

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, December 19, 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. Deputy Auditor Aubry Franklin and Auditor Christina Sriver.

VACATING AN ALLEY – Two petitions were presented by attorney Andrew Perkins on behalf of Gary and Julia Kline Trust for consideration of vacating an alley on Lakeshore Drive at Bruce Lake. Philip Kline spoke of the purpose of the alleys when they were dedicated by his relatives was to allow for the owners. Juan Sanchez stated that closing the alleys would negatively impact the property values. Brian Troutman spoke of his desire to retain public access to the alleyways. Discussion ensued led by the Realtor who holds a listing of a home for sale in the affected area concerning the decrease in property values. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the alley vacation for both the north and south alleyways, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; motion fails 3-0.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Sailors reviewed the monthly reports. Settlement for the totaled vehicle will be received in the amount of \$36,656. The vehicle title was presented to Commissioners for signature. Sheriff Sailors financial figures regarding the cost of housing an inmate versus the revenue that has been received.

COMMUNICATION/EMA – Gail Karas stated that the tower light is now going to red at night. She is looking into an open line that she is being billed for by AT & T. The CEMP plan needs to be updated; she will be updating it in pieces. The large EMA truck can make it through heavy snow if needed for emergency use. Gail is working with the Superintendent of Rochester Community Schools to plan for warming shelters.

MAINTENANCE/IT – Josh Sriver stated that the current cleaning crew will not continue to be used. He has gotten a quote from Elegant Cleaning. Commissioners encourage Josh to gather two to three bids to keep the process competitive. Commissioners request no rolling contract with 30-day notice to terminate. Commissioners request the tower at the old jail to be listed on an auction site rather than having to pay to have it removed prior to demolishing the old jail.

HIGHWAY – John Geier presented permit request 22-38. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. John updated on the department activities. The Community Crossings second call for projects was approved for \$1,000,000. Commissioner Sommers motioned for John to sign the acceptance agreement with INDOT, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0. John will be applying for a bridge grant in January. John requests to carry over up to 2 ½ vacation days, Commissioners approve.

CORONER – Jeri Good reported that there have been over 920 bicycle helmets distributed throughout the county. She assisted 65 families so far this year and 4 courtesy calls. Jeri questioned mileage claims for her deputy coroners. Commissioners tabled discussion until they can review the contracts for the deputy coroners.



2023 MEETING RESOLUTION – The proposed resolution was read aloud:

RESOLUTION # 12192022

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON, INDIANA,
ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES FOR 2023**

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Commissioners have established that they will meet on the first and third Monday of each month at 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. respectively, in the Commissioner Meeting Room in the Fulton County Office Building with the exception of when a holiday falls on the first or third Monday, and other special circumstances as necessary.

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners have established times as set out under Indiana Code 36-2-2-6.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Fulton County Commissioners that:

1. The Fulton County Commissioners have established that they will meet on the first and third Monday of each month at 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. respectively, and other special circumstances*, in the Commissioner Meeting Room in the Fulton County Office Building located at 125 E 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana.
2. If there is a Monday Holiday, the Fulton County Commissioners will meet on the following business day.
3. A year-end meeting will be held on the last business day of the year at 9:00 a.m.
4. If other meetings are scheduled, public notice will be given.

2023 Commissioner meeting dates:

January 3 rd	July 3 rd
January 17 th	July 17 th
February 6 th	August 7 th
February 20 th	August 21 st
March 6 th	*September 5 th
March 20 th	September 18 th
April 3 rd	October 2 nd
April 17 th	October 16 th
May 1 st	November 6 th
May 15 th	November 20 th
June 5 th	December 4 th
June 19 th	December 18 th
	December 29 th

Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the resolution, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

MINUTES – The minutes of the December 5th meeting were motioned for approval by Commissioner Ranstead, seconded by Commissioner Sommers; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS- Approved as presented

Insurance Claim-December Fees	\$ 35,278.28
Insurance Disbursements for 11/17/22-11/23/22	\$ 10,216.23
Insurance Disbursements for 11/24/22-11/30/22	\$ 10,857.48
Solid Waste Distribution of Host Fee Funds	\$ 33,333.33
December 2022 LIT Distribution	\$ 352,936.00
Council on Aging Grant Reimbursement	\$ 79,073.00
Delta Dental December Fees	\$ 3,561.44
Insurance Disbursements for 12/01/22-12/07/22	\$ 11,387.25
December 19 Misc. Claims	\$ 1,119,127.90

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

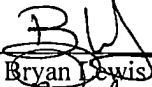
Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Purdue Extension Services	County General	Secretary	Health Insurance	\$100.00
To cover shortage				
Surveyor	County General	Gas/Oil/Lube	Tires & Lube	\$800.00
For maintenance of department vehicle				
Commissioners	County General	Office Supply	Postage	\$260.00
For certified mail for Lake Bruce alley vacation public hearing notices.				

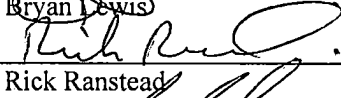
OLD BUSINESS – The animal ordinance that was tabled in the last meeting was presented with changes. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. There was discussion in a prior meeting regarding reducing taxes, penalties and interest for a specific taxpayer. Holli Shorter-Pifer stated that the penalties and interest is allowable by law to be reduced, not the actual tax. Holli suggests a contract with a payment plan.

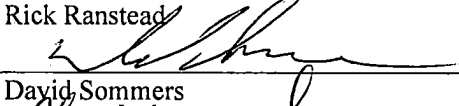
NEW BUSINESS – None

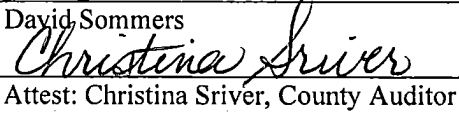
RECESS – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 7:31 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Sommers; carries 3-0.

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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

