comprehensive Plan is completed and presented a resolution for consideration. Changes include general commercial district, highway commercial district, and industrial district would allow for single family homes, apartments or condos as a special exception; minimum square footage requirement of 980 square feet was added. In highway commercial schools were under permitted and special exceptions; corrected to only reflect permitted. In the downtown commercial district mobile homes were allowed; removed. Public well storage tanks for research centers were permitted and allowed under special exception; corrected to reflect only permitted. The split ratio in the ag district of 3/1 was removed, lot width reduced to 125 feet from 200 feet. The side and rear setbacks for an accessory structure were reduced from the height of the building from the peak to the ground to 10 feet. In all districts the lot width and frontage were reworded to clarify. Surface, subsurface drainage, street cuts, curb cuts and storm sewer drainage were removed from location. Improvement permit list are issued by the City/Town and was removed. A change was made to the ag district to allow 1 split per 20 acres from 80 acres. There will only be 4 letters issued for charging violations and fines rather than 9. Mobile home parks can no longer be regulated due to new state legislation. The proposed resolution was read aloud:

**RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE
FULTON COUNTY ZONE ORDINANCE, SUBDIVISION
CONTROL ORDINANCE AND THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Resolution No: 09062022

Motion Passed: 3-0

A Resolution to Approve Amendments initiated by the Fulton County Plan Commission to the Fulton County Zone Ordinance, Fulton County Sub-division Control Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments and Comprehensive Plan were approved by the Fulton County Plan Commission at a legally advertised public hearing on July 25th, 2022.

WHEREAS, The Plan Commission of Fulton County, Indiana did on the 25th day of July, 2022 hold a regularly scheduled meeting of the Fulton County Plan Commission and considered amendments to the Fulton County Zone Ordinance, Fulton County Sub-division Control Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan and did approve the amendments and Comprehensive Plan proposed by the Fulton County Plan Commission at a legally advertised public hearing on July 25th, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the amendments were initiated by the Fulton County Plan Commission; and



WHEREAS, said request did propose that said Fulton County Zone Ordinance, Fulton County Sub-division Control Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan be amended as attached to Plan Commission Resolution PC-07252022 and PC-07252022-A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Commissioners approve the amendments as certified by the Fulton County Plan Commission to the Fulton County Zone Ordinance, Fulton County Sub-division Control Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan.

Having no questions or comments Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

PERMISSION TO USE COURTHOUSE LAWN FOR CAR SHOW – John Alley requests the use of the courthouse lawn weather permitting on October 8th. Commissioners are concerned with damage to the turf due to how dry the lawn has been. Commissioners approve use of sidewalks and parking lot on the east side.

RECOVERY CAFÉ REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE LAWN – Pat Brown requests the courthouse lawn to host a memorial service for people lost to overdose on September 17th at 7:30 p.m.; Commissioners approve.

AREA 5 AGENCY ON AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES/GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM ANNUAL UPDATE AND PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST – Linda Johnson presented a letter of intent for 2023. Area 5 will be merging with their sister program, Guardian Advocates, Inc. effective January 1 but will continue to work with Area five Agency on Aging with no change to local operations. There will be a grant application submitted that requires a 50% match. The number of referrals has doubled over the last year. She is requesting \$5,000 for 2023 from the County, unchanged from last year's request.

CLERK – Dawn Ziemek requests permission to rehire an employee. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Dawn will be advising the public of a new ballot once she has reviewed it.

HIGHWAY – John Geier presented permit request 22-28 from NIPSCO to install a gas line at 8100 Olson Rd. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 22-29 from Frontier requests installation of phone lines in Macy. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. discussed the activities of the department including chip seal, pugging and mowing. Brush cutting on Old 31 was completed. Paving at the museum has been completed. There was storm damage clean-up following a recent storm. The CCMG grant application was submitted and accepted for review by INDOT. Projects applied for are CR 400 S from SR 19 to 1600 E, 1600 E from 400 S to SR 114, 650 E from Fort Wayne Road to 500 N. The brush cutter needs to be replaced, John is currently gathering quotes. There are beavers on Graham Ditch on Bessmore Road, he requests having a trapper. The Lake Association will not contribute to solving the issue. The beavers are causing issues with the bridge. Commissioners approve for John to get a trapper.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Sailors stated prior to being involved with Area 5 the adult services were substandard and he supports the program. There are leftover supplies from the construction of the new jail that are currently in storage and things at the old jail need to be stored. There is a rental storage unit that could be used temporarily but prefers to purchase a mobile storage unit; he requests Commissioners input. An 8' x 40' unit is \$6,600 new and \$3,175 used. The rented storage unit would approximately \$80 per month. There were miscellaneous items that have been found to be missing in the new jail. There will

