

FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 18, 2003, 6:00 P.M., E.S.T., in Assembly Room of the Fulton County Office Building.

Meeting Called To Order:

President Richard A. Powell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., E.S.T. Commissioners present were Richard A. Powell, Roger D. Rose and Lesile R. Walters; also, County Attorney Greg Heller and County Auditor Denise J. Bonnell.

Highway Department:

Superintendent Scott Tilden reported that the snow removal went well and that there have been considerable overtime hours, due to the snowstorm. He told of their schedule and the process of opening all of the roads.

When asked about the salt, Scott stated they have probably used seventy-five to eighty percent of the salt quota already this year.

Scott stated the fuel cost is another big item this year. Scott stated that he would probably be out of budget money by September, because of the unknown increase in cost. Scott said their average fill-up is every two weeks.

Rich said he had an individual from Lake Bruce contact him about snow removal. Rich explained the road, Scott said that it was Lakeshore Drive and the County had not been plowing that road; however, they could if that is what the Commissioners want. Following a discussion, the consensus was to plow the road, which is used to access the lake for water in case of fire.

When Scott was asked about his findings on licensing buggies, he replied, he had a couple more counties to contact. He will present his report at the next Commissioners Meeting, March 3, 2003.

Sheriff's Department:

Sheriff Roy Calvert said in regards to the plumbing he has received two quotes on the repairs. One quote from Dominiack Mech. was for \$81,00.00, the total for everything and Roy asked Rich if he had made his call on that. Rich said, he questioned the quote. Roger asked if that was for replacing all the isolation valves? Roy said, yes, all the shut-offs and replacing the valves themselves. Roy stated Dominiack Mech. faxed a revised quote reducing their original quote by \