

## FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, November 20, 2018

**Meeting called to order** following Pledge to the Flag at 6:30 p.m. with Phyl Olinger, Randy Sutton, Barry Hazel, Ron Dittman, Lorie Hurst, Jim Showley, Jim Widman and Deputy Auditor Ashley Geller present.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION** – Casi Cowles presented fee ordinances per the request of Jim Widman’s request since the fee’s ordinances hadn’t been amended since 2008. The fees from every county that had within a 5,000 population were pulled and also counties that were around Fulton County that did not fit within the 5,000 population. The data was compiled in order to establish the new fee ordinances. It is being brought to the council for approval. Casi also addressed building code permit fees in order to seek approval on changes in those. Once the council approves the fees then she will take them to the Commissioners. Location improvement fees were \$25 and is suggesting \$50.00, with the exception of Kewanna and Fulton they would remain zero. Signs stay the same at \$3.00 a square foot. Communication towers also known as cell towers were \$25.00 now suggesting \$500.00. Additional antenna placement fees are the same location permit at \$50.00 fee. Confined feeding was \$25.00 and now suggesting \$50.00 fee. Solar rays are brand new in the code Micro is suggested at \$40.00, small at \$80.00, medium at \$150., and large at \$250.00. Noncommercial wind generating tower was \$25.00 now suggesting \$175.00. Site plan review \$175.00. Subdivision fees will remain the same. Mobile home park suggesting \$2,000 plus \$50.00 per lot. BZA application suggesting up to \$175.00 for all three of those right now they are \$60.00. These would be effective in January 1.

Randy motioned to approve the fees that were presented. Jim Showley seconds the motion. Motion carries 7 to 0.

Casi reported the Board would like to mirror the city for the building ordinance fees. For every \$1,000.00 it is \$0.50 in construction costs with a \$10.00 minimum. Currently there is no charge for electrical inspections. They would like to charge \$40.00 for electrical inspections and it would include two inspections. The fee schedule is \$25.00 per inspection, currently.

**HIGHWAY** – John Geier updated on the department activities including adding shoulders to newly pugged roads, and working on equipment to prepare for winter. John Geier presented bids for Bridge #172; the engineer’s estimate was \$255,100 The winning bid was Morphe Construction. The bids were as follows:

- Northern Indiana Construction - \$456,567.12
- Morphe Construction - \$271,000.00
- JCI Bridge Group - \$682,531.48
- Haskins Underground Inc. - \$452,485.00
- HRP Construction - \$344,692.00

Bridge #45 has been underway since October 8<sup>th</sup> and is almost complete; the only thing left is paving and the placement of guardrails. John updated the council that we were not awarded any funding this round of applications for the Community Crossing Grant and reported that 62 Counties did not receive any awards. A federal aid call for projects included the preliminary cost of the Old 31 project at \$4.8 million was presented to the council. It shows a traditional mill and fill, and does not show any engineering cost and would include resurfacing from 650 S to the city limits. A financial commitment letter is needed to be signed by both boards if they decide to proceed with federal. Engineering estimates 4.8 million to resurface from 650 S to city limits. It’s an 80/20 match our share would be \$973,000.00. It is scheduled for 2024. It was proposed to keep \$200,000.00 back from wheel tax each year, for the next five years for this project. John explained that a federal aid call will not cover pug. Jim Showley motioned to approve. Lorie Hurst seconded the motion. Motion was approved 7-0.

**IT/MAINTENANCE** – Josh Sriver from the IT department discussed the bid for the sidewalks, stairs, and lions at the courthouse from Spangler construction that was accepted earlier this month. Bruce and Jeff from Spangler construction were present to explain the project and answer questions. Concrete work on the Lions is expected to start this fall, concrete on the sidewalks cannot start until the lions are done and the weather is warmer. Concrete on the sidewalks is not expected to start until next spring. It is proposed that there will be 6 inches of concrete and that the concrete around the building will be reinforced with rebar or mesh to support the utility vehicles that do maintenance to the courthouse. The concrete will have limestone underneath it. Currently there is no limestone under the steps. The East entrance will change completely for ADA accessibility and will include the access drives. There will be a slight slope up to the building and no more steps on the east side. The other entrances will remain the same. The lions will no longer be tied into the steps foundation they will be on their own foundations. Each step will be on its own foundation also and will not be tied into another foundation. There is a remaining \$351,347.95 in the 18 budgets for court house repairs. In the bond there is \$360,972.04 from the courthouse and the annex. The total with the bond and the 18 budget is \$712,319.99. The council recommended phasing the project in and doing the east side and north side first. It was agreed that phasing in the project would be the appropriate direction to take. Cost savings were discussed in regards to taking out the rebar and putting mesh in instead, and cutting down the concrete from 6 to 4 or 5 inches. The pros and cons of this were discussed. Council approved doing part of it right away and the rest after the first part. Council gave their blessing to proceed forward the first part of the project.

