

## **FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

April 7, 2014, 9:00 A.M., in the assembly room of the Fulton County Office Building

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Roger Rose called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present for this meeting were Commissioners Roger Rose, Sherry Fulton and Bryan Lewis. Also present were County Attorney Greg Heller and County Auditor Judy Reed.

### **COURTHOUSE SECURITY – JUDGE LEE:**

Judge Lee reported on the new Administrative Rule 19 concerning courthouse security. Lee would like to have Bob Champion, who is in charge of court house security issues for the state, come to make assessments and recommendations. Lee would then like to form a sub-committee to review the recommendations and have a plan in place by the end of the year. Commissioners thought this would be a very welcome addition to the planning effort.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Gail Karas presented the monthly E-911 report for March.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Rick Ranstead reviewed the Highway Department additional appropriation requests.

Ranstead presented permit #03-14 to Steve Boldry for a tile cut on 550 South about one mile east of State Road 25. Bryan Lewis made the motion to approve permit #03-14 for Steve Boldry. Sherry Fulton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Ranstead presented permit #04-14 to Steve Boldry for a tile cut on 550 South one half mile east of State Road 25. Bryan Lewis made the motion to approve permit #04-14 for a tile cut. Sherry Fulton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Ranstead informed the Commissioners of the need to update the permit process. It was determined that a committee needs to be formed and is to include a utility representative, a farmer, a tiling contractor, council member, a commissioner, and the Highway supervisor. Bryan Lewis was appointed to serve on the committee.

Ranstead discussed changing the truck route to Tam Farms to keep traffic off gravel roads. Roger Rose said the June 3, 2002 commissioner meeting minutes stated that Tam's would not be asked to pay for any road work. Ranstead said traffic would be routed from State Road 25 to 600 South then 300 West south to Tam Farms. The Commissioners were in consensus to proceed with the new truck route.

Rick Ranstead said the Highway bids have been reviewed by the county attorney. Sherry Fulton made the motion to accept all bids on items that were advertised for the county highway supplies. Bryan Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The commissioners agreed to lock in the bid price for oil.

### **ADA DISCUSSION:**

Sherry Fulton said they are waiting for an addendum before approving the Structure Point contract.

**SHERIFF:**

Sheriff Walker Conley presented the monthly Sheriff's reports and Animal Control report for March.

Sherry Fulton inquired about fines for dumping trash along the roads.

**EMA:**

Dave Tofson explained the grant agreement for an emergency siren in Delong. Tofson said cost to the county or community would be \$6,435 of the total project amount of \$25,739. Bryan Lewis made the motion to proceed with the grant application. Sherry Fulton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tofson discussed resubmitting disaster expenses to FEMA in order to receive an eighty percent reimbursement.

Tofson discussed HSGP funding at the county and district levels. Tofson said Communications will be moving from narrow banding and digital to P25 programming. Tofson would like to submit a letter of intent for grant funding to cover costs for reprogramming the radios. The Commissioners were in consensus to submit the letter of intent.

**FEDCO – TERRY LEE:**

Terry Lee gave an update on some local businesses.

Lee requested a short term loan in the amount of \$200,000 for the purchase of the Blacketor property. Lee said he has been stepping up the marketing for the Blacketor Complex. Bryan Lewis made the motion to approve the \$200,000 loan to FEDCO to facilitate financing arrangements for the Blacketor Complex. Sherry Fulton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Lee requested an appropriation of \$18,187 from the CEDIT fund to go towards funding the Regional Planning Organization. Lee said FEDCO will cover any increase in the budget in future years. Bryan Lewis made the motion to approve the \$18,187 appropriation. Sherry Fulton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Lee explained an appropriation request in the amount of \$17,764 over a period of three years for funding Project Lead the Way in Fulton County Schools. Lee said area businesses that have contributed are Rochester Metal Products, Rochester Telephone Company, Machine Casting Specialties, Winamac Coil Spring, Fulton County REMC, Woodlawn Hospital, Pike Lumber, Kewanna Metal Specialties, and Rapid View. Bryan Lewis made the motion to endorse the CEDIT request for \$17,764 for the purpose of promoting STEM education in local schools. Sherry Fulton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:**

The commissioners reviewed the monthly Weights and Measures report.

**VETERAN'S SERVICE:**

The commissioners reviewed the Veteran's Service Officer Report for the month of March.

**ARROW HEAD COUNTRY RESOURCE:**

Judy Reed presented a letter from Arrow Head Country Resource stating they no longer need the \$500 in annual county funding.

**CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:**

The commissioner reviewed payroll and all claims and signed them for payment.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Highway:

1176-35301-000-0533	Repair Road Equipment	\$75,000.00
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Public Defender:

1001-32025-000-0271	Conflict Attorneys Fees	\$25,000.00
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Probation Department:

1001-22001-000-0235	Gas, Oil, Lube	\$1,200.00
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Commissioners:

1186-31103-000-0068	Professional Fees	\$15,000.00
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The commissioners reviewed and approved these additional appropriations.

**TRANSFER REQUESTS:**

Commissioners:

From

1001-30041-000-0068	Building & Other Insurance	\$790.80
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To

1001-34300-000-0068	Appraisal County Property	\$790.80
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Tourism:

From

1127-31103-000-0212	Professional Fees	\$250.00
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To

1127-32201-000-0212	Travel Expenses	\$250.00
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Commissioners:

From

1001-30041-000-0068	Building & Other Insurance	\$15.65
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To

1001-36002-000-0068	State Institutions	\$15.65
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The commissioners reviewed and approved these transfer requests.

**COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES:**

Roger Rose referenced the March 17 Commissioner meeting minutes and the March 21 Highway Bid Letting minutes for additions or corrections. Bryan Lewis made the motion to approve the minutes for the March 17 and March 21 meetings as presented. Sherry Fulton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Sherry Fulton gave an update on the EMS committee. Fulton presented a maintenance agreement from Visio Control for life pack monitors in the amount of \$4,755. Sherry Fulton made the motion to approve the agreement from Visio Control. Bryan Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Fulton received consensus for the EMS board to raise the rates for ambulance runs.

Roger Rose said with the weather improving, earth work can begin for final grading to finish up and close the old landfill.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Roger Rose presented a letter of resignation from the Veterans Service Officer, Bernie Holloway, who plans to retire as of May 30, 2014. The commissioners will follow up on a recommendation from Holloway for his replacement.

The commissioners recessed and reconvened to inspect a washed out section of River Road.

Following the inspection the commissioners recessed at 11:15 a.m.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Roger D. Rose, President

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Sherry Fulton, Vice-President

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Bryan Lewis, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judith A. Reed, Fulton County Auditor