

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, March 1, 2021

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer and Deputy Auditor, Amy A. Roe.

FEDCO CONTRACT – Terry Lee reported that David Heyde is serving as board President. A review of board members was presented. A review of committees and work performed was presented. Terry discussed sites for future development and obstacles which may need to be overcome to move forward specifically with infrastructure. He is working together with the Chamber to put together industry tours in hopes to build the connection of industry. He shared information regarding quantity of contacts made in the area of business retention, attraction, and development. Manufacturing attraction is centered on matching potential businesses to current open spaces. Terry shared that companies are having difficulty finding individuals to fill open positions. They are focusing on attempting to target individuals who are working jobs outside the county in hopes that these individuals may consider a job in the County and determining how to attract individuals to move to our community. Leads on Topps Safety and Acument buildings are being pursued. Terry reported on involvement with other community organizations including The Youth Outlet Center and Rochester Downtown Partnership. He is working on setting up a podcast to provide updates in order to educate the public on what FEDCO and partners are providing to the County. FEDCO is planning a future Next Level Business class and High School Business class. Financial review including the FEDCO budget was shared with Commissioners. Tax returns are available for review and can be sent upon request. A review of FEDCO staff and partners was shared. Terry stated he will report back in May per requirement from contract which notes that his attendance is requested bi-monthly. Steve Fishburn asked about current unemployment rate. Phyl Olinger asked Terry about how pleased he is with the current committee system which happened with his recent reorganization. Phyl shared with Terry about the need to provide more information to the community as she receives multiple requests related to what benefit FEDCO provides the community. She suggested he consider putting an article in one of the local newspapers with updates of current FEDCO activities. Gail asked if individuals who have participated in the Business Planning Class are on a mailing list to receive updates from FEDCO. A question regarding success of grants provided to businesses was submitted. Steve moved to accept contract as presented and Rick seconded; carries. Steve moved to adopt the Resolution#03012021-A and Rick seconded it; carries.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – John Geier presented permit requests for consideration. Steve motioned to approve permit 21-4 submitted by Roger Olinger pending confirmation of his credentials, Rick seconded; motion carries. Steve motioned to accept permit 21-5 submitted by Ryan Kelley, Rick seconded; motion carries. John shared details regarding permit 21-6: Julie Zellers requests to add a U or circle drive to property to assist with traffic flow. A previous request was denied by Area Plan Commission due to fear of accidents caused by cars entering Old 31. Discussion of the best plan forward ensued. It was suggested the permit be tabled due to complications of multiple obstacles to moving forward safely with the proposed request. Permit was tabled and Commissioners suggested that John reach out to Julie to create a new permit addressing the concerns. USI provided an Authorization to Proceed for culvert replacement re-inspection for consideration. The information gathered would be entered into an Ivy program. Steve motioned to approve contract and Rick seconded it. John shared regarding employee applications submitted. John sought input from Commissioners regarding bid process for equipment purchases. County Attorney provided advice regarding the legal obligations of bid process.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas introduced Jake as the acting interim for EMS. She discussed changes to the tower for expansion.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors indicated he is moving forward with bids for vehicle purchases. Rick requested that local bids be pursued, if possible. He stated that repairs on current vehicles are eating up maintenance costs from budgets. Abby Miller passed physical standards test and will be hired shortly. Kyle Perkins is scheduled for the Academy in June. Sheriff Sailors was appointed to a position on a national committee.

EMA – Larry Hoover shared that message board by vaccine site was delivered.

INCARCERATED OFFENDERS PROVIDER AGREEMENT – County Attorney requested to clarify details of agreement. Agreement will assist the budget of the Sheriff to put inmates on the State Medicaid. Steve made a motion to accept agreement, Rick seconded; carries.

UNIFORM CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE – Seth White has a personal business doing surveying thus, he submitted a conflict of interest form. Steve made a motion to accept, Rick seconded; carries.

FULTON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL FUNDING AGREEMENT – Steve motioned to approve the funding agreement for the Fulton County 4-H Council in the amount of \$15,000, Rick seconded; carries.

MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19 PHASE III PROGRAM – Rick asked for clarification of the change of match. A request for \$10,000 is now being requested from the County which had not been part of the original grant conversation. Terry noted that match is not required, but the match will provide extra points and ensure that our grant application is more competitive. The grant request will be \$250,000 with an application deadline for March 11th, 2021. If awarded the grant then Fulton County would be notified on April 15th, 2021. The time in between submittal of application and award would be when local grant applications would be released to the community.

MINUTES – Meeting minutes from February were reviewed. Steve made a motion to accept and Rick seconded it.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented

SIHO Bank Fees	\$94.41
March Misc. Claims	\$290,528.79
Payroll dated 2/26/21	\$224,384.55
Payroll deductions dated 2/26/21	\$96,376.95
February 2021 Credit Card Charges	\$588.91

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Commissioners	Jail Construction	Utilities	\$433,000
Schoolview lift station upgrade for new jail			
Drug Free Fulton County	Drug Free Community	Prevention & Education Intervention Treatment Justice Services/Activities	\$32,112

Administrative

Funding for Drug Free Fulton County

Surveyor	Corner Perpetuation	Field & Survey Supply	\$10,000
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To purchase disks and rebar for section corner monuments

OLD BUSINESS –None

NEW BUSINESS –None

RECESS – Steve motioned to recess at 10:17am, seconded by Rick; carries.