

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tuesday, February 17, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 9:00 a.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, county attorney Holli Shorter-Pfeiffer and Auditor Christina Sriver.

FULTON COUNTY H.O.P.E. – Permission is requested to use the courthouse yard and parking lot Friday, May 17th from 3:30-7:30 p.m. for the service providers to pass out information for the H.O.P.E. foundation. Commissioners approve but are unsure what stage of sidewalk reconstruction the courthouse will be in. The foundation will set up working around the construction.

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.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors reviewed the January reports and a report of daily averages. He has ordered two vehicles from Mike Anderson for \$ 40,067.25 and should be ready at the beginning of the next month. Two compressors were replaced at a cost of \$7,780 and some doors were repaired. The transmission went out on a vehicle; replacement would be approximately \$4,000 and the vehicle is worth about \$5,000. He received a quote for a 2016 4WD Patriot for just under \$14,000. He attended a seminar on opioid abuse including treatment versus incarceration. Last year Four County counseled inmates with drug addiction and will be using a different provider out of Logansport this year.

HIGHWAY – John updated on the department activities. There will be a scoping meeting on Tuesday, February 26th to discuss moving the fiscal year up on bridge repairs. He received a quote to purchase a brush cutter that he currently rents and may no longer be available for renting. He could pay out of MVH or finance it. He would also like a tractor and mower and a ton truck. Commissioners approve discussing the brush cutter with Council. He would like to replace a tractor/mower with a more efficient model that would cost much less to maintain and run every year; Commissioners approve. He has received quotes on a ton truck for \$44,285. 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. Commissioners approve to go forward to Council with the lower quote. He would also like to purchase inventory software for the shop for a cost of \$13,885 with a licensing fee of \$1,195 per site up to three computers per year. It could be paid for out of the shop budget. Commissioners approve requesting funding from Council. He will be putting together information for a washout along River Road.

ADA COMPLIANT POLLING SITES – John and Casi have given a list to maintenance to bring the polling sites up to ADA compliance.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas reported an outage on 911 but was repaired in 51 minutes. Gail plans to attend the Indiana 911 Board meeting on mental health of a dispatcher. She will be doing training in Kewanna tomorrow evening. No employees in the department were compensated for the emergency closing due to weather; Commissioners would like to look into allowing this going forward.

EMA – Larry discussed a grant that was submitted for \$10,000. Ric Fouts (VSO) will be borrowing the EMA vehicle for a double-booking for veteran’s appointments. He will be planning for a state-level exercise in August combined with the Airport and Fire Department.

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

CLAIMS – With no questions or concerns Rick motioned to approve as presented, Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

2/8/19	LIT Distribution, Transpo, & FEDCO	\$568,544.17
2/11/19	Drainage Claim	\$57,028.78
2/15/19	Payroll	\$290,322.94
2/19/19	Misc. Claims	\$653,411.81

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented.

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Treasurer	County General	Printing	Maintenance Equipment	\$650.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Auditor 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$5,003
Clerk 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$7,131
Treasurer 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$2,983
Sheriff 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$17,813
Assessor 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$3,508
Prosecutor 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$1,783
County Extension 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$1,611
Veteran's Services 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$2,099
County Council 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$5,652
Commissioners 2019 Raise & Contract agreements	County General	Personal Services Other Services & Charges	\$2,422 \$519,933
Courthouse 2019 Raise & pay increase	County General	Personal Services	\$3,929
Circuit Court 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$1,725
Communications 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$8,022
Jail 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$18,483
IV-D Program 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$1,725
Network Admin 2019 Raises	County General	Personal Services	\$1,914
Assessor 2019 Raises	Reassessment	Personal Services	\$891
		Personal Services	\$103,235
		Supplies	\$250,000
Highway 2019 budget for Highway Mechanic location	MVH	Other Services & Charges	\$293,600
Highway 2019 Raises for Highway Administration	MVH	Personal Services	\$2,674
Highway 2019 Raises for Highway Maintenance & Repair	MVH	Personal Services	\$13,371
Health 2019 Raises	Health Department	Personal Services	\$4,400
Civil Defense (EMA) 2019 Raises	LIT Public Safety	Personal Services	\$1,543
Soil & Water 2019 Raises	LIT Public Safety	Personal Services	\$651
Prosecutor 2019 Raises	Pretrial Diversion	Personal Services	\$891
Recorder 2019 Raises	Fulton Co. EDIT	Personal Services	\$1,783
Surveyor 2019 Raises	Fulton Co. EDIT	Personal Services	\$2,674
Area Plan Comm. 2019 Raises	Fulton Co. EDIT	Personal Services	\$3,972
Coroner 2019 Raise	Fulton Co. EDIT	Personal Services	\$807
Weights & Measures 2019 Raise	Fulton Co. EDIT	Personal Services	\$891
Communications	Statewide 911	Personal Services	\$7,674

OLD BUSINESS – Bryan received a response from Counsel handling the nativity scene lawsuit: the response time has been extended to March 1st.

NEW BUSINESS – Aubbeenaubbee Fire Department will be holding a fish fry on March 9th. Friday the Jail Committee will be reviewing the RFPs with the architect; four were received.

RECESS – Rick motioned to recess at 7:36 p.m., Steve seconded; passed 3-0.

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ATTEST: Christina Sriver, Fulton County Auditor