

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Monday, March 18, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, county attorney Holli Shorter-Pfeiffer and Auditor Christina Sriver.

FEDCO – The community readiness survey should come out this week and will be tied into the annual meeting; meeting will be held in a round-robin style. This year's annual meeting will be sometime early to late April. Robotics and logistics budget is dependent on state budget. IVY tech is ending the lease in Rochester and he expects vocational training to take its place. The hospitality and logistics training at the jail offers courses for GED and training to prepare inmates for the workforce. Businesses are invited into the schools to talk about work ethic and students can acquire a certification at RHS and Caston. Dean Foods is showing interest in selling the old production building. Terry presented a contract for services for the second half of 2019. Steve motioned to send the agreement to Council for funding, Rick seconded; carries 3-0.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION – Casi Cowles presented a waiver of fees request for the \$175 plan review for the Brent Blacketer Sportsplex to replace the concession stand, sidewalks and connecting to sewer. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. From Rochester Little League park to renovate the concession stand stairs and interior, and replace fencing. They are requesting a waiver for location improvement fee of \$50. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; carries 3-0. Fulton County REMC requested from BZA four different sites for towers to house metering antennas; not for cell phone. However, the Caston school site next to the administrative building will hold bus transportation communication on the tower which falls into the definition of a telecommunication tower with a permit fee of \$500. Steve motioned to waive the fees, Rick seconded; carries 3-0.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors presented the February reports. The death in the jail is still being investigated by the State Police and the autopsy report has not yet been received. Currently there are seventy-one inmates being housed. He will be reviewing the contract with Miami County Sheriff concerning housing inmates. Sheriff Sailors will request the holding being lowered from thirty inmates to fifteen. Sailors provided the annual report resulting from the court security meeting. He purchased rope barriers for high-profile court cases. Judge Lee requested that Sheriff Sailors report on the court security committee recommendation to the commissioners to seal the north, south and west entrances during business hours; they would be egress only. Commissioners will consider. The Sheriff requested an ordinance to prevent firearms in the courthouse being carried by the public. Commissioner discussed moving the security office to the current VSO office to be closer to the east entrance; the VSO could be relocated. The county attorney will prepare the ordinance. He presented quotes for used vehicles to replace the civil processor's vehicle that lost the transmission. Commissioners have no preference toward any one quote. At the end of February the jail terminated the MOU with Four-County for drug education and contracted with Steve Snyder (Logansport).

IT DEPARTMENT/MAINTENANCE – Josh Sriver discussed the progress report on the resetting of the lion statues. The west entrance is next to be started. The north entrance steps are planned to be started this

week. The restrooms are being worked on in the annex building to bring up to ADA standards prior to the 2019 primary election. The carpet in probation has an installation issue and he is working to have it repaired. The last of the software is being transferred to the new servers. The jail monitors are up and running smoothly. He is working with the Coroner on setting her up with a computer and Surface. Commissioners discussed incorporating the historical fencing offered by Bob Peterson into the landscape; Josh will pursue.

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated on the department activities including patching, cutting brush and cutting trees. He is in the process of assessing the roads for summer projects. John introduced Jerry Heimsoth, Ciorba Group Inc., who will be presenting on the proposal for Old US 31. John presented a speed limit ordinance for Camp Shohola. Bryan read Ordinance 03182019 aloud:

BEFORE THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ordinance Number 0382019

An ordinance establishing speed limits on County Road 350 East near Talma, in Newcastle Township.

Whereas, the Fulton County Highway Department and the Fulton County Sheriff have completed a traffic study of 350 East as described in Subsection One.

It is therefore ordained, that the speed limits set forth in subsection one supersedes all prior speed limits at this location.

It is further ordained, that Fulton County Highway Department post appropriate speed limit signs to advise motorists of the speed limit at this location.

(Subsection One)

SPEED ZONE FOR COUNTY ROAD 350 EAST

Forty miles per hour (40 M.P.H.) speed zone on County Road 350 East starting at the intersection of State Road 25 and continuing north for 2,119 feet (two thousand one hundred and nineteen feet), ending at the intersection of County Road 500 North.

This ordinance is effective upon passage and proper publication.

Rick motioned to suspend the rules and complete the second reading by title only, Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

Bryan read Ordinance 03182019A aloud:

BEFORE THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ordinance Number 0382019A

An ordinance establishing speed limits on County Road 500 North which turns into County Road 475 North, intersecting at County Road 350 East, near Talma, in Newcastle Township.

Whereas, the Fulton County Highway Department and the Fulton County Sheriff have completed a traffic study of 350 East as described in Subsection One.

It is therefore ordained, that the speed limits set forth in subsection one supersedes all prior speed limits at this location.

It is further ordained, that Fulton County Highway Department post appropriate speed limit signs to advise motorists of the speed limit at this location.

(Subsection One)
SPEED ZONE FOR COUNTY ROAD 350 EAST

Twenty-five mile per hour (25 M.P.H.) speed zone on County Road 500 North starting at the intersection of County Road 350 East and continuing east for 2,202 feet (two thousand, two hundred and two feet), ending at the intersection of County Road 350 East.

This ordinance is effective upon passage and proper publication.

Steve motioned to suspend the rules and complete the second reading by title only, Rick seconded; carries 3-0.

The third readings of each will commence at the next meeting. John discussed a contract for spraying bridges. He would like to do all 62 bridges and 1/3 of the structures in the townships. Commissioners approve. John would like to take some equipment to the FFA auction. Commissioners would like to have the tower from EMA taken to the auction also. The sheriff has two vehicles and probation has a van. Commissioners request the auditor to send an email to all department heads who may also have equipment to auction.

FUNDING AGREEMENTS – Rick motioned to approve 4-H Council funding agreement for 2019 in the amount of \$13,000, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Rick motioned to approve the funding agreement for Manitou Training Center for 2019 in the amount of \$30,000, Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – The grant for Community Corrections was presented (total amount applied for: \$261,213.00). Rick motioned for approval, Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

MINUTES – Steve motioned to approve the March 4th meeting minutes, Rick seconded; carries 3-0. Rik motioned to approve the meeting minutes of March 8th, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Steve motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 1st, Rick seconded; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented

3/15/19	Payroll	\$191,062.40
3/15/19	Payroll Deductions	\$273,669.17
3/18/19	Misc. Claims	\$701,751.67
3/8/19	March LIT Distribution	\$493,848.59

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Superior Court	County General	Office Supplies	Printing	\$800.00
New stationary, letterhead, envelopes and business cards for Judge Heller				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Highway	MVH	Federal Aid Repaving Project	\$200,000
Commitment from wheel tax for match on the US 31 project			

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Steve attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting and they would share department job openings as they come available. He also attended the Aubbeenaubbee Improvement Association where the 911 director gave a report on daily activities when a call comes in. He gave a solid waste and hazardous substance report at the Park Board meeting.

RECESS – Rick motioned to recess at 7:19 p.m., Steve seconded; carries 3-0.