**SHERIFF** – Chris Sailors gave a report for the month of October. Criminal cases 45, warrants 16, incidents 765, 3 fatality accidents, 3 personal injury, 12 property, 25 car/deer, 151 civil process. Booked 93 inmates released 74 inmates. The avg daily inmate population for the month was 114 inmates. 17,997 miles were patrolled and 1,418 gallons of fuel were used. Animal control had 92 incidents. Collections for the months; \$224 accident report fees \$676 in civil process fees, \$550 in firearms, \$221 from inmate copay, \$360 from work release, and \$200 in weekenders and sex offender fees. Year to date \$25,525.85 has been collected Sheriff announced he will have ordinances at the next meeting to amend fees. The final draft of the jail inspection was completed on 09/27/2018 was given to the council. The jail was hit on much of the same things they were hit on last year. The county has not received a letter regarding the jail inspection yet due to a change in the process of how the department of corrections notifies the counties now. The Auditor and the Clerk have been given copies of the report so that it can be a public document. Sheriff Sailors explained that after ten days the inspection becomes a public document. In regards to the Spillman project they went through their conversion and they went live the week of October 9th. It is working well. The mobile part of it is not up and working and should be up and running by next week. November 29, Chris plans to meet with the architect and to get some things on paper for the jail project he has been working with Adams County to build a template for what Fulton County needs. The jail had a pipe burst in the ceiling again a week ago in the jail. December 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> they will have the installation of the 800's in the deputy cars. Currently the jail is taking applications for the jailers they have two open positions. The Sheriff's department is also taking applications for two deputy's they have lost two deputies. In order to have coverage on the roads the Sheriff station has had to go to 12-hour shifts. This schedule takes place December 1, 2018, there should be two deputies on the roads at all times. Barry Hazel expressed concern about overtime. Chris reported it will not cause overtime and explained the deputies have to work 43 hours a week and 86 hours every two weeks in order to get overtime. Randy Sutton was concerned about how many employees have left and Chris Sailors explained that pay and benefits are why people are leaving.

**EMA** – Larry Hoover reported that Lutheran EMS and him worked on a grant together to get 4 new AED's for the volunteer fire departments for \$5,000.00. The AED's for these departments are 10-20 years old and are failing. Bryan Lewis discussed at the Commissioners meeting that 6 more AED's were needed; 1 each floor at the Annex building, 1 each floor at the courthouse, and 1 at the County highway department., in order to put one in all the buildings. Larry will look at more grants that could be available in order to fund additional AED's. There was a state level exercise in Plymouth that EMA took part in on 11/7/2018. E911, EMA, the health department, and the highway department all took part in it. Gail did well. Larry's part did not do well.

Phyl read the ordinance CAGIT ordinance out loud:

Ordinance # 11202018

WHEREAS, Fulton County has previously established a CAGIT Special Distribution Fund to set aside money received as a special CAGIT distribution over and above prior distributions required by the State of Indiana, State Budget Agency; and

WHEREAS, there are no longer distributions being made to the CAGIT Special Distribution Fund; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County Council has determined that the fund is no longer necessary and wishes to eliminate the fund and transfer the balance to the county's general fund; and

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED, that the CAGIT Special Distribution Fund (#4948) shall be made inactive and the full fund balance will be deposited into the County General Fund (#1001) effective immediately.

Phyl opened the reading of the Ordinance for questions or comments from the board's members. There were no questions or comments.

Randy Sutton motioned to read the Ordinance by title only. Ron Dittman second the motion. Motion approved 7-0. Phyl read the Ordinance by title only for the second reading. Phyl opened the reading of the Ordinance for questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

Jim Widman motioned to suspend the rules for reading of the Ordinance and do it by Title only for the third reading. Barry Hazel seconded the motion. Motion carries 7 to 0. Phyl read the ordinance for the third time by Title only. Phyl opened the reading of the ordinance up for questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

Jim Widman motioned to approve the Ordinance. Randy Sutton second the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

Phyl Olinger read the Ordinance 11202018-A:

Ordinance 11202018-A

WHEREAS, Fulton County Board of Commissioners and the Fulton County Council did approve Ordinance No.052014 on May 20, 2014 establishing a Fulton County Emergency Medical Service Capital Equipment Fund; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement of Medicaid and Medicare service runs, specified monies from LOIT, and other specified sources of revenue were deposited into the fund; and

WHEREAS, the fund is used for the purchase of capital equipment for the Fulton County Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County no longer owns an emergency medical service; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton county Board of Commissioners and the Fulton County Council have determined that the fund is no longer necessary and wishes to eliminate the fund and transfer the balance to the county's general fund; and

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED, that the Fulton County Emergency Medical Service Capital Equipment Fund (#1149) shall be made inactive and the full fund balance will be deposited into the County General Fund (#1001) effective immediately.

