

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, August 17th, 2020

Meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger and Auditor Christina Sriver.

CLERK CONTRACT PROPOSAL – Teri Furnival submitted a purchase agreement for election equipment. The State is paying for the equipment, after the first year the County will be maintaining the software and support fees. The agreement will be tabled to allow the County Attorney time to review.

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated on the department activities including making and laying pug, cleaning up storm damage and mowing. The Community Crossings projects for all three roads are almost complete. County Road 400 N is complete with paving, striping and shouldered, 500 N and 700 N are paved and are shouldering it today and both will be striped after shouldering to complete them by the end of the week. There was no grant money for the shouldering so the department will be handling it themselves. Milling on 100 N (where the road slid) will be done in the next week to week-and-a-half. John presented a project coordination LPA for Bridge #161. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; carries 3-0.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors submitted the monthly reports prior to the meeting. He asks for permission to waive a probation period for an employee who has worked a total of 6 months over her employment history. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; carries. There have been 3 accidents at US 31 and SR 110 in the last month with one fatality. He asks Commissioners to consider an overpass at the intersection when US 31 has limited access through Fulton County. The jail inspection will be on Thursday; Council and Commissioners are invited to attend. An inmate is in the hospital requiring a correction officer to be on post. A jury trial will begin today, the small meeting room at the Annex building and training room at the Sheriff Office will be used to stream the jury trial to allow for social distancing. He met with the Job Classification Committee last week to request a part-time maintenance employee for the jail. He would like to have a small piece of equipment for the maintenance employee to plow snow at the new jail. The position is anticipated to go full-time after the beginning of the year.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas presented finishing details for the dispatch center at the new jail. She requests a meeting at the jail site to discuss the tower. Dispatchers will be going to uniforms becoming mandatory on January 1st.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES – Pete Karas stated that the pharmaceutical weight equipment did not pass certification by the state and needs replaced. The 50-gallon fuel prover (used at high-capacity pumps) will need some work or be replaced. All other equipment received two-year certification. The State does not require counties to have a high-capacity fuel pump prover. If the county does not own one, any business that requires the prover to be used in order to be certified would call an independent company. The Weights and Measures Inspector verifies that the pumps are within the required parameters in order to certify the pump. The Airport has an agreement with the County to certify the fuel using the prover. This agreement will be considered if replacing or maintaining the equipment that the County may not otherwise need.

SOIL & WATER – Lois Mann stated that the USDA building is not yet opened to the public. She had to pasture walk scheduled for this month which was cancelled due to COVID-19. She has applied for a new

Cover Crop Cost Share grant as well as a layer grant for water quality testing in the Lake Manitou watershed area. She recently received plans for the Pike office in Akron. She sent them on to IDEM following a preliminary review. She just got an announcement for \$289,000 for the Tippecanoe watershed for the upcoming year.

EMA – Larry Hoover stated that he and Josh sent a notification letter to the department heads for items they want to purchase with the CARES Act grant money. They will send a reminder again this week that the list is due on Friday.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION – Bryan discussed having a performance review with the recommended appointment before reappointing. The current term is up October 14th and he will meet with current appointed member prior to the end of the term before reappointing.

JOB REVISED DESCRIPTIONS – There are job descriptions that need finalized with establishing the hours required for the positions rather than a structured schedule. The Communications employees will have uniforms added to the job description. The IT Director will be established at 40 hours and the Network Administrator will be 36 hours, EMA Director will be established at 40 hours as well as the Road Foreman for the Highway Department. Gail will request a meeting with the Job Classification Committee to discuss the recent Governor's orders to establish dispatchers as emergency responders making them eligible for the 7K exemption.

MINUTES – Minutes for August 3rd were motioned for approval by Rick, seconded by Steve; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS – Motioned for approval by Steve, seconded by Rick; carries.

3 New County Vans for TRANSPD	\$88,497.00
July Credit Card and 2 nd Quarter Council	
on Aging Grant Money	\$18,395.85
August LIT	\$637,920.66
UPLINK/Unemployment	\$826.82
Host Fees for July	\$33,333.33
August 17 th Misc. Claims	\$514,880.76
8/14/20 Payroll	\$211,826.79
8/14/20 Payroll Deductions	\$69,654.17
Jail Construction Disbursement #6	\$789,618.65

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
		Supplies-\$200	Law Enforcement	
Prosecutor	Pre-trial	Postage-\$550	Equipment	\$750

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Rick motioned to reopen all county buildings to the public beginning tomorrow morning with each department head/office taking appropriate measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 with masks required, Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

RECESS – Steve motioned to recess at 10:00 a.m., Rick seconded; carries.