

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 17, 2014, 6:30 P.M., in the assembly room of the Fulton County Office Building

Meeting Called to Order:

Jim Widman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present for this meeting were council members Jim Widman, Gary Sriver, Randy Sutton, Phyl Olinger, Kathy Easterday, Barry Hazel, Dave Helt and County Auditor Judy Reed.

Public Hearing – Pike Lumber Tax Abatement:

Rich Solano requested a tax abatement for Pike Lumber in Akron. The council discussed the TIF and schedules for the real estate and equipment. Randy Sutton made the motion to approve the schedule for the Pike Lumber tax abatement. Barry Hazel seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Highway:

Rick Ranstead said he submitted an additional appropriation for \$130,000.00 to purchase a new truck and laptop for the truck.

Ranstead reported on the Tippecanoe River wash out project. Ranstead said the DNR approved an emergency repair for the two bad spots that are close to the road. The consultant is putting together a plan to repair the wash out which will have to be fixed within two to three weeks after signing the agreement. Ranstead said he would like to transfer \$50,000 to begin a Tippecanoe River Project fund. A long term fix on that area of the river will eventually need to be done.

Ranstead discussed Bridge #120 which will need to be replaced instead of repaired as originally thought.

ADA Discussion:

Rick Ranstead explained that the commissioners decided not to go with the Structure Point contract for work at the courthouse. Ranstead said the ADA committee will be meeting to decide how to proceed.

E911:

Gail Karas gave a brief report for E911.

E.M.S.:

Tim Harmon presented the monthly E.M.S. report for May.

Harmon reported on ambulance maintenance and repairs.

Harmon said there has been a staffing shortage since the first of the year. Harmon explained that he would like to increase the part time paramedic wages by \$2.00 an hour in order to attract more part time paramedics and decrease the amount of overtime for the full time paramedics. Jim Widman said he has called the county's consultant to request the information on how we determined the current \$13.00 per hour pay rate.

County Assessor:

Judy Dancy presented a reassessment contract with Tyler Technology in the amount of \$334,930 for the council's approval. Dave Helt made the motion to approve the contract at \$334,930 for a four year period. Phyl Olinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Fulton County Grant Procedures:

Judy Reed explained the need to have a grant procedures policy in place for the county. Randy Sutton made the motion to approve the grant procedures policy. Kathy Easterday seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Council Meeting Minutes:

Jim Widman referenced the May 20, 2014 council meeting minutes for additions or corrections. Gary Sriver made the motion to approve the May 20 minutes as presented. Phyl Olinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Additional Appropriations:

Highway Department:

1176-42100-000-0533 Trucks/New Equipment \$130,000.00

Phyl Olinger made the motion to approve this additional appropriation. Randy Sutton seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner: (Reduction Request)

1001-11202-000-0068 Social Security (\$137,050.00)

1001-12046-000-0068 Fringe Health (\$298,750.00)

1001-12100-000-0068 Fringe Dental (\$3,275.00)

1001-12400-000-0068 PERF (\$173,550.00)

Prosecutor Title IV-D:

1001-11202-000-0660 Social Security \$5,500.00

1001-12046-000-0660 Fringe Health \$9,500.00

1001-12100-000-0660 Fringe Dental \$125.00

1001-12400-000-0660 PERF \$8,250.00

Jail:

1001-11202-000-0380 Social Security \$15,000.00

1001-12046-000-0380 Fringe Health \$22,500.00

1001-12100-000-0380 Fringe Dental \$275.00

1001-12400-000-0380 PERF \$15,750.00

Emergency Management:

1001-11202-000-0361 Social Security \$4,000.00

1001-12046-000-0361 Fringe Health \$7,500.00

1001-12100-000-0361 Fringe Dental \$100.00

1001-12400-000-0361 PERF \$4,750.00

Soil & Water:

1001-11202-000-0309 Social Security \$1,500.00

Weights & Measures:

1001-11202-000-0308 Social Security \$1,500.00

1001-12046-000-0308 Fringe Health \$7,500.00

1001-12400-000-0308 PERF \$2,500.00

Communications:

1001-11202-000-0303 Social Security \$21,500.00

1001-12046-000-0303 Fringe Health \$58,750.00

1001-12100-000-0303 Fringe Dental \$600.00

1001-12400-000-0303 PERF \$33,200.00

Probation:

1001-11202-000-0235	Social Security	\$14,500.00
1001-12046-000-0235	Fringe Health	\$27,250.00
1001-12100-000-0235	Fringe Dental	\$225.00
1001-12400-000-0235	PERF	\$23,600.00
Circuit Court:		
1001-11202-000-0230	Social Security	\$4,250.00
1001-12046-000-0232	Fringe Health	\$15,000.00
1001-12100-000-0232	Fringe Dental	\$200.00
1001-12400-000-0232	PERF	\$6,500.00
Superior Court:		
1001-11202-000-0201	Social Security	\$6,250.00
1001-12046-000-0201	Fringe Health	\$22,250.00
1001-12100-000-0201	Fringe Dental	\$250.00
1001-12400-000-0201	PERF	\$9,600.00
Council:		
1001-11202-000-0067	Social Security	\$2,750.00
1001-12046-000-0067	Fringe Health	\$14,750.00
1001-12100-000-0067	Fringe Dental	\$250.00
Courthouse:		
1001-11202-000-0161	Social Security	\$2,250.00
1001-12046-000-0161	Fringe Health	\$1,000.00
1001-12400-000-0161	PERF	\$1,100.00
Network Administrator:		
1001-11202-000-0069	Social Security	\$4,500.00
1001-12046-000-0069	Fringe Health	\$6,750.00
1001-12400-000-0069	PERF	\$6,800.00
Veterans:		
1001-11202-000-0012	Social Security	\$2,500.00
Clerk:		
1001-11202-000-0001	Social Security	\$17,000.00
1001-12046-000-0001	Fringe Health	\$37,000.00
1001-12100-000-0001	Fringe Dental	\$600.00
1001-12400-000-0001	PERF	\$23,000.00
County Extension:		
1001-11202-000-0011	Social Security	\$2,250.00
1001-12046-000-0011	Fringe Health	\$7,500.00
1001-12400-000-0011	PERF	\$3,200.00
Register & Purge:		
1001-11202-000-0010	Social Security	\$2,500.00
1001-12400-000-0010	PERF	\$100.00
Prosecutor:		
1001-11202-000-0009	Social Security	\$5,250.00
1001-12046-000-0009	Fringe Health	\$14,500.00
1001-12100-000-0009	Fringe Dental	\$200.00
1001-12400-000-0009	PERF	\$8,000.00
Coroner:		
1001-11202-000-0004	Social Security	\$750.00
Recorder:		

1001-11202-000-0004	Social Security	\$4,800.00
1001-12046-000-0004	Fringe Health	\$7,500.00
1001-12400-000-0004	PERF	\$7,100.00

Treasurer:

1001-11202-000-0003	Social Security	\$5,500.00
1001-12046-000-0003	Fringe Health	\$14,750.00
1001-12100-000-0003	Fringe Dental	\$200.00
1001-12400-000-0003	PERF	\$7,100.00

Auditor:

1001-11202-000-0002	Social Security	\$13,000.00
1001-12046-000-0002	Fringe Health	\$24,750.00
1001-12100-000-0002	Fringe Dental	\$250.00
1001-12400-000-0002	PERF	\$13,000.00

Jim Widman explained that these appropriations are being made to move the costs from the commissioner's budget into the individual department's budgets. Randy Sutton made the motion to approve these additional appropriations. Gary Sriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner:

1001-22001-000-0068	Fuel	\$50,000.00
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Barry Hazel made the motion to approve this additional appropriation. Phyl Olinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Auditor's Ineligible Deduction:

1216-41000-000-0002	Equipment	\$5,885.00
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Gary Sriver made the motion to approve this additional appropriation. Kathy Easterday seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Pre-Trial/Prosecutor:

2503-12046-000-0150	Fringe Health	\$6,000.00
2503-12100-000-0150	Fringe Dental	\$75.00
2503-12400-000-0150	PERF	\$800.00

Kathy Easterday made the motion to approve this additional appropriation. Phyl Olinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer Requests:

Communications:

From

1222-32103-000-0156	Sprint E-911 Contract	\$1,243.25
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To

1222-41000-000-0156	Equipment	\$1,243.25
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Barry Hazel made the motion to approve this transfer request. Randy Sutton seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Auditors Ineligible Deduction:

From

1216-41000-000-1216	Equipment	\$300.00
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To

1216-39103-000-1216	Training	\$300.00
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Barry Hazel made the motion to approve this transfer request. Kathy Easterday seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution for Pike Lumber Tax Abatement:

Jim Widman read Resolution #061714 in its entirety.