be a courthouse security meeting on September 22nd at 3:30 p.m. A baggage scanning unit is a topic of discussion. He would like to hire an additional full-time courthouse security guard, new legislative language requests a certified law enforcement officer. The prosecutor has offered to use Title IV funds toward the purchase. There was a vehicle that was totaled earlier this year, settlement of \$16,248 has been received. He would like to reappropriate the funds for an additional vehicle. He will be receiving money from auctioning 2 vehicles. There is a 2016 RAM available for \$31,735 he would like to purchase. He can use funds from Commissary to cover the remaining balance. Commissioners approve pending Council decision. The Sheriff's app is available for download at no cost.

COMMUNICATIONS/EMA – Gail Karas stated some tower deadlines and testing for the new tower. Cables were run to the top of the tower using electrical tape and need to be clamped down. The building that was purchased will require a 20' ice bridge. The photo cell has to be replaced for the light on top of the tower. The logo has been changed on the EMA truck and the office sign. Gail would like to have another work day to prep the building for the homeless shelter for the winter. The fire department will be working on securing a grant for LUCAS device for emergency services. She has not spoken with a consultant regarding EMS services yet.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Denise Ostafin reported COVID vaccinations are still being offered. A COVID mini clinic was held at Head Start recently. Two old freezers were donated to Webb's. She would like to have drive-through flu clinics.

PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD APPOINTMENT – Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve Bev Jackson, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

COVID PHASE 3 GRANT: FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT/EXPENDITURE & ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSEOUT REPORT – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the report, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

DATA-SHARING AGREEMENT – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve a data-sharing agreement with CoreLogic, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

COUNCIL ON AGING/TRANSPO – Doug Bellar

MINUTES – Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the minutes of August 4th and August 15th minutes, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS- Approved as presented

Insurance	\$	6,755.99
Riverboat Distribution	\$	81,210.82
Wheel/Sur Tax July 2022	\$	46,860.84
Wheel/Sur Tax June 2022	\$	54,123.74
Payroll 8/26	\$	233,832.75
Payroll Deductions 8/26	\$	105,124.77
September Credit Card	\$	10,520.09
Misc. Claims	\$	906,931.77

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Communications	LIT PSAP	Dispatcher	Overtime	\$6,000
Getting overtime out of the red.				
Highway	MVH	Drainage Assessment	Other Charges	\$5,000
To cover CDL training and testing of newest employee				
OASDI-				
\$1,689.08				
Health				
Insurance-				
\$7,878.12				
HSA-\$633.23				
Life Insurance-				
\$63.66				
Dental				
Insurance-				
\$126.13				
PERF-				
Soil and Water	County General	\$2,331.81	Secretary	\$12,722.06
Grant is exhausted; additional funds needed for wages for remainder of year.				
LIT				
Correctional/Rehab				
Jail	Facility	Inmate Housing	Utilities	\$70,000
Utilities for Sheriff's Office/Detention Center, dispatch, and Coroner.				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS- Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Highway	MVH	Drainage Assessment	\$5,000
To replace transferred funds			
Soil and Water	County General	Secretary	\$1,370
Additional wages needed to cover wages for remainder of year.			
Engineering/Study Fees-			
\$66,000			
Commissioners	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	Grant Match-\$500,000	\$566,000
\$500,000 READI grant match; \$66,000 engineering fees for the Apache Drive sidewalk project.			

OLD BUSINESS – None

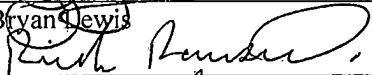
NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Ranstead attended a US 31 Coalition meeting and met with INDOT. There has been an engineering group assigned for the study. There is a scoping meeting for fall of 2022 to discuss the plans for 2023 and 2024. A study will be completed by the end of 2024.

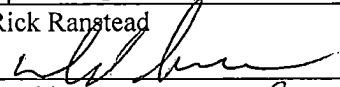
LEPC is working with INDOT, helmets for safety were provided to the schools. A demonstration of the ZOLL (automated external defibrillator) device was performed. Gail Karas discussed the need for having the devices throughout the County. The ZOLL device offers a greater rate of survival over the LUCAS device.

RECESS – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 10:43 a.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

