

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Date August 15, 2023 (Budget Presentations)

I, Christina Sriver, duly qualified and acting County Auditor for the County of Fulton, Indiana, do hereby certify with regard to all proceedings of the date above; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Auditor; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the minutes of the meeting were in written form and available for public inspection immediately following approval of the body which held the meeting; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided with advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Christina Sriver, Fulton County Auditor



FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 (Budget presentations)

Meeting Called to Order at 3:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Phyl Olinger, Ron Dittman, Steve Fishburn, Lorie Hurst, Chayse Thomspson, and Randy Gundrum, and Auditor Christina Sriver. Not present: Pete Karas.

HIGHWAY – John Geier presented the budget request for 2024. There were few increases in water and supplies. He requested a number for Bridge #32 from the Auditor for his request. The roof at the salt barn in Kewanna was budgeted for. A mower is being planned for purchase in 2024. He is requesting a grant match planning ahead for Community Crossings for 2024. He is requesting a stipend to boost the Clerk's pay beyond the COMOT II raise granted. Utilities were increased. Wage increases were requested at 5%, or just over \$1/hour. Stone and bituminous were reduced from 2023 to 2024.

Chayse Thompson entered the meeting.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Megan Malott presented the budget request. It includes a \$1/hour wage increase due to inflation.

RECORDER – Deb Bock submitted her request by email. She has requested wage increases; the part-time employee would be paid for out of the perpetuation fund.

COMMISSIONERS – Commissioner request a meeting combined with Council and the City and Towns to discuss EMS services to discuss Requests for Proposals (RFPs).

IT/MAINTENANCE – Josh Sriver is requesting an increase in mileage due to maintaining certifications and continuing education including travel to Illinois. Telephone is increased in anticipation of additional lines. Per diems were requested per policy. Computer maintenance is being funded by Host Fee revenue for this year, the request is in County General for the 2024 request. The host fee fund request is for a Circuit Court room update, Judge Lee will look for grants for this purpose as well. The county received an 11.8% average wage increase, the IT Department received less than average. He explained his request for wage increases and the involvement of surrounding counties' projects and personnel.

FEDCO – Michael Ladd is requesting a budget increase of \$13,932 to assume debts from the medical program (AHEC/IU Grant). Some of this money will be received back by a grant. This is the last year for this program. Salaries are requested to increase by \$4,000 due to lack of interest in the secretary position. Professional Development is for continuing education. Promotion expenses are increased to update the website and is a one-time fee. The Rochester City is expected to pay \$110,000 of the overall request of \$259,460. He is going to request additional contribution from the City.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Heishman is requesting competitive wage increases for deputies of 15% to support 84 hours per pay period but can work up to 86. He is requesting a 20% wage increase for the secretary due to her duties. He would like to do a 10% increase to her pay with the remainder in a stipend. We are reimbursed \$60,000 each from Rochester and Caston schools for the SROs and is asking for a 15% increase in wages. The extra help line item is the part-time SRO pay. Some stipends are being increased.

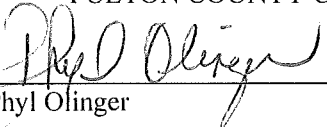
The body armor being requested is absolutely necessary. There is a duplicate entry for Equipment Law Enforcement in Cum Cap that is not necessary out of the overall budget. There will be additional income into the fund 1101 to support the UAVs. The Sheriff's Firearms Destruction is a duplicate for the body armor request. This fund will not be accumulating any additional revenue.

Jail budget requests two supplementals for sergeants, they are not additional positions. He is requesting a 10% increase for corrections staff. Inmate housing is required due to court ordered housing of inmates at other facilities outside of Fulton County.


SUPERIOR COURT – Judge Heller requests a wage increase to reflect a high case load of prosecutor's cases which are heard in Superior Court. He is increasing the witness fee request due to higher occurrences this year.

RECESS – Ron motioned to recess at 4:29 p.m., seconded by Lorie; carries 6-0.

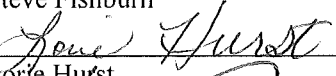
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Attest: Christina Sriver, County Auditor

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