

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Phyl Olinger with Pledge to the Flag. Present are: Phyl Olinger, Randy Sutton, Ryan Zimpleman, Ron Dittman, Jim Showley, Lorilee Hurst, Barry Hazel and Auditor Christina Sriver.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail is the state VP for the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and will attend the national meeting in June for standards development. The State 911 Board will have a meeting on February 28th to discuss the Mental Health of a Dispatcher. Aubbeenaubbee Improvement Association asked to speak about the Community HIP Link messaging with Spillman text and messages on their phones. One of the dispatchers are due to give birth any day with another dispatcher shortly behind. Kosciusko County is hiring and she expects one of the dispatchers to apply. She has \$5,000 budgeted for extra help. The part-time rate is the lowest of surrounding counties; it may be best to bring back a part-time position at a higher pay rate. Randy motioned to hire a part-time employee to cover maternity leaves, Barry seconded; motion carries 7-0. The Job Classification Committee will meet to discuss the rate of pay.

SURVEYOR – Seth White discussed the Surveyors rate of pay per IC 36-2-12-15 and requested that his pay be raised to meet the compensation under the title. Council discussed transferring money from the drainage board engineering fees to cover a portion of the salary and appropriating the remainder necessary.

CORONER – Jeri Good presented a report on the activities of 2018: 171 deaths (89 males, 82 females) resulting in 55 coroner cases, or 32% (possibly largest number of coroners cases). This included 22 labs and 10 autopsies. She held 18 family meetings to review the death reports. Natural deaths are the most common and accounted for 43 of 55 deaths, 9 were accidental (3 motor vehicle, 3 pedestrians, 1 methamphetamine overdose, 2 alcohol overdoses), 3 suicides, 0 undetermined/homicides. Rochester held 30 of the 55 cases; 5 in Kewanna; 2 from Nyona Lake; 6 from Leiters Ford, Monterey, Culver and Delong; 1 in Fulton; 2 in Richland Center; 1 in Athens; 2 in Grass Creek; 2 in Akron, 4 around Talma. She presented to Ancilla College for nursing and law enforcement classes to describe the difference of the coroner vs. medical examiner. In 2019 there have been 5 cases and 3 family meetings so far. She presented at Ancilla College again last week. Jeri is working on writing a grant to the Indiana State Department of Health which could result in \$425 for supplies. She hopes to get stronger body bags, a Samsung tablet, and a (34) if the grant is awarded. Aubbeenaubbee Township Fire Department will have a fish fry on March 9th from 5-7. Records are stored in bell tower at courthouse, some at the funeral home, and some in her basement. An autopsy from a recent court case involving a murder in the late 90's were recently needed and had to be found. Records storage is a necessity.

FEDCO – Terry Lee got signed contracts from the City for a year and the County for six months. Since the last presentation the redevelopment commission met and discussed the TIF district in Kewanna; there is a project on the horizon that could result in revenue capture. Found job placement for a young man in Rochester. There are a lot of companies in the county that are short employees currently. The City found that it will cost \$800,000 for the Nickle Plate expansion; they will be looking at pursuing additional funding. The MSRP façade renovation grant for \$600,000 was awarded to Rochester from OCRA. Terry will sit in on the selection of the grant administrator and architect for the grant. (54) Through Project Lead the Way students are being prepared for the workforce. Manufacturing plant in Plymouth for training rather than going to Logansport. Moving forward with filing 501(c)3 \$22,000 salary for director. Met with Caston and Rochester for Youth Entrepreneurship launching. The theater group has chosen an architect. Waiting on HB 1002 to move forward with robotics training through Ivy Tech. loan with 2% interest to a business in the county that is ag-based. Interest in the Wendt building 10-15 employees 30-35k salary. Deans still isn't willing to sell the old milk production real estate. 30 have rsvp'd to meeting at Jarrety's from 8-9 tomorrow morning. Has an appointment with out-of-county bank. Wings Etc. has closed on their real estate; he will follow-up with the real estate agent for other leads.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION – (1:13) Casi Cowles presented the annual report for 2018 652 688 in 2017 Casi discussed the fee increases for next year. She stated that the mileage rates follow the state rates (\$0.38) per the personnel policy and requested that the rate be moved back to \$0.44. Randy motioned to create an ordinance to reinstate the rate to \$0.44, seconded by Ron; carries 7-0.

