

## FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, March 16, 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.

**HEALTH** – Dr. Reyburn reported that the Health Department has been following State guidelines for the Coronavirus outbreak. The CDC recommended today that groups of 10 or more should not be gathering, the State is maintaining 50 people currently. High-risk employees should work from home for the next 14 days if possible. The hospital has implanted a policy of one visitor per 24-hours. If cases come near or in Fulton County the situation will be reevaluated. Commissioners announced this will be the last large meeting until further notice meetings will be with press only, department heads can email information.

**HIGHWAY** – Steve motioned to approve all spring bids received, Rick seconded; carries 3-0. John updated on department activities. He recommends the purchase of a hot box for patching during cold weather and believes it will save money long-term putting down a better patch. Commissioners announced that all out-of-County meetings will be suspended until further notice.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Gail presented information on a tool for infectious disease that has been used in the past. As the population comes forward requesting for COVID-19 testing E-911 will send those requests to the Lutheran Help Line. The department will work toward getting a command vehicle in the event of a long-term shut-down but service will still be available. Evans Consoles sent a floor plan for the dispatch center for review.

**SHERIFF** – Chris Sailors stated there was a leak in the basement and mechanic room in the jail over the weekend. Based on the recommendation of the Health Department the jail visitation has been suspended until further notice. Outside vendors that are not necessary have been suspended as well. Jail population is in the upper 70s with a high number of females causing issues with segregation. There are vehicles scheduled for rotation this year but the suppliers are cancelling orders due to high demand. School Resource officers have been added to the fleet during school shut-downs. Chris has been working with the Parks Department for a grant request at the newly acquired property from the county that they may request the Highway Department's help at a later date.

**CORONER** – Jeri Good updated for 2020: 15 coroner calls including 11 males, 4 females. There were 2 under 10, 2-30s, 1-40s, 3-50s, 4-60s, 1-70s, 1-90s. There was one each in Delong, Akron, Nyona Lake, South Mud Lake, Richland Center, 2 in Kewanna, and 8 in Rochester. Causes include 1 motor accident, 2 suicides, and 12 natural deaths. Last week the Youth Leadership Academy met and she presented at the Courthouse with other departments. House Bill 1392 effective 1/2021 allows for an expansion to who has authority to sign death certificates. Also, a House Bill passed allowing anatomical donation to be added to hunting and fishing licenses as well as driver's licenses.

**MINUTES** – Minutes for March 2<sup>nd</sup> were motioned for approval by Rick, seconded by Steve; carries.

**CLAIMS** – Approved as presented

3/13/20	Payroll Deductions	70,463.95
3/13/20	Payroll	206,958.17
3/16/20	Misc. Claims & transfer to Rainy Day	1,209,923.60
3/9/20	LIT Distribution, Fuel and Credit Card	656,387.51

**TRANSFERS** – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Circuit Court	County General	Office Equipment	Mental Evaluations	\$875.00
Needed 2 mental evaluations in Cause 25C01-1911-F4731. Additional funds needed to pay for both evaluations.				

**TREASURER** – The tax statements aren’t scheduled to be delivered until mid-April and she doesn’t anticipate having heavy traffic in the office until that time. She received quotes for a drop box outside the building to keep traffic in the office down and asks for Commissioner’s help to pay for. Commissioners will work with Josh on the details.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Commissioners received an MOU from the City on a lift station upgrade. After conferring with attorneys the County will be proposing an alternative.

**NEW BUSINESS** – As mention earlier in the meeting: Commissioners announced this will be the last large meeting until further notice meetings will be with press only, department heads can email information. Commissioners announced that all out-of-County meetings will be suspended until further notice. Commissioners may need to hold an Emergency meeting with Department Heads concerning the virus outbreak.

**RECESS** – Steve motioned to recess at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Rick; carries.