

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, March 6, 2023

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

MANITOU TRAINING CENTER – Rick Thompson, CEO of Marshall Starke Developmental Center, explained that they offer services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They also serve about 200 children in Headstart and early Headstart programs. The money the county appropriates to the Manitou Training Center is used to offset their transportation expenses. The Vice President of adult services, Pam, stated that they contract with Fulton County Transpo to provide door to door pick up to transport consumers from their houses to the center and back. The cost for that ends up being around \$1,200 per month. They also have 3 vehicles, including a 14-passenger bus, a car, and a 2012 minivan, that serve various transportation purposes depending on if it is a group activity or an individual service being offered.

COMPASSIONATE HEALTH CENTER ARP REVISION– Mary Kay, the executive director of the Compassionate Health Center, stated they provide medical, dental, vision, mental health services, and medications free for the uninsured of Fulton County. She updated that while Woodlawn used to provide care to their patients free of charge, they are no longer free. In order to be able to still offer these services free, Compassionate Health Center now sends their labs out to Quest, and works with a radiology group that provides x-rays for a nominal fee. The center was granted ARP funds at the beginning of 2022 that they were using to buy Libre systems for diabetics, but are requesting that they be able to use some of the funds to offset the unanticipated expenses from the services that they now have to pay for. The Commissioners approved of the change of use of the ARP funds.

HIGHWAY – John Flint, assistant superintendent, presented permit 23-7. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the permit; Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0. John also presented permit 23-8. Ranstead motioned to approve the permit; Commissioner Sommers seconded; motion carries 3-0. John updated on department activities including patching holes, changing culverts, and picking up fallen branches. John got the Commissioners' signatures on the Phend & Brown Community Crossings bid that was accepted in February. He also presented two design exceptions for Old US 31 S, which the Commissioners signed. Commissioner Lewis signed Bridge 161 right of way agreements that will be sent to affected property owners of the guard rail extensions for that project. John presented an ARIES Data Access Agreement that will allow the highway department to access crash data from the Fulton County area from the ARIES system used by INDOT. Commissioner Lewis signed the agreement. John updated that the annual road salt contracts are coming up and they plan on needing 300 tons of salt. Last year they paid \$76 per ton, but they don't have a price for this year yet. Reith Riley and USI will be hosting a progress meeting on March 21st for Bridge 32 at 11:00 a.m. There will be an unofficial detour during a closing of a bridge on ST RD 19 in Fall of 2023. The Spring bid meeting will be on March 17th at 10:30 a.m. There is a truck show in Indianapolis this week, where Doug is hoping to purchase a scan tool for the fleet that costs around \$10,000 upfront, with an \$1,800/year software agreement.



SHERIFF- Sheriff Heishman was approached by the school about using the property behind the tower for their vocational program where students will move dirt, shoot grades, and put everything back the way they found it. Travis will get with whomever is running the program and he along with the Commissioners will go out and specify where the students will be allowed to work. He will have a jail report to the Commissioners by end of the month. On March 17th they will take someone to the merit board to fill a vacant position. Travis updated that they got rid of the ambulance on the impound lot. He stated they've been having some issues with the baggage scanner software, but they've been logging the issues and will have a technician get the issues worked out within the one-year maintenance warranty timeframe.

COMMUNICATIONS/EMA – Gail stated she signed a recorder back in 2021 and that she will need to review it to make sure there are no updated charges with the current prices of equipment. She is going to request to use LEPC funds to purchase a messaging platform through Everbridge. Gail stated she will be submitting an additional appropriation out of the 1222 fund for \$12,000 for tower equipment. There will be a lunch and learn with Motorola on Wednesday, February 8th, and they will demonstrate the newest radio equipment. On March 20th, Daniel Elliott will be here for a meeting to make sure that the wireline will be up and running by April 10th. Dave shared that Daniel has been instrumental in making sure that AT&T is being held accountable for getting the wireline functional. Dave also commended Gail for working so diligently on the PSAP center. Gail shared that Kraig will be a co-chair of the District 2 EMA group. She also shared that there were recently two District 2 EMA meetings. There were four different grants that were passed out at one of those meetings. Gail is looking to schedule a date for CPR and AED training. IPEP will also be teaching a class on blood borne pathogens. Kraig explained a situation in Akron at Hoffman Body Shop and Pike Lumber where there was yellow smoke emitting from the Body Shop. The carbon monoxide levels were extremely high. After several hours of investigation, it was suggested that the steam lines from Pike Lumber may have been the culprit. Pike has not been able to find any issues in the lines. At this time, they are unsure what the chemical in the smoke was. Kraig stated that there are currently no hazards present.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Denise updated that there will be vaccination clinics on March 22nd and April 4th as the school begins Kindergarten roundup.

FUNDING AGREEMENT – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the 4C Health funding agreement for \$154,950; Commissioner Sommers seconded; motion carries 3-0.

MINUTES – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the meeting minutes from February 13th, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the February 20th minutes; Commissioner Ranstead seconds; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS- Approved as presented

Payroll 2/24/23	\$ 248,590.95
Payroll Deductions 2/24/23	\$ 111,829.79
Jury Duty Pay 1/25/23	\$ 2,543.42
Credit Card March 6	\$ 10,554.06
March 6 Misc. Claims	\$ 562,902.79
Utilities	\$ 12,858.89
Wheel/Sur Tax	\$ 63,180.05

TRANSFERS- Approved as presented

Fund	Department	Account	Appropriation Name	Requested Amount
1159 Health	0197 Health	From: 38500	Animal Testing	\$ 50.00
		To: 33602	Rent	
1176 MVH	0529 Highway	From: 30211	Bridge #32	\$ 40,000.00
		To: 30212	Bridge #50	

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS- Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
0002 Auditor	1181 Plat Book	Rebind Records	\$ 4,000.00
For repair to spine of old transfer and plat books			
0005 Sheriff	1001 County General	Vehicles	\$ 36,656.00
Appropriation of the funds received from the insurance company for the 2022 Durango that was totaled. These funds will be used to partially fund the purchase of another vehicle.			

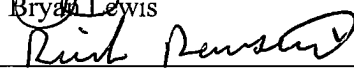
OLD BUSINESS – Commissioner Sommers brought up that he has some concerns about who is going to conferences and when. Commissioner Sommers would like to see Commissioner pre-approval after it has been approved by the department head. Council President Phyl Olinger asked if that had already been addressed in the personnel policy and Bryan stated he believed it was already in there. The Commissioners will investigate what is already in the personnel policy.


NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Lewis stated he asked Baker Tilly to help with an updated 5 year plan to fund EMA/EMS ambulance services. He has an engagement letter with them not to exceed \$35,000. There is also an internal controls engagement letter with an hourly rate, not to exceed \$15,000. Bryan will schedule Jason, from Baker Tilly to attend a Council meeting to answer questions about the new consulting services. Commissioner Sommers motions to approve the two contracts; Commissioner Ranstead seconds; carries 3-0. Bryan will forward those contracts to the Council. Steve Fishburn stated that the County used to pay for flags at the cemetery sites for veterans and they stopped paying a couple of years ago. He estimated that it would cost around \$5,000 for the year. Gail suggested that R.P. in Rochester sells the flags and may donate some of them to the cause. A public taxpayer suggested that the public may also donate money for the flags as well if the need is advertised in the newspaper. Steve will take the issue to Council.

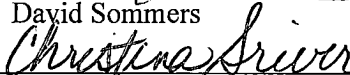
RECESS – Commissioner Sommers motioned to recess at 10:09 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Ranstead; carries 3-0.

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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

