

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Monday, September 17, 2018

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.

FEDCO – Terry Lee gave an update on the ongoing business of the organization. FEDCO will present a \$10,000 reward on October 18th at Jarrety’s based on a business pitch for a new or existing business.

ROCHESTER DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP – A request was made to use courthouse sidewalks and possibly the lawn for the BooFest trick-or-treating event on October 31st. Commissioners request to use all possible efforts to avoid the area of the sidewalks that are currently roped off.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors gave the monthly reports for August. The phone lines were down over the weekend and were back in use by last evening. The issues lie within AT&T and the provider up north. The mobile data units (MDTs) are in service and being used for E-tickets. A connectivity option is available that should save money over what is currently used. The 800 radios are still being researched for purchase, currently waiting for the state to finalize the process. He intends to make a conditional offer of employment for a deputy within the next ten days. Another jailer has resigned and he is considering adding another part-time staff. He is looking into increasing the medical copay if the law allows. He is also looking into implementing a processing fee. He has been working with the Caston Superintendent on the agreement for the school resource officer and he intends to get an officer in place sometime next week. He will be requesting an insurance change to Council tomorrow night to increase the death benefits. Chris has contacted the Sheriff in Adams County and will visit again on October 4th to look into some details of a new jail build. Although the county would not receive much in the way of revenue for running a work release program, Community Corrections could receive a grant from the state to run the program.

EMA – Larry will be attending a state-called meeting tomorrow to discuss the flooding. Wednesday he will be in a meeting in Indianapolis.

HIGHWAY – John presented the Phase 1 bridge inspection results from USI. He stated that a subcontractor was used by Duke Energy for a project that was completed before the permit was approved. Commissioners recommend John reach out to the company to ask for future compliance. He updated on the department activities. The bids for fuel will be opened at the October 1st meeting. He was the first event turned into FEMA for request for reimbursement on the spring flooding which should help his case. One of the three categories has already been approved for approximately \$55,000. John presented a financial commitment letter for Community Crossings matching grant for commissioner’s approval; there are two projects being considered. Commissioners recommend the complete reconstruction project on 100 N for \$780,000, 100 W at an estimated cost of \$470,000 is the second choice. Bridge 172 can be added as a third request at an estimated cost of \$257,400. Rick motioned to sign the financial commitment letter pledging wheel tax income, Steve seconded; passed 3-0. INDOT will open a call for Federal Aided projects October 9th through December 2nd for 2024. John recommends Old 31 South for submission and having a scoping study performed to make the application more attractive. Rick motioned to have USI perform the engineering assessment, Steve seconded; passed 3-0. The dry well has been installed in Leiters Ford. He has received bids for a new backhoe that was discussed earlier this year and discussed options for purchasing; commissioners encourage him to discuss with Council.

MINUTES – Rick motioned to approve the minutes from September 4th, Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented.

9/7/18	September 2018 LIT & Misc. Claims	\$494,251.93
9/7/18	Tax Sale Redemptions	\$59,060.72
9/14/18	Payroll	\$183,587.96
9/17/18	Misc. bimonthly claims	\$483,735.13

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented.

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Highway	MVH	Liability & Casualty	Repair Trucks & Tractors	\$15,000
To pay for anticipated mechanical expenses.				
Highway	MVH	Calcium Chloride	Road Signs	\$1,000
For extra road safety signs.				

OLD BUSINESS – Greg stated that the MOU for the TRECS program will be ready for the next meeting. He is working with Casi (Area Plan Commission) on the agreement for inspections for the city. Akron has approached Bryan about what the County is doing with the old Opera House lot in Akron. Commissioners discussed offering the property for sale.

NEW BUSINESS – None

RECESS – Steve motioned to recess at 7:50 p.m., Rick seconded; passed 3-0.

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Bryan Lewis

Rick Ranstead

Steve Metzger

ATTEST: Christina Sriver, Fulton County Auditor