

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, December 5, 2022

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.

2023 PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – Michael Bowditch, Consolidated Union, discussed social inflation that is affecting the public entities. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the insurance contract, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DEMOLITION OF OLD JAIL – DLZ recommends approving the bid from Jackson Services for \$245,000 to demolish the old jail. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the contract for demolition with Jackson Services, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated on department activities including patching, leaf pickup and grading. The Community Crossings grants will be announced tomorrow. The call for next year will be opened January 1. John submitted two projects for federal aid: Old 31 N and Bridge #33. The gas contract for next year has not yet been received but the prices will be 3.85 diesel 2.97 for gas first half 3.37 diesel 2.92 gas. There is a preconstruction meeting next week December 8th at 10:00 a.m. for Bridge #32. The old brush cutter is being traded in for the new brush cutter. The company already has the old brush cutter sold. John requests permission from Commissioners to release the old brush cutter prior to the anticipated deliver of February for the new brush cutter; approved. Paving conference will be held on December 15th; Commissioners approve attendance pending weather activity.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Sailors stated that the settlement was received for the vehicle totaled at US 31 and 6th street in excess of \$36,000. He is requesting an employee be granted permission to work from home for 90 days. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. There was a tour of the new jail facility given to a county from Illinois. Detective Heishman is away at Sheriff school for the week.

COMMUNICATION/EMA – Gail Karas stated December 14th will be a meeting for approximately seventy-five people to discuss EMS services. The dispatch center should be complete next week. Covid and flu are affecting the department currently.

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS – Dr. Sult and Jillian Smith are recommended to serve on the Board of Health. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Commissioner Sommers received concerns from farmers being over-burdened with pets and large animals. Section 1.005 Enclosures to be kept in sanitary condition does not state that it is concerning companion animals. It is unclear who is the enforcing body of complaints of public nuisance animals; intent was for Commissioners to enforce. The ordinance will be turned back over to the animal board for some revisions.



CORONER – Jeri Good updated on activities. She will be planning for upcoming meetings in February and June for the state Coroners. Over 720 bicycle helmets have been distributed and she is hoping to pick up more from INDOT soon. She is requesting a power cot to be installed in the Coroner’s vehicle for lift assistance which will reduce potential for back injury and risk of exposure. The cot will be in creasing over \$9,000 on January 1. The installation will also increase as of January 1. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the purchase and installation pending funding, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

BRUCE LAKE ALLEY VACATION – There will be a public hearing on December 19th to discuss two alley vacations in Bruce Lake. Commissioners would like to notify nearby property owners in addition to the minimum required to notify. Commissioner Sommers motioned to send certified letters with signature required to be sent to all property owners from 150 N to 1100 W along Lakeshore Drive to notify of the public hearing, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

MINUTES – Commissioner Sommers approved the minutes of November 4th, 15th and 21st, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS- Approved as presented

DLZ Jail Inspection Claim	\$	25,710.00
Disbursements for 11/10 – 11/16	\$	4,452.72
Payroll 11/18/22	\$	261,660.79
Payroll 11/18/22 deductions	\$	110,386.70
Payroll 12/2/22	\$	268,001.99
Payroll 12/2/22 deductions	\$	90,896.76
Cardmember Services	\$	55.70
Sur and wheel tax	\$	51,641.64
Riverboat Distribution	\$	83.58
Tourism Commission	\$	12,988.00
LIT Distribution November	\$	352,936.00
Disbursements for 11/3 – 11/9	\$	12,296.37
Election Day Poll Worker Pay	\$	9,399.60
November Credit Card Claims	\$	6,123.67
Dec. 5 Misc. Claims	\$	231,388.82

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Coroner	County General	OASDI	Health Insurance	\$70
Health insurance will be short \$60.93				
Coroner	County General	X-Ray & Lab	Mileage	\$2,300
Small children transport in personal vehicles				
Coroner	County General	X-Ray & Lab	Deputy Coroner	\$2,100
Increase in service for death calls causing additional assistance				
Network Administration	County General	Continuing Education	Health Insurance	\$3,000

