

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, February 17, 2020

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

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated on the department activities including patching, brush cutting, changing culvers, clearing ice and snow and checking over vehicles for needed maintenance and repairs. The department is renting a hot box for patching and can demonstrate for Commissioners. He recommends the equipment for purchase. Bridge #161 (800 W between SR 17 and 850 S over Grassy Creek) was awarded Federal Aid at 1.2 million with 80% match for 2025 construction. John contacted INDOT for an early coordination meeting in March. The LPA Certification has been granted for John Geier.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas presented the January reports for review. Evans Consoles met early February to review the drawings for the dispatch center being built within the new jail. Adjustments were made to a wall and the floor. The raised floor allows for conduit/wiring and fire suppression. She will present new drawings when received. The public has inquired purchasing green address signs; Commissioners cannot sell items purchased for public use.

IT/MAINTENANCE – Josh Sriver has been moving through departments issuing bar codes on the assets for better tracking. He will be renewing all employee badges the first week of March. There is capability to add medicine allergies if desired. The Clerk is debating on which voting system to use for the 2020 elections. Josh discussed a system for backup in the event of ransomware allowing storage for 4 weeks of backup. The media is also encrypted should it be stolen. The total cost is \$11,585 with a 3-year replacement warranty. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries. Repairs on the courthouse roof will begin next week weather permitting. After the roof is repaired Circuit Court repairs will begin; he is currently gathering updated quotes. Superior Court is looking into getting furniture and carpet and would like to plan for painting at the same time. Both courts will be needing jury seats and benches reupholstered.

SHERIFF – Larry Jolly reported the jail population is at 76.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EMA EQUIPMENT FUND – Bryan reviewed the ordinance for the final reading. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; carries.

CORONER – Jeri Good reported there have been 10 out-of-county deaths. Of them, 8 were coroner calls including 7 natural deaths and 1 suicide. Three of the deaths were a result of sleep-related hypoxia and encourages snorers to have a sleep study performed to avoid a similar death. She will be participating on March 10th at Rochester High School in a drill with the Health Department at 9:00 a.m.

AIRPORT/COUNTY INSURANCE RESOLUTION – Bryan read the proposed resolution aloud:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA, ADDING
CLASSIFICATION FOR FULTON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES TO COUNTY GROUP
HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Airport Authority (the "Airport") is an airport authority established by the Fulton County Council (the "Council") in accordance with Indiana Code § 8-22-3-1;
 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Commissioners (the "Commissioners") maintain the authority to appoint the members of the Board of the Airport in accordance with the Indiana Code § 8-22-3-4, and the Council maintains binding budgetary review of the Airport in accordance with Indiana Code § 8-22-3-23;
 WHEREAS, Fulton County (the "County") provides a group health insurance plan for its eligible employees and elected officials (the "Health Insurance Plan");
 WHEREAS, the Airport has an insufficient number of employees to create its own group for purposes of health insurance;
 WHEREAS, the County and the Airport maintain ongoing ties such that having their respective employees participate in the same group health insurance plan is appropriate and conducive to the efficient management of public funds; and
 WHEREAS, the Airport has agreed to be financially responsible for all of the costs associated with its participation in the Health Insurance Plan.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA, that:

1. The Health Insurance Plan shall have a new classification for full-time employees of the Airport so that full-time employees of the Airport may participate in the Health Insurance plan;
2. The employee share/employer share of the costs for the health insurance for full-time employees of the Airport shall be set by the Airport in a resolution adopted by the Airport; and
3. The Airport shall be responsible for any and all costs of its participation in the Health Insurance Plan.

This Resolution shall be effective as of February 17th, 2020.

All of which is PASSED and ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2020.

Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries.

MINUTES – Steve motioned to approve minutes of January 21, January 28, and February 3, Rick seconded; carries.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented:

1/31/20	Payroll	205,154.03
1/31/20	Payroll Deductions	35,229.82
2/14/20	Payroll	205,154.03
2/14/20	Payroll Deductions	70,194.32
2/7/20	LIT, Credit Card, Insurance & Reissue	671,655.19
2/17/20	Misc. Claims	444,961.73
* with the addition of two claims for a total of \$469,740.98		
2/19/20	Fund Transfer (for bond purposes)	1,357,106.74
2/19/20	Host Fees & Eco Shred	57,848.75

OLD BUSINESS – Rick motioned to approve the mobile app for Soil and Water Executive Director, Steve seconded; carries. The HR meeting will be Thursday morning at the fairgrounds. The Communications Director also mentioned the tower construction for the dispatch center should be done by RFP and would like to discuss a storage shed also. She will start the process looking into the communication

equipment necessary. RTC has tower on 450 N that they are willing to lease but it will be more cost-effective to build a tower.

NEW BUSINESS – None

A five-minute recess was called.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION/BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE – A concerned citizen challenged the language of the 1994 ordinance granting authority to the Building Commissioner as enforcer, to language in section 14 of new proposal “inspection and investigations” by building commissioner regardless of building permit being obtained granting the Building Commissioner too much authority. Casi explained the purpose of the ordinance revision and reviewed and explained the language. The new ordinance provides for a permit required from \$5,000 to \$1,500. The need had and still will only apply for structural changes; changing a toilet will not require a permit.

Commissioners ask if the language in Section 14 were removed or altered and submitted to the state for approval what the chances for state approval would be. Section 14 was identified to be the correct legal language agreed to by the County Attorney.

Concerned citizen requested to go on record that he is not in favor of the decrease of the permit requirement from \$5,000 to \$1,500, a second citizen mirrored the request to go on record stating he is not in favor of lowering the permit requirement.

With no further comment Rick motioned to approve the Ordinance, Bryan seconded; carries 2-0.

RECESS – Steve motioned to recess at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Bryan; carries.