

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, October 5, 2020

Meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner Ranstead, Commissioner Metzger, County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer and Auditor Christina Sriver.

PUBLIC HEARING/USDA GRANT – Gail Karas stated that we took advantage of the USDA grant in reference to three additional consoles for the new jail phone systems that we already have to help offset the cost with a 30% match. Commissioner Lewis opened the floor for public comment; none heard. Commissioner Metzger motioned to approve, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries.

FEDCO – Terry Lee stated the OCRA grant the County applied for and FEDCO administered has gone out to 32 business totaling \$255,000. The businesses were announced on Facebook and on the FEDCO website. A manufacturing start-up business employing 3—4 to begin with to make mostly automotive parts will be requesting a tax abatement from the City Council. Team Pride will be expanding and looking for additional employees including art work and design and sewers. The Blacketor plat drainage plan was approved. FEDCO will be asking REMC to help with a USDA REDLG grant and loan for construction cost estimated at \$447,000 for the road. The land is on the books for \$431,000 for 34 acres at a price of \$13,000 per acre. One lot is sold to a local business who would like to expand; there are other leads, all local. Terry serves on the Youth Center Board and will through the end of the year. It is open and attendance is growing. There has been community use of the shower facility for those in need. Contact Patience Hisey for shower use or volunteer. There are snacks and games, help with homework and tutoring available. Regional Plan Council from Peru (Howard, Miami, Cass, Clinton and Fulton) submitted a grant to the EDA (Economic Development Administration) for a \$500,000 regional loan fund, \$100,000 to each county. Than can couple with USDA funds. The EDA grant has a 20% match. The Economic Development partnership from that group is providing \$10,000 and the FEDCO Board voted to provide \$10,000 to from the Community Investment Fund for the match. The Next Level Business Plan class started September 10th with 6 individuals representing 5 businesses. A business prospect Terry met with borrowed \$15,000 for new equipment. A hotel feasibility report went out to 6 land owners, 3 banks and 2 hotel development companies in the region. It will be an 18-month project to complete. An existing manufacturing business in the county looking for possible expansion bringing 20 jobs and a couple million dollars investment in the building. They will come before Commissioners and Council to request tax abatement probably later this month. The AG/Ag Business Committee meeting had a good turn-out will do quarterly with the next in December. Small Business Committee met in September with 5 either start-up or franchisees looking to start in Rochester. He is working with Round Barn Maker Space looking for a larger space outside of the Library. The Industry Committee will be meeting this week with Work One and Ivy Tech attending.

HIGHWAY – John Geier presented speed ordinances for consideration, Commissioner Lewis read aloud:

BEFORE THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ordinance Number 10052020

An ordinance establishing speed limits on County 100 North, At Bruce Lake Station, in Union Township.

Whereas, the Fulton County Highway Department and the Fulton County Sheriff have completed a traffic study of County Road 100 North as described in Subsection One.

It is therefore ordained, that the speed limits set forth in subsection one supersedes all prior speed limits at this location.

It is further ordained, that Fulton County Highway Department post appropriate speed limit signs to advise motorists of the speed limit at this location.

(Subsection One)

SPEED ZONE FOR COUNTY Road 100 North

Thirty-five mile per hour (35 M.P.H.) speed zone on County Road 100 North starting 1,150 feet East of State Road 17 and continuing east for 2,580 (two thousand, five hundred and eighty feet) and ending speed zone.

This ordinance is effective upon passage and proper publication

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2020

BEFORE THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ordinance Number 10052020-A

An ordinance establishing speed limits on County Road 200 North, near Rochester, in Rochester Township.

Whereas, the Fulton County Highway Department and the Fulton County Sheriff have completed a traffic study of 200 North as described in Subsection One.

It is therefore ordained, that the speed limits set forth in subsection one supersedes all prior speed limits at this location.

It is further ordained, that Fulton County Highway Department post appropriate speed limit signs to advise motorists of the speed limit at this location.

(Subsection One)

SPEED ZONE FOR COUNTY ROAD 200 North

Thirty-five mile per hour (35 M.P.H.) speed zone on County Road 200 North starting at the intersection of Old US 31 and continuing East for 6,273 feet (six thousand, two hundred and seventy-three feet), ending at the intersection of State Road 25.

This ordinance is effective upon passage and proper publication

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2020

BEFORE THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ordinance Number 10052020-B

An ordinance establishing speed limits on County Road 525 North, At Kings Lake, in Aubbeenaubbee Township.

Whereas, the Fulton County Highway Department and the Fulton County Sheriff have completed a traffic study of County Road 525 North as described in Subsection One.

It is therefore ordained, that the speed limits set forth in subsection one supersedes all prior speed limits at this location.

It is further ordained, that Fulton County Highway Department post appropriate speed limit signs to advise motorists of the speed limit at this location.