Communications	PSAP	Holiday Compensation	Health Insurance	\$5,000
Adjusting funds to pay the increase in health insurance				
Communications	Statewide 911	Dispatcher Reimbursement	Health Insurance	\$100
Adjusting funds to pay the increase in health insurance				
Communications	PSAP	Mileage	Continuing Education	\$100
Paying for meals during 3-day certification for Sheri Gaillard & Gail Karas				
Area Plan				
Commission	EDIT	Office Supplies	Health Insurance	\$182.79
Increase of December's health insurance payment				
Dues - \$185				
Clerk	County General	Rebind Records-\$225	Continuing Education	\$410
To pay for Association of Indiana Counties training and Embassy Suites stay for training				
Clerk	County General	Office Supply	Continuing Education	\$850
To pay for hotel at the Westin for the IN-Election Administrators Conference				
Maint. Equipment-\$901				
Election Board	County General	Canvassing Bd-\$340	Elect Monitoring Service	\$1,241
To pay final GBS bill for 2022				
Election Judge-\$220				
Canvassing Bd-\$980				
Election Board	County General	Continuing Education-\$10	Election Inspector-\$550	\$1,210
To pay for election day workers due to not budgeting enough in accounts for the entire year				
Election Day Clerk-\$660				
Environmental				
Health	Health	Health	Mileage	\$1,200
To cover claims for the remaining year				
Highway	MVH	Overtime	Health Insurance	\$125
To cover budgeting shortfall due to change in health insurance coverage for mechanics				
Repair Bldg & Equip				
Highway	MVH	Equip	Health Insurance	\$155
To cover budgeting shortfall due to change in health insurance coverage for admin.				
Veteran Service	County General	Postage	Office Supply	\$15
Need envelopes and file folders				
Veteran Service	County General	Continuing Education	Mileage	\$100
Unexpected travel to meeting on Nov. 30 th 2022				
Assessor	County General	Office Supply	Health Insurance	\$65
Covering the rest of the year's insurance premiums				

Extension Office	County General	Secretary	Health Insurance	\$100
To cover shortage in health insurance budget				
Superior Court	County General	Postage	Witness Fees	\$1,750
Need to pay for psych evaluations and interpreter				
			PERF- \$1,600 Holiday Compensation- \$25,000 Overtime Merit	
Sheriff	County General	Sergeant	Deputies- \$10,000	\$36,600
To cover PERF, holidays, and overtime for merit deputies for the remainder of 2022				
			Part Time - \$15,000 Overtime- \$8,000 Holiday Compensation-	
Jail	Correct/Rehab Facilities	Health Insurance	\$15,000	\$38,000
To fund part time wages, overtime, ad holiday compensation for the remainder of 2022				
Treasurer	County General	Legal Fees/Expenses	Continuing Education- \$200 Mileage- \$300	\$500
Budget shortfall				
Treasurer	County General	Deputy Seasonal	Health Insurance	\$3,500
Budget shortfall				
Soil and Water	County General	Continuing Education- \$400 Postage- \$11	Maint. Copier	\$411
To help pay for new printer				
Soil and Water	County General	Secretary	Maint. Copier	\$300
Need more funds for printer				
Soil and Water	County General	Secretary	Health Insurance	\$74
Not enough funds for health insurance for the remainder of the year				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS- Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Council	EDIT	Consult Fee	\$25,000
2023 housing study and plan contribution to FEDCO			
Council	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	Contract	\$66,000
USI on-call agreement for Fulton County multi-use path along SR 14			
Coroner	County General	Equipment	\$23,590
For the safety of all who lift and assist in getting a body into the forensic van, the striker cot will limit exposures of communicable diseases and reduce any workman's comp injury sustained in lifting and transporting.			

OLD BUSINESS – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve Glen Bode to the Hospital Board, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Commissioner Lewis stated a correction to the per diem should reflect a distance of at least fifty miles. Commissioner Sommers stated that he has received several requests for a wellness program to be reinstated. He has received a quote from the Wellness Center. The fitness center at Peacetree Village has not responded to the request for a quote. Commissioner Sommers will propose the idea to Council.

NEW BUSINESS – DLZ is present to answer any questions for performing an analysis on the highway garage. It would include an inspection of the garage and note deficiencies with recommendations, anticipated lifespan could also be included. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve moving forward with the analysis, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

There is a defunct business that now has a total bill of about \$13,000 on personal property when the original tax owed was around \$1,200 due to penalty accrual over a long period of time. Kathy Adamson has requested that the Commissioners come up with a compromise to reduce the bill for the taxpayer due to extenuating circumstances. Kathy will get the hard numbers to the Commissioners and Holli Shorter-Pifer today and they will decide at the next Commissioners Meeting on 12/19/22.

RECESS – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 10:21 a.m. seconded by Commissioner Sommers; carries 3-0.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

BIA

Bryan Lewis
Rick Ranstead

Rick Ranstead
David Sommers

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

