

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 Monday, February 6, 2023

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 Deputy Auditor Aubry Franklin.

HIGHWAY BID OPENINGS FOR COMMUNITY CROSSINGS – John Geier read the following bids aloud in the order received:

Community Crossings Bids				
	CR 400 S (SR 19 to CR 600 E)	650 E (Ft. Wayne RD to CR 500 N)	1600 E (CR 400 S to SR 114)	Total
E & B	\$662,263.45	\$611,149.60	\$68,780.95	\$1,342,194.00
Brooks	\$643,416.10	\$605,108.15	\$65,771.26	\$1,314,295.51
Phend & Brown	\$622,715.70	\$592,225.80	\$69,347.15	\$1,284,288.65

4C HEALTH – CEO Carrie Cadwell updated that 4 – County rebranded their “doing business as” name to 4C Health. In 2022, they made 37,356 mental health and substance use contacts in Fulton County. She explained the most common substances clients report interacting with are tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, methamphetamines, and opioids. She updated that the current psychiatric inpatient center will be moving from Logansport to Peru and they will be opening up adolescent beds in addition to the adult beds. Rochester 4C Health currently employs 21 skills trainers and there are 2 therapists who provide therapy within the school. They have a mobile crisis unit and there have been 460 call outs in Fulton County. They also have a continued partnership with the jail.

PURDUE EXTENSION – Purdue Extension director Jessica Riffle provided an annual report of their services. Their most recognized program is 4 – H, with 264 members, 89 mini 4-Hers and 149 volunteers in 2022. Purdue Extension also has 3 other service areas including health & human services, ag & natural resources, and community development. In 2022, they provided 21,405 minutes of education. Health & human services focuses on education about food, nutrition, finances, and health, while the ag & natural resources education can be about anything ranging from pests in your backyard to helping farmers have healthy crops. Community development is serviced with leadership academies, with separate adult academies and youth academies that focus on team building, communication, and volunteering. The extension office has partnerships with the local schools, libraries, Woodlawn Hospital, and Recovery Café. The 2023 contract with Purdue University for the extension office is \$119,020. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the contract; Commissioner Ranstead seconded; motion carries 3-0.

CLERK – Dawn Ziemek updated that there will be one voting center open for the municipal election and that will be the Community Center. Early voting will be the two Saturdays before election day at the Courthouse and Community Center. There will also be one week of early voting at the Courthouse. She mentioned everyone coming through the Courthouse will now have to go through security.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Denise Ostafin stated they will have immunization clinics on Feb. 9th and Feb. 16th. They will also be applying for another immunization grant that will allow the department to have additional billing capabilities. Andy Perkins presented an ordinance modifying the regulation of private septic systems in Fulton County. He pointed out that one of the changes includes requiring a test **and** diagram for self-installs instead of a test **or** diagram as stated in the previous ordinance. Bryan read the following ordinance aloud:



AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE REGULATION OF PRIVATE SEPTIC SYSTEMS LOCATED
IN FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Health Department has recommended that Fulton County modify its previous ordinance regarding private septic systems, Ordinance No. 120108, passed December 1, 2008, and recorded December 10, 2008 as Instrument No. 200800803237, and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Commissioners have determined that the recommendations are appropriate in protecting public safety and the orderly administration of the regulation of private septic systems by the Fulton County Health Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED that Ordinance No. 120108, entitled *An Ordinance Regulating Private Septic Systems Located in Fulton County, Indiana*, is hereby amended as follows (additions in **bold**, deletions in ~~strikeout~~):

1. Paragraph 5(H) is modified to read as follows:

- H. MINIMUM DESIGN REQUIREMENTS. For the purposes of this Ordinance, any new system that is installed for a one bedroom to any structure in Fulton County (unless soils analysis limits otherwise) will require a 1000 gallon tank, and at least 750 square feet of absorption field, **except that mounded systems may have less than 750 square feet of absorption field.** These minimum design requirements may not be required for repairs or replacement of existing systems.

2. Paragraph 6(D) is modified to read as follows:

- D. A ~~property~~ **Property** owner wishing to install, repair, or otherwise work on the on-site sewage disposal system serving his own dwelling shall be required to demonstrate knowledge of the applicable laws, rules and regulations by ~~either:~~
- (1-) Taking the above tests, **and** ~~or~~;
 - (2-) By providing to the Health Officer a drawing of the site layout including: elevations of all components, location of all wells in the confines, location of dwelling and property lines and properly follow all specifications listed in 410 IAC 6.8.1 sections 36-57.
 - (3-)
- A property owner satisfying the above requirement shall pay the applicable certification fee pursuant to Appendix A.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other aspects of Ordinance No. 120108 not modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.

The second reading was by title only, and the third reading will be at the next Commissioner Meeting.