(Subsection One)

SPEED ZONE FOR COUNTY ROAD 525 NORTH

Thirty-five mile per hour (35 M.P.H.) speed zone on County Road 525 North starting at State Road 17 and continuing East for 4,084 feet (four thousand, and eighty-four) and ending at the intersection of 900 west.

This ordinance is effective upon passage and proper publication

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2020

BEFORE THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ordinance Number 10052020-C

An ordinance establishing speed limits on Big Hills Road, near Rochester, in Rochester Township.

Whereas, the Fulton County Highway Department and the Fulton County Sheriff have completed a traffic study of Big Hills Road as described in Subsection One.

It is therefore ordained, that the speed limits set forth in subsection one supersedes all prior speed limits at this location.

It is further ordained, that Fulton County Highway Department post appropriate speed limit signs to advise motorists of the speed limit at this location.

(Subsection One)

SPEED ZONE FOR BIG HILLS ROAD

Thirty-five mile per hour (35 M.P.H.) speed zone on Big Hills Road starting at the intersection of Liberty Road and continuing East for 1,764 feet (one thousand, seven hundred and sixty-four feet), and ending at the dead end.

This ordinance is effective upon passage and proper publication

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2020

BEFORE THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ordinance Number 10052020-D

An ordinance establishing speed limits on Liberty Road, near Rochester, in Rochester Township.

Whereas, the Fulton County Highway Department and the Fulton County Sheriff have completed a traffic study of Liberty Road as described in Subsection One.

It is therefore ordained, that the speed limits set forth in subsection one supersedes all prior speed limits at this location.

It is further ordained, that Fulton County Highway Department post appropriate speed limit signs to advise motorists of the speed limit at this location.

(Subsection One)

SPEED ZONE FOR LIBERTY ROAD

Thirty-five mile per hour (35 M.P.H.) speed zone on Liberty Road starting at the intersection of Southway Old US 31 and continuing North for 3,950 feet (three thousand, nine hundred and fifty), ending at the intersection of Mitchell Drive.

This ordinance is effective upon passage and proper publication

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2020

BEFORE THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ordinance Number 10052020-E

An ordinance establishing speed limits on County Road Old 17, At Kings Lake, in Aubbeenaubbee Township.

Whereas, the Fulton County Highway Department and the Fulton County Sheriff have completed a traffic study of County Road Old 17 as described in Subsection One.

It is therefore ordained, that the speed limits set forth in subsection one supersedes all prior speed limits at this location.

It is further ordained, that Fulton County Highway Department post appropriate speed limit signs to advise motorists of the speed limit at this location.

(Subsection One)

SPEED ZONE FOR COUNTY ROAD OLD 17

Thirty-five mile per hour (35 M.P.H.) speed zone on County Road Old 17 starting at Vermont Street and continuing North for 4,437 feet (four thousand, four hundred and thirty-seven) and ending at the intersection of 525 North.

This ordinance is effective upon passage and proper publication

Adopted this ____ day of _____ ~ 2020

BEFORE THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ordinance Number 10052020-F

An ordinance establishing speed limits for Riverwood Acres Housing Addition, including the roads of River Drive, Riverwood Acres Drive, Evergreen Street, and Oak Street near Rochester, in Rochester Township.

Whereas, the Fulton County Highway Department and the Fulton County Sheriff have completed a traffic study of the Riverwood Acres Housing Addition as described in Subsection One.

It is therefore ordained, that the speed limits set forth in subsection one supersedes all prior speed limits at this location.

It is further ordained, that Fulton County Highway Department post appropriate speed limit signs to advise motorists of the speed limit at this location.

(Subsection One)

SPEED ZONE FOR RIVERWOOD ACRES HOUSING ADDITION

Thirty-five mile per hour (35 M.P.H.) speed zone for Riverwood Acres Housing Addition including the roads of River Drive, Riverwood Acres Drive, Evergreen Street, and Oak Street. Starting at the intersection of Olson Road and continuing for 4,084 (four thousand, and eighty-four) feet.

This ordinance is effective upon passage and proper publication

Adopted this ____ day of _____ ~ 2020

Commissioner Ranstead motioned to suspend the rules and perform the second reading of 10052020-10052020-F by title only, Commissioner Metzger seconded; carries.

John presented permit request 20-27 for Zimpleman Excavating to do a road bore for a tile. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Metzger seconded; carries. Permit request 20-28 was presented requesting a road bore from Precision Utilities Group. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Metzger seconded; carries. John updated on department activities including mowing, laying pug and applying Bioseal treatment. There is \$280,000 left to use with the current Community Crossings project funds. Previously 900 W was discussed and the total cost is \$569,500 with the engineering estimate. The grant would only cover a mile of the 900 W project. A second option would be to put a top coat on 650 E (Talma/Athens Rd) for \$265,000. Commissioner Metzger motioned to approve the financial commitment letter for the 650 E project, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries. John suggests using 900 W for the 2021 call for Community Crossings call coming out in January but will need additional projects to maximize the grant. John suggests having an engineering firm to design, prepare bid documents, and periodic inspection as has been done in the past. Commissioners agree and suggest that John bring company names forward for consideration. The State recognizes the roads being used for detours will need to be repaved but they do not foresee all being completed by the end of fall.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas presented the request for the CARES Act grant purchases. She reviewed the September monthly reports. The 911 car has had the equipment stripped. Yesterday and today there is a circuit out. RTC says it is a third-party issue but it is affecting the radio systems and operating on the back-ups. There are no interruptions, roll-overs go to Marshall and Kosciusko Counties.