Phyl opened the reading of the Ordinance for questions or comments from the board's members. There were no questions or comments. Lorie Hurst motioned to read the ordinance by title only for the second reading. Barry Hazel second the motion. Motion approved 7-0. Phyl read the ordinance by title only for the second reading. Phyl opened the reading of the ordinance for questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

Jim Widman motioned to suspend the rules for reading of the ordinance and do it by Title only for the third reading. Randy Sutton seconded the motion. Motion carries 7 to 0. Phyl read the ordinance for the third time by title only. Phyl opened the reading of the ordinance up for questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

Jim Showley motioned to approve the ordinance. Ron Dittman second the motion. Motion approved 7-0

**MINUTES** –Phyl opened the meeting up to any questions or comments regarding the pervious minutes. There were no questions or comments. Barry Hazel motioned to approve the minutes of October 30, 2018, Jim Showley seconded; passed 7- 0. Lorie Hurst motioned to approve the minutes of October 16, 2018, Ron Dittman seconded; passed 7-0.

**TRANSFERS –**

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
EMA	LIT-Public Safety	39103-Training	41000-Equipment	\$1,295.00
To purchase a new EF Johnson UP5430F2 Portable 800mHz Radio. Jim Showley motioned to approve, Jim Widman seconded; passed 7-0.				
Clerk's Office	County General	11025-Canvassing Bd	39102-Meals	\$60.00
Additional Funds needed to pay extra help for meals on election day. Randy Sutton motioned to approve, Lorie Hurst seconded; passed 7-0.				
Coroner	County General	31000-Autopsy	41000-Equipment	\$3,100.00
Death scene removal equipment. Barry Hazel motioned to approve, Randy Sutton seconded; passed 7-0.				
		19000-Extra help \$4,896		
		19006-OT Merit Dep. \$350		
		21007-Animal Cont. Sup. \$1,427		
		21100-Postage \$4,600.00		
		21103-Photo Supply \$906.00	11132-Courthouse Sec. PT \$4,896	
		22100-Ammo &Flares \$3,577.00	19004-Overtime \$350	
Sheriff	LIT-Public Safety	24100-Leather & Equipment \$4,100.00	2200-Garage & Motor \$14,610	\$19,856
Transfer for funding to pay salaries, vehicle repairs maintenance and gasoline through the remainder of 2018. Jim Showley motioned to approve, Jim Widman second, passed 7-0.				
911				
Communications	Statewide 911	11500-Dispatch Reimbursement	41000-Equipment	10,000.00
A portion of the 800-radio purchase for the Sheriff. Ron Dittman motioned to approve, Barry Hazel seconded; passed 7-0.				

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Sheriff	County General	Inmate housing	\$100,000.00
Funds to be used to pay for Fulton County inmates held by other counties due to overcrowding. Jim Widman motioned to approve, Jim Showley seconded; passed 7-0.			
Highway	Motor Vehicle Highway	Equipment	\$78518.00
Purchase of a backhoe. Barry Hazel motioned to approve, Phyl seconded; 3 votes yay; 4 votes nay. Randy Sutton; Jim Showley; Jim Widman; Ron Dittman did not approve the motion. Phyl Olinger, Barry Hazel and Lori Hurst approved the motion. Jim Straeter from New Holland commented from the audience that the price difference was that the original quote was a 2018 model and this one is a 2019 model that was quoted.			
911 Communications	Statewide 911	Equipment	\$44,393.00
For final payment of radio equipment consoles. Ron Dittman motioned to approve, Jim Showley seconded; passed 7-0.			
911 Communications	Statewide 911	Computer Software	\$39,501.00
. Need the additional for 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment. 911 is complete for their responsibility of the software. Jim Widman motioned to approve, Jim Showley seconded; approved 7-0			

**OLD BUSINESS** – Jim Showley was under the understanding that roll-over conditions and raises, were going to be discussed tonight. Phyl advised them that it would be discussed at the December meeting. Everyone was reminded that the December meeting is the 11<sup>th</sup>. Metzger asked if the roll-over was in Cum Cap. They explained that it was money that was left over from all funds.

**NEW BUSINESS** –The council was informed that the budget passed for next year. Steve Metzger had Scott, Sherry and Bruce from Skillman construction firm discuss their corporation and what they offer as construction management firm for the building of the jail process. They informed the council that they offer transparency and less mark-up on prices. They explained how they talk to the community and get involved with the community and explain why a new jail is needed and how it will benefit the community. Skillman explained their fees are based on time and scope of the project. It will be a flat number, not a percentage.

**ADJOURN** – Randy Sutton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m., Barry Hazel seconded; passed 7-0.