

FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, May 15, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, Attorney Greg Heller and Auditor Christina Sriver.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Sailors gave the monthly reports. To continue gathering information on the jail feasibility study, a meeting was held with the prosecutor, judges and others concerning general correctional issues. Ten years of collection data is currently being gathered. Josh is still working with the camera company to have the cameras replaced. He is gradually converting to a paperless office including a kiosk in the cells to order commissary and eventually video visitation. To follow up on the March meeting concerning Sheriff Retirement amendments looking at changing the retirement plan for merit officers from 26 years to 32 years and changing the percentage up to 74%. The amendment is also creating a drop program; if a deputy sets a retirement date out three years in advance he is locked in and basically his retirement plan is frozen and whatever he contributes goes into his retirement plan in one lump sum distribution. There is an amendment to the death benefit for a non-married deputy also. The Merit Board approved the amendments on April 19th. It would increase the budget an additional approximate \$8,000. Jim Showley motioned to approve the amendment, Gary seconded; passed 7-0. Chris visited Rochester Ford for a replacement vehicle that is scheduled to be replaced this year. He is working on getting a quote with all necessary enhancements included.

TOURISM – Amy Roe discussed that the first meeting was on April 25th; that meeting established Amy Roe as President, Kim Martin as Vice President, Melinda Clinger as secretary, and Russ Ridinger as Treasurer. They are implementing a new grant process with a more detailed process. The structural committee would like the tourism committee being a separate organization from the Chamber of Commerce. Marketing is continuing to work on the website. She is working on partnering with IUK to provide an opportunity to better showcase Fulton County on the website.

FEDCO – Terry Lee's seat is still open on Fulton Town board. Centennial Park- Work is underway, still raising money for the park; concrete has been poured on Main Street. Construction should be finished by the end of August. Funds have been donated by the Eagles, Optimist and individual donations.

Mr. Boley has signed a contract for a 9,000 sq. ft. building for medical manufacturing at the Blacketer complex. He has an additional lead for a company looking for a spot in Northern Indiana. Have been sending them information about Fulton County, may want location on US 31.

Rochester Metal Products will be sand molding machine that will increase efficiencies, will also add a third shift to run, as many as 30 employees by June/July.

American Axle has purchased a foundry that could send more business to Fulton County.

Advanced Magnetics, Top Industries, Team Pride have all met or exceeded employment numbers.

Rochester Iron and Metal 10 year abatement requested to add up to 6 employees.

Steve Metzger, Lorie Hurst and Terry Lee met with a wind development company for a large wind project. Looking at effects to County for long term and short term. Ted Waggoner suggested an attorney to work with on the wind farm project.

Butunol project needs 5 acres on rail with natural gas availability, also looking at Starke County.

Redevelopment Commission is working on Nickel Plate trail sign and grant for extending the trail (25) Construction will be around the September time frame based on the migration habits of the Indiana Brown Bat. Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority Grant to pay for trail head building. Redevelopment Commission 117 E 7th Street would become parking. County Redevelopment has two open seats.

Jobs with Americas Graduates for a Girls/Boys Club for mentorships and a safe place to go. He is currently writing business plan for a youth activity center. A job fair was held with 18 companies participating. Letter of support for Lily Grant. Industrial Technology certification. Two trainings next level 8 businesses 6-10 small businesses, \$8,000-\$10,000 grant for revolving loan Restaurant training classes were successful. Akron requested a \$10,000 match from CEDIT to replace sidewalks.

HIGHWAY – Ray Eber presented permits; Paul Fox: Location – field entrance approx. 6000 E 150 S, Edward Foster for Frontier North Inc: Place fiber cable along CR650 S between US31 and Old US 31 and then bore under CR650 S, Edward Foster for Frontier North Inc: Place cable and an H-fixture in the right of way of Old US 31 and CR 650 S. Steve moved to accept permits as presented, Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

Habitat for Humanity requests a waiver of permit fee and the commissioners to supply the pipe at an estimated cost of \$500-600. He suggests the department should do leaf pickup for the areas affected by the new burn ban on Mondays picking up anything at the curb. In the fall a second pickup day toward the end of the week should be added. Individual special needs should be directed toward the Highway Department. An individual who cleared a fence row would like pick-up; commissioners allow the pick-up. Bridge #503 was completed and the road has been reopened. CAT will provide a loaner paver on May 22nd; the new one should be in around the first of July. The RFP for bridge inspection ends today and the scoring will begin the selection process of hiring a firm. Two dump trucks are anticipated to be delivered this week. He would like to appropriate some wheel tax/sur tax revenue to complete some chip seal and road work. The department is projecting treating over 122 miles of roadway, a staggering increase over past years. An Asphalt Zipper (road grinder) demo will be performed at the Highway Garage tomorrow morning at 8 a.m.

ADA – John is awaiting handicap signage for Courthouse, Annex building and Sheriff's Department. He is also working on updating the ADA transition policy to include updates made to the Courthouse and polling sites.

E-911/COMMUNICATIONS – The CAD meeting that took place today at 4:30 p.m. went well. Gail presented Newell, a representative from Spillman, to answer any questions. Jim Widman questioned paragraph 12.6 "Effective Termination" of the agreement in the previous meeting. Newell's response is

that the practical application of this paragraph is the usage of the software license; the license allows access to the information, it does not prevent access to the local data after termination. If the city opts not to use Spillman, the company will work with the county concerning the charges associated with the user fees for the city. Rick motioned to enter into contract with Spillman for \$395,000, seconded by Steve; passed 3-0.

EMA – Larry and Gail are discussing upgrading the NIXEL program to expand capabilities to have networks within county government.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented.

5/4/17	LIT distribution, TRANSPO, Park, taxes, Fines & Forfeitures to State	\$571,240.36
5/8/17	Agreement for Landfill Closure	\$20,000
5/9/17	Taxes for Akron Opera House	\$3,532.12
5/12/17	Payroll	\$174,086.00
5/15/17	Misc. Claims	\$516,993.82

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented.

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
	1001			
Treasurer	County General	21104 Printing	21100 Postage	\$2120.36
To bring account out of red.				

MINUTES – Steve motioned to approve minutes from May 1, 2017, Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS – Bryan’s recommendation for the Akron Opera house demolition is Jackson’s as he feels they are best suited for the job. The proposal was motioned for approval by Rick, seconded by Steve; passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS – None

RECESS – Steve motioned to recess at 7:11 p.m., seconded by Rick; passed 3-0.

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Bryan Lewis, President

Rick Ranstead, Vice-President

Steve Metzger, Member

Attest:

Christina Sriver, Auditor