RESOLUTION 061714

A Resolution of the Fulton County Council, Designating an Area Within the County of Fulton as an Economic Revitalization Area for the Purpose of Ten Year Real and Five Year Personal Property Tax Abatement

WHEREAS a Statement of Benefits for 10 year real property and 5 year personal property tax abatement has been filed with the Fulton County Council requesting that the property described therein be designated as an Economic Revitalization Area for purposes of real and personal property tax abatement; and

WHEREAS **Pike Lumber Company, Inc.**, the “Petitioner,” has submitted a Statement of Benefits and provided all information and documentation necessary for the Fulton County Council to make an informed decision, said information including a description of the real property which is more particularly described in Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS Petitioner has represented and presented evidence that the projects will permit Petitioner to maintain 134 full-time and part-time jobs with an annual payroll of approximately \$6,310,000.00, add 2 full-time and part-time jobs with an annual payroll of approximately \$85,000, and the project cost will be approximately \$750,000 to build a new warehouse and \$175,000 for a new fork lift; and

WHEREAS the Fulton County Council is authorized under the provisions of I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1, et seq., to designate areas of Fulton County as Economic Revitalization Areas for purposes of real property tax abatement; and

WHEREAS the Fulton County Council has considered the petition and Statement of Benefits and has conducted a complete and proper investigation of the subject property and surrounding area to determine that the area qualifies as an Economic Revitalization Area under Indiana statutes; and

WHEREAS the Fulton County Council has found the subject property to be an area where facilities that are technologically, economically, or energy obsolete are located and where the obsolescence may lead to a decline in employment and tax revenues and has become undesirable for or impossible of normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, deterioration of improvements, character of occupancy, age obsolescence, substandard buildings, and / or other factors that prevent normal development or use:

THEREFORE it is now found, determined, and resolved, by the Fulton County Council, that:

1. Petitioner’s estimate of the cost of new, additional warehouse capacity and cost of a new fork lift (28,000 lbs capacity) is reasonable for economic growth.
2. Petitioner’s estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed and retained, and the benefit thereby, can be reasonably be expected to result from the project and installation of a warehouse.

3. Petitioner's estimate of the annual salaries or wages of the individuals who will be employed and retained, and the benefit thereby, can reasonably be expected to result from the project and the installation of a warehouse.

4. The other benefits, about which information has been requested, can reasonably be expected to result from the project and the installation of a warehouse.

5. The totality of the benefits of the proposed project and installation of a warehouse and fork lift can reasonably be expected to result from the project and are sufficient to justify a ten year 10 property and 5 year personal property tax deduction from assessed valuation under Indiana statutes, and each such deduction should be, and they are hereby allowed as outlined in Attachment: 1.

6. The Statement of Benefits, copies of which were submitted to the Fulton County Council, is hereby approved and the real estate described therein is hereby designated as an Economic Revitalization Area pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1, et. seq., and Petitioner is entitled to the 10 year real property and 5 year personal property tax abatement as provided therein for the proposed acquisition and installation of a warehouse and fork lift.

7. Notice thereof should be published according to the law stating the adoption and substance hereof, that a copy of the description of the affected area is available for inspection in the Fulton Assessor's Office, and stating a date on which the Fulton County Council will hear and receive remonstrances and objections and take final action, all as required by law.

8. This Resolution is supplementary to and in addition to any prior resolution.

PASSED in Open Council this 17th day of June, 2014.

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ATTEST:

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ATTACHMENT: 1

Schedule of Deductions for Ten Year Tax Abatement on Real Property

Year	Year of Deduction / Percentage / Amount of Deduction
1	2014 pay 2015 \$750,000 100%
2	2015 pay 2016 95%
3	2016 pay 2017 80%

4	2017 pay 2018	65%
5	2018 pay 2019	50%
6	2019 pay 2020	40%
7	2020 pay 2021	30%
8	2021 pay 2022	20%
9	2022 pay 2023	10%
10	2023 pay 2024	5%

Schedule of Deductions for 5 year Tax Abatement on Personal Property

Year	Year of Deduction / Percentage / Amount of Deduction
1	2014 pay 2015 \$175,000 100%
2	2015 pay 2016 80%
3	2016 pay 2017 60%
4	2017 pay 2018 40%
5	2018 pay 2019 20%

NOTE: Attachment amended based on the decision of the County Council to reduce personal property tax abatement from 10 years to 5 years.

Barry Hazel made the motion to approve resolution #061714. Randy Sutton seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business:

Judy Reed reported that settlement is done and everything is balanced.

Committee Reports:

Dave Helt reported the Hazardous Substance committee will be meeting to go over their budget.

Gary Sriver spoke about the Security Committee meeting. Sriver said it was decided to get security cameras for the courthouse and annex buildings and possibly hire a part time law enforcement officer.

Randy Sutton reported on the FEDCO Committee and gave a brief update on a couple of projects going on in Kewanna.

Jim Widman said he has been meeting with Judy Reed to review the employee handbook.

There was a discussion on EMS.

Jim Widman spoke about a meeting he attended to help young entrepreneurs.

This concluded the business conducted. Gary Sriver made the motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Randy Sutton seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Jim Widman, President

Gary Sriver, Vice-President

Dave Helt, Member

Randy Sutton, Member

Barry Hazel, Member

Kathy Easterday, Member

Phyl Olinger, Member

Attest: _____
Judith A. Reed, Fulton County Auditor