

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

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

CORONER – Jeri Good presented the first quarter report of 16 cases: 10 male, 6 female, of which 10 were natural, 2 suicides, 3 accidental deaths (1 hypothermia, 2 apparent drug overdoses), 1 undetermined (still awaiting results). Demographics included were: 1 underage, 1 in 2nd decade, 1 in each 3rd, 4th and 8th decade, 3 in 5th decade, 4 in 6th decade, 2 in 7th and 9th decades. There have been 2 autopsies, 5 labs for drug screen and 3 were health related. Of the county deaths 8 were in Rochester, 2 in Leiters Ford, 2 in Kewanna, 1 each in Talma, Tiosa, Akron and Richland Township. In March Jeri traveled to Huntington for the Northwest Region Indiana State Department of Health and Vital Records meeting. Topics discussed included traumatic deaths, violent death reporting, drug overdoses and others of that nature. Jeri will be going to Carroll County in about two weeks for training pertaining to sudden unexplained infant death. Last week she completed training with the Indiana State Department of Health for the new generation technology and reporting format that was part of the obligation for the grant she submitted and was awarded. Material should be coming in the next week or two including gloves and body bags amongst other things. There were over 90,000 applications received within the state. Margot Layman, a Fulton County resident and Chief Deputy Coroner, won the international DIASEY Award for extraordinary nurses. She was nominated by a mother who lost the baby during delivery twenty years prior.

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated on the department activities including patching and prepping roads and changing pipes. Commissioners approve the bid specs for dump trucks and equipment. John will open Community Crossings and Federal Aid project bids on May 6th. Central Paving began making pug today and will mix approximately 15,000 tons. Final inspection of Bridge #45 produced some issues of the asphalt bubbling up which was corrected with sealant. Construction is scheduled to begin no later than April 25th on Bridge #172 and should take approximately 60 days. The bathrooms at the annex building are ADA compliant and he will check the City polling site for compliance.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors reviewed the monthly reports for March. The average daily population was 72 for the month. He looked at the production of cells for the new jail at a vendor showcase and presented information. The department has taken delivery of two Dodge Durangos and they are in the process of being set up. Also delivery was taken of the Ford Escape for the Civil Processor. He sold two vehicles at the FFA auction for \$2,600 and \$2,750 and will realize \$4,975 after commissions. He would like to appropriate this money to help pay for the new vehicle set-ups. Chris reviewed the annual jail report. Hospitality program (40) partnered with Work One

JOB CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – Phyl reviewed the meeting held on March 26th to review a job description for the Administrative Secretary in the Area Plan Commission office. The recommendation from the committee is to raise the job level to a COMOT III and raise the pay to reflect the job classification. Randy motioned to approve the recommendation, Ron seconded; carries 7-0.

MINUTES – Barry motioned to approve the minutes for March 19, Jim seconded; carries 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Extension Office Copier. Barry motioned to approve, Jim seconded; carries 7-0.	GO Bond Proceeds	Equipment	\$6,000
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County Economic Development Income Tax July – December FEDCO Contract. Jim motioned to approve, Ryan seconded; carries 7-0.	EDIT	FEDCO Agreement	\$53,764
Sheriff Training for Sheriff’s office. Jim motioned to approve, Randy seconded; carries 7-0.	Sheriff Continuing Ed	Continuing Ed	\$12,000
Jail Utilities for the jail. Randy motioned to approve, Ron seconded; carries 7-0.	County Correction Level 3	Utilities	\$13,000

OLD BUSINESS – The Spillman contract lease will be paid for out of the Rainy Day fund for the June 2019 payment. The Fulton County Redevelopment fund will fall short for the December payment, Council asks for an additional appropriation request is made for \$35,000 to be reviewed at the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Lorie motioned to appoint Julie Scully to the Fulton County Redevelopment Commission as one member resided, Randy accepted; motion carries 3-0. Ron announced the Hazardous Waste Committee met with IDEM to discuss the plume levels on the two sites that IDEM monitors. The plumes are both static; the area on the east side of Rochester has diminished. Once the county fund for monitoring the wells is depleted IDEM will fund the monitoring. The Garmong contract was signed by Commissioners last night. Randy asked if drug testing for their employees working on the project could be added to the contract. Commissioner Ranstead announced that they are in the appraisal process on the land site for the jail. Sheriff Sailors stated that the Ways and Means Committee voted to increase the amount of per diem for jail inmates housed for the state to \$40 in 2020 and \$45 in 2021.

ADJOURN – Randy motioned to adjourn at 7:41 p.m., Ron seconded by; carries 5-0.

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ATTEST: _____
Christina Sriver, Fulton County Auditor