

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Date January 17, 2024

I, Christina Sriver, duly qualified and acting County Auditor for the County of Fulton, Indiana, do hereby certify with regard to all proceedings of the date above; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Auditor; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the minutes of the meeting were in written form and available for public inspection immediately following approval of the body which held the meeting; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided with advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Christina Sriver, Fulton County Auditor



FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 5:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Ron Dittman, Phyl Olinger, Steve Fishburn, Lorie Hurst, Randy Gundrum, Chayse Thompson, Pete Karas and Auditor Christina Sriver.

HSA DISCUSSION – Ron Dittman relayed information regarding the request for using budgeted HSA funds to pay insurance premiums. The information gathered and received supports that the County cannot use the funds to pay insurance premiums. Following discussion Phyl Olinger motioned that once an employee reaches age 65 the HSA pay is discontinued, Lorie seconded; carries 5-2.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Heishman reviewed reports delivered. He also reviewed the commissary fund report and uses for the funds. He requested to use the funds to purchase furniture for courthouse security. Phyl motioned to approve the purchase of furniture using Commissary funds, Steve seconded; carries 7-0. There will be training for first responders regarding Korean culture as an influx in the population is anticipated.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas stated that the travel advisory is still in yellow and may move to orange. The two EMA trucks, the new truck didn't start but the 2000 Durango started right up. On the 23rd she has plans to discuss the homeless to include in the comprehensive county plan. She is following St. Joe County's plan. She can create a list but cannot maintain the shelters. She opened warming and cooling shelters at the fire department for emergencies. Currently there have been generous donations for sheltering the homeless. Faith-based groups and other groups that help these individuals all need to collaborate and that is what this effort is.

FEDCO – Michael Ladd presented the 2024 contract for economic development services. The increase in budget over last year is for updating the website. FEDCO will start working with the City to update and economic development plan. They started out with 100 acres with the park outside of town and are continuing to negotiate purchasing more land. This may result in 300 acres owned by FEDCO. Michael feels strongly that the childcare program and the industrial park project will be approved for the READI II grant. Michael will with area businesses to prepare for READI III grant opportunities for the programs that were not considered for READI II.

CORONER – Jeri Good stated that she will report later on the year 2023 as she is still waiting for some reports. She has served five families so far this year.

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated on the department activities. The grant threshold for community crossings was increased which also increases the county's local match. The projects submitted are:

- 0 North from State Road 17 to 1200 West (Pulaski Co Line 1.7 mile)
- 600 North from State Road 17 to 1200 West (Pulaski Co Line 1.7 mile)
- Blacketor Drive from City limits to cult-de-sac (.19 mile)
- 900 West (Old 17) from Olson Road to State Road 110 (2.3 mile)
- Multiplate Culvert 375 West (Grube Ditch) between 350 South and 200 South
- Box Culvert 250 East (Mud Creek) between 675 South and 200 East

- Bio Restore 400 South from State Road 19 to Co Road 1600 East (4mile)
- Bio Restore 1600 East from 400 South to State Road 14 (.3 mile)
- Bio Restore 650 East from Fort Wayne Road to 500 North (3.37 mile)
- Bio Restore 450 North from Old US 31 to 375 West (4.4 mile)
- Bio Restore 700 North from Old US 31 to 250 East (1.6 miles)

John has gone to USI to update the ADA and Title VI; there is 180 days to come into compliance. Phyl suggests using the Rainy Day fund to pay for the update. Lorie motioned to use the Rainy Day fund, Pete seconded; carries 7-0.

JOB CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – The County Assessor requested a review of increasing the supplemental pay for the Level III Assessor/Appraiser from \$1,000 per year to \$1,500 per year. The Assessor did request this during the budget hearings but this was overlooked the supplemental for the Level III certification on the Salary Ordinance. The committee approved and recommends the update to the Salary Ordinance. Steve motioned to approve, Chayse seconded; carries 7-0.

AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – Ron read the terms of the agreement aloud. Phyl motioned to approve, Randy seconded; carries 7-0.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Ron read the amended ordinance aloud to increase the Level III Certification supplemental pay. Phyl motioned to accept the first reading, Lorie seconded; carries 7-0. Steve motioned to perform the second reading by title only, Pete seconded; carries 7-0. Ron read the ordinance by title only. Phyl motioned to perform the third reading by title only, Lorie seconded; carries 7-0.

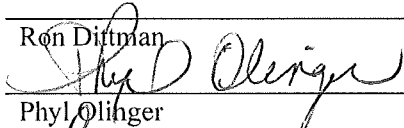

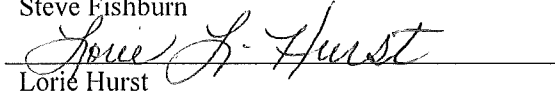
MINUTES – Randy motioned to approve minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting, Phyl seconded; carries 6-0. Lorie motioned to replace herself as the appointment to the Area Plan Commission with Chayse within the January 3, 2024 meeting minute. With that change Phyl motioned to approve the January 3rd meeting minutes, Lorie seconded; carries 7-0.

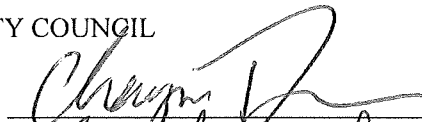
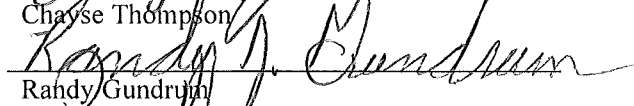
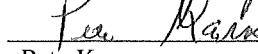
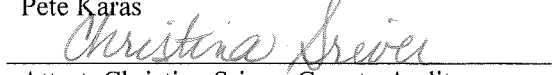
OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Ron thanked the IT department for their diligence addressing a suspicious email. Commissioner Ranstead updated Council on the increased cost of the county insurance for 2024. Steve delivered condolences to the family of Joe Day and his involvement with the county.

ADJOURN – Pete motioned to adjourn at 6:14 p.m., seconded by Steve; carries.

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL

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 Steve Fishburn

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 Pete Karas

 Christina Sriver
 Attest: Christina Sriver, County Auditor

I affirm under penalties of perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each social security number in this document, unless required by law: Christina Sriver. Prepared by: Christina Sriver