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated on the department activities including snow removal, cutting brush and trees and maintaining equipment. Federal Aid grant was awarded for Old 31 at \$3.5 million. There will be a scoping meeting on February 26th for Bridge #32 and #50 that are slated for 2022 and INDOT is discussing moving the projects up one fiscal year and . (1:32) Jim motioned that \$200,000 minimum commitment from wheel tax is set aside each year for match on the US 31 project, seconded by Randy; carries 7-0. John would like to purchase the brush cutter he is currently renting as the new owners of the business may not choose to rent the machine. Council suggests bringing an appropriation to the next Council meeting. John would like to purchase a tractor and mower; Council suggests bringing an additional appropriation to the next meeting. He would also like to pursue a ton truck and a trailer with Cumulative Capital Development funds. Council approves; John will bring additional appropriation request to the next meeting. The next request is for an equipment trailer. The equipment trailer is not big enough for the paver and roller and is getting worn out. He received a quote of \$30,500 with 18-20 weeks of lead time, approximately \$2,000 in freight and no trade-in accepted. He received a second quote for the same trailer for \$30,293 with a \$4,000 trade and no freight with 10-week delivery. Council approves. He would like to purchase fleet software to inventory the shop equipment and track vehicle repairs and service; Council approves. Council approves for John to order the equipment ahead of the appropriations due to lead time.

EMA – Larry has a multi-hazard meeting coming up on March 27th to update the plan, required every five years. He will be hosting the state-level exercise with his department, the Fire Department and the Airport in August. He would like to hire a part-time employee that will be shared with Cass County. (2:00) The Job Classification Committee will discuss the pay rate for that employee as well.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors reviewed the January reports. He presented a report for the jail trends from 2014 through 2018. His process server vehicle lost the transmission which will cost \$4,000 to fix and the estimated value is \$5,000. Two compressors were replaced at a cost of \$7,780 and some doors were repaired. He will meet with Elevatus to discuss scoring the RFPs the Jail Committee received and hopefully will have more information next month. He attended two-day training in Fort Wayne for trauma-induced opioid training. There is currently a bill being considered to raise the per diem rate from DCS. There is also a bill to raise the income tax rate maximum rate another .02% and extended the life another 2 years. The substance abuse being run by 4-County for the last year will be moved to a program run out of Logansport that will move more towards treatment.

BZA APPOINTMENT – Council approves 7-0 to reappoint Don Lac to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

AMBULANCE BILLING – Lorie motioned to forgive the bills, Ron seconded to forgive; carries 7-0.

Randy motioned to cancel the Farm Bureau insurance policy, Barry seconded; carries 7-0.

MINUTES – Randy motioned to approve the minutes with a correction to the spelling of Mason H. and correct the date from January 4th to January 3rd, Jim seconded; carries 7-0.

TRANSFERS –

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Treasurer	County General	Printing	Maintenance Equipment	\$650.00
Final payment of cash counter. Barry motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 7-0.				
Prosecutor	Pretrial	Office Supplies	Law Enforcement	2,000
Helping Sheriff pay for drone and to appropriate Law Enforcement account. Jim motioned to approve, Ron seconded; carries 7-0.				
Veterans	County General	Van Driver	Mileage	\$500.00
To pay mileage. Randy motioned to approve, Barry seconded; carries 7-0.				
		Copier Supplies-\$1,000		
		Office Supplies-\$1,000		
Superior Court	County General	Postage-\$1,200	Extra Help	\$3,200.00
To help train new employee. Randy motioned to approve, seconded by Ron; carries 7-0.				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Approved as presented

Fund	Major Budget Classification	Amount	Total
County General	Personal Services	\$114,317	
	Other Services & Charges	\$519,933	\$633,650
Health	Personal Services	\$4,400	\$4,400
MVH	Personal Services	\$119,280	
	Supplies	\$250,000	
	Other Services & Charges	\$293,600	\$662,880
EDIT	Personal Services	\$10,127	\$10,127
Pretrial Diversion	Personal Services	\$891	
	Capital Outlay	\$7,500	\$8,391
LIT Public Safety	Personal Services	\$2,194	\$2,194
Adult Probation	Personal Services	\$1,192	\$1,192
Statewide 911	Personal Services	\$7,674	\$7,674
Drug Free Community	Other Services & Charges	\$46,628	\$46,628

The Reassessment additional request will be tabled until Phyl can discuss the necessity of the position with the Assessor. Lorie motioned to approve all other requests, Jim seconded; passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS – Randy met with the Insurance Committee to review the wellness program results which had 82% participation.

NEW BUSINESS – The Redevelopment Commission met and has an opening on the board. The Job Classification Committee will schedule a time to meet to discuss the requests from tonight.

ADJOURN – Randy motioned to adjourn at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Barry; passed 7-0.

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ATTEST: _____
Christina Sriver, Fulton County Auditor