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated that Phend & Brown had the lowest bid for the Community Crossings Project and it was \$46,000 under the engineer's estimate. John presented permit # 23-5 for a driveway. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the permit; seconded by Commissioner Sommers; carries 3-0. John also updated that the department has been cutting trees with REMC, patching holes, and changing culverts. They have turned in two new projects for Community Crossings for this year, which includes 450 N from Old 31 to 375 W and 700 N from Old 31 to 250 E. Additionally, they submitted maintenance projects for Bridge 2 and Bridge 93. A representative from United Consultants presented an on-call agreement for the pavement on CR 250 S for \$18,500. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the agreement; seconded by Commissioner Sommers; carries 3-0. The final report for the structural analysis of the highway department shop was received from DLZ and John along with the Commissioners and Council members will need to decide how to proceed with repairs. The opening for spring bids for oil and asphalt will be Friday March 3rd at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the bid from Phend & Brown for \$1,284,288.65 presented earlier in the meeting; Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

IT/MAINTENANCE – Josh Sriver presented a quote for security cameras out at the highway department. The quote from Security Automation Systems was \$4,076 for 3 security cameras and the mounting hardware. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve; Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

COMMUNICATION/EMA – Gail Karas updated that the EMA volunteer group has applied for a \$3,500 grant for safety equipment that can be used when they are working in traffic. Gail is looking into quotes for programs that will show residents where local road closures are from two companies, Everbridge and WTH. Gail also provided the Commissioners with an annual E911 budget report. Going into this year she would like to be able to separate out expenses by location. She also gave an update on an ongoing wireline connectivity issue with AT&T and her solution to the problem would be to switch from an M core to K core. The K core would not be interoperable. There will be an EMS meeting on Feb. 14th. There will also be an LEPC meeting Wednesday night, 2/8/23.

AREA PLAN – Heather Redinger hired a new building inspector and submitted a request for a laptop, phone, and mobile timeclock app for the new employee. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the requests; Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Heather explained her transfer request is to pay for a planning workshop occurring in March to educate new members of the commission.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Travis Heishman shared that the baggage scanner is up and February 13th will be the first day new security will take effect at the Courthouse. Travis wants to get federal inmates, but has to set up an account on the federal portal to be able to sign the contracts, so he is working on that. Don Shriver will be changing positions from a merit deputy to courthouse security on March 4th.

FEDCO – The 2023 FEDCO agreement was tabled.

FUNDING AGREEMENTS - The following funding agreements were approved as presented:

Crime Stoppers	\$2,000.00
Fulton County Animal Center	\$35,000.00
Manitou Training Center	\$30,000.00
Fulton County 4-H Council	\$10,000.00

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Council on Aging	\$20,000.00
Guardian Advocates - West	\$5,000.00
H.O.P.E	\$10,000.00

MINUTES – The meeting minutes of January 17, 2023 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Sommers, seconded by Commissioner Ranstead; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS- Approved as presented

Disbursements for 12/29/22 – 01/04/23	\$	16,617.68
Disbursements for 01/05/23 – 01/11/23	\$	33,456.40
Jan. 2023 County Attorney	\$	1,666.66
January Fees	\$	40,293.96
Disbursements for 01/12/23 – 01/18/23	\$	45,290.71
Payroll 1/27/23	\$	255,263.10
Payroll deductions 1/27/23	\$	112,065.45
January Credit Card	\$	5,948.00
Feb. 6 th Misc. Claims	\$	511,264.67
Wheel/Sur Tax December 2022	\$	25,582.73
Utility – RTC	\$	2,626.89
February 6 th Utilities	\$	13,626.94

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Fund	Department	Account	Appropriation Name	Requested Amount
1112 EDIT	0036 Area Plan Commission	From: 31012	Service & Supplies	\$ 1,500
		To: 31011	Continuing Education	
Total:				\$ 1,500

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: Approved as presented


	Fund	Account Number	Appropriation Name	Department	Requested Amount
1.	1176 MVH	31501	Engineering/Study Fees	0531 Highway	\$30,000.00
2.	1138 Cum. Cap. Development	41000	Equipment	0531 Highway	\$144,130.00
		10215	Admin. Secretary		\$2,835.00
		11010	Inspector		\$1,934.00
	1112 EDIT	11202	OASDI	0036 Area Plan	\$580.00
		12009	Clerical Ass't		\$2,846.00
3.		12400	PERF		\$637.00
Total:					\$182,962

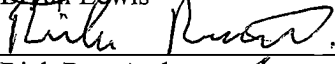
OLD BUSINESS – Jackson Excavating needs access to the old jail to remove equipment before the demolition. Doug asked if the Commissioners had any questions about the 4th quarter 2022 claim he gave them for the Council on Aging and they didn't have any.


NEW BUSINESS – Fulton County H.O.P.E has been approached by Live Well Kosciusko to start a tobacco free coalition in Fulton County. Kosciusko would come alongside Fulton to help initiate the coalition as part of a pay it forward project. The Commissioners requested more information. The Commissioners received a question about requests to view security footage and Holli will research how those requests should be handled.


RECESS – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 10:41 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: Aubry Franklin

Prepared by: Aubry Franklin

