

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, March 20, 2023

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, David Sommers, County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer. and Auditor Christina Sriver.

4-H FAIR BOARD – Steven Williams stated the commercial lease agreement for Purdue Extension office expired on December 31, 2022. He presented a three-year contract with a \$2,000 increase bringing the new contract to \$30,000 per year. All other terms remain the same. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve, Commissioner Lewis seconded; carries 2-0 with Commissioner Ranstead abstaining. The ARP report will be delivered with all current expenditures to the Commissioners and Auditor. New carpet has been installed in the Purdue Extension space. Tables and chairs were purchased to be used in the rental space and for the fair. A new roof was installed on the Junior Leaders pavilion. The 4-H Fair will be held from July 8 – July 15.

FEDCO – Michael Ladd stated that there will be some people visiting to look into the housing situation in Fulton County. There is a meeting at the Learning Center on March 30th at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the needs of the County. The study is anticipated to take approximately six months to complete.

HIGHWAY – John Geier presented permit request 23-9 for a 8" culvert installation for consideration. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Permit request 23-10 for permission to install and maintain a line for Century Link. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 23-11 for a bore and HDPE casting with wires under the roadway was presented for consideration. Commissioner Ranstead motioned for approval, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Commissioner Sommers to accept all bids received last Friday at the bid opening meeting, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0. John updated on department activities including patching holes, changing culverts and laying millings. The department will start grinding roads later this week. There is a retired pickup that was considered previously for other uses that John would like permission to take to the FFA auction. The vehicle will be retained for now. John presented unofficial INDOT detour letter of understanding for the SR 19 bridge over the Chippewanuck Creek. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the detour, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. John presented the coordination contract for the Old 31 S. federal aid and Bridge 161 for approval consideration. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

COMMUNICATION/EMA – One console is up, the back-ups are being worked on. There are a few 800 radios that are not being keyed up. SB 158 has been approved with a mandatory 40-hour course for dispatchers. Some of the new dispatchers will need the course. A CPR certification class is being set up for scheduling. IPEP will be doing a bloodborne pathogens class for the second Tuesday of April at 9:15 a.m. Commissioners suggest using the community building at the fairgrounds. Motorola stated that a server needs to be updated.

JAIL MAINTENANCE – Chad Calvert stated that the new cleaning crew has been working for a week and a half now. There were vacuums that were not working that needed to be replaced.



SHERIFF – Sheriff Heishman sent the reports prior to the meeting for commissioner’s review. There were 65 inmates incarcerated as of this morning. The annual jail report was sent to Commissioners for their review. The contract for holding federal inmates requires a 60- to 90-day review.

CORONER – Jeri Good informed that 14 families have been served so far this year. Jeri stated there is a bill with BMV proposed to show a connection with next of kin for driver’s permits. There is also a bill being considered for autopsies performed in other counties to speed up the process to bill the home county. The Coroner’s training board will be holding training in Indianapolis in July. ISDOH has mini grant opportunities coming up. She just entered a two-year agreement for information sharing with ISDOH. There has been an additional drug screening added to toxicology screenings for a horse tranquilizer. Methamphetamine is the top drug in Fulton County. Jeri will be applying for a safety grant for \$20,000.

THE TIMES THEATER – The theater has been open 5 weeks with almost 2,000 people through the doors. Upcoming shows include 2 ballet recitals, a movie day, with a senior day will be tomorrow. There have been 20 sponsors for movie days. Sponsors cover the copyright cost of showing movies.

SRI TAX SALE SERVICES SUPPORT ADDENDUM – The addendum was presented for SRI to perform services for the County’s tax sale. The fees that will be charged to each property owner included on the certified list provided to SRI are being increased from \$100 to \$125 for services performed. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

MINUTES – The minutes of March 6 were presented for approval. Commissioner Sommers motioned for approval, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS- Approved as presented

Insurance Disbursements for 2/9/23-2/15/23	\$	57,883.53
Insurance Disbursements for 2/16/23-2/22/23	\$	46,482.02
Insurance Disbursements for 2/23/23-3/1/23	\$	231,142.19
Payroll 3/10/23	\$	249,184.07
Payroll Deductions 3/10/23	\$	90,599.63
Helping Hands March 2023 (1 week)	\$	1,733.33
9142 Court Reform Grant (reimbursement)	\$	48,898.71
Helping Hands 2/23 payment	\$	6,933.33
Eurofins check reissue	\$	10,350.00
LIT Distribution	\$	733,015.09
Utilities	\$	28,312.21
Misc. Claims March 20	\$	519,052.21

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Auditor	County General	Continuing Ed	Publications	\$159.00
Renewal of Rochester Sentinel subscription				

PREAUTHORIZATION TRAVEL FORMS – Preauthorized travel forms were presented for consideration. Commissioner Ranstead would like to see the map directions included with the request form with the shortest path versus the fastest distance. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the stack of travel request forms with the addition of map directions, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.


OLD BUSINESS – DLZ was retained to perform a study for the highway shop. A committee to review the study has not yet been formed. A concerned citizen asked what Commissioners will do to prevent pentenyl from getting into water and food supplies. Sheriff Heishman commented that the end user is being targeted currently as that is where the issues are coming from.

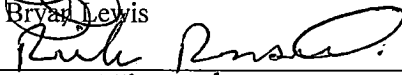
The Times Theater will be dedicating one Sunday a month to religious efforts.

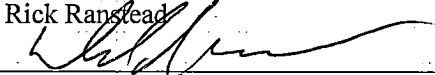
NEW BUSINESS – Gail Karas requested permission to register for the Director's summit. Commissioners approve.


RECESS – Commissioner Sommers motioned to recess at 7:13 p.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: Christina Sriver

Prepared by: Christina Sriver