AREA PLAN FEE WAIVER REQUEST – Bill Walsh, Parks and Recreation, requests a fee waiver for signs to be installed at the old landfill now called Richland Restoration Park. Phase 1 is fully funded for \$48,000; Phase 2 will be pavilions, trails and dog park; Phase 3 includes disc golf course and possibly restrooms, and more trails. An open house is being planned to take place in the next couple of weeks. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the fee waiver, Commissioner Metzger seconded; carries.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION – Casi Cowles requested a waiver to the Personnel Policy of the 8% reduction of pay during the probationary period for the newly hired building inspector. Commissioner Metzger motioned to approve, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries.

BROWNFIELDS MOA – Commissioner Lewis discussed the Brownfields Assessment Coalition Memorandum of Agreement between City of Logansport, North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council and Fulton County. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the MOU for the Brownfield grant, Commissioner Metzger seconded; carries.

UNIVERSAL VALUATION CONTRACT – Commissioner Metzger motioned to approve the contract with the addition of the Kewanna property and the new jail, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries.

MINUTES – Minutes for September 21st and 24th were motioned for approval by Commissioner Ranstead, seconded by Commissioner Metzger; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented

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| Tax Sale Surplus | \$6,388.10 |
| 9/25 Payroll | \$215,035.47 |
| 9/25 Payroll Deductions | \$89,535.99 |
| SIHO July Bank Fee | \$81.00 |
| Riverboat Distribution | \$40,833.85 |
| October 5 th Misc. Claims | \$257,516.30 |

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

| Department | Fund | From Account | To Account | Amount |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Communications | | Garage & Motor | Uniforms | \$1,000.00 |
| Soil & Water | County General | Building Rent | Postage | \$305.00 |

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Approved as presented

| Department | Fund | For | Amount |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Council | LIT Special Purpose | Misc. Disbursement | \$723,000 |
| Bond expenses, construction, and bond/lease payment. | | | |
| | | Repair & Maint. - \$485 | |
| | | Office Equipment - \$800 | |
| Clerk | Clerk Perpetuation | Office Supply - \$1,493 | \$2,778 |
| Recorder | Enhanced Access | Computer Maint. Software | \$3,400 |
| Fidlar software monthly maintenance | | | |
| Highway | MVH | Federal Aid Repaving Project | \$128,269 |
| Replacing money used to pay for Community Crossing | | | |
| Highway | MVH | Equipment | \$47,800 |
| Purchase of new skid loader | | | |
| Highway | MVH | Comm. Crossings Grant | \$94,221 |
| Retention amount for Community Crossings match | | | |
| Sheriff | LIT Pubic Safety | Sheriff Retirement | \$18 |
| Numbers were transposed in original budget: \$102,702 should be \$102,720 | | | |
| Recorder | Records Perpetuation | Computer Maint. Software | \$7,500 |
| Fidlar software | | | |
| Public Defender | Supplemental Pub. Def. | Reimburse Conflicts Attorney | \$12,959 |
| Due to more jury trials than expected this year | | | |
| Council | LIT Corr./Rehab Fac. | Misc. Disbursement | \$963,188 |

Moved to Fund 4970/Jail Construction Fund as part of the bond process

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| Prosecutor | Pretrial Diversion | Pretrial Legal Research | \$2,000 |
| Pretrial Research is short | | | |
| Commissioners | Jail Construction Fund | Contracts/Proposals | \$105,481 |
| 30% down-payment to Evans Consoles | | | |

OLD BUSINESS – A questionnaire was sent to the individuals interested in the Hospital Board appointment. Commissioner Metzger motioned to have Nancy Day stay on the Board, Commissioner Ranstead seconded and added there were good applicants interested; motion carries. The Board requests to have a copy of the questionnaire and will be present in the future to report if requested. Board members are paid \$300/month with one meeting per month (more if needed) plus Committee meetings.

Commissioner Metzger asked Terry Lee if there was any help FEDCO could help provide for the lack of housing HOPE presented in the last meeting. Terry Lee responded that he forwarded the report HOPE provided to some contacts for help.

NEW BUSINESS – CARES Act grant has been opened up for payroll to be reimbursed with grant funds. Commissioner Metzger motioned to be reimbursed for payroll expenses, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries.

Gail Karas will email reminders for EMS Board meeting next Friday and Safety, ADA, and Title VI upcoming meeting.

RECESS – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 10:05 a.m., Commissioner Lewis seconded; carries 3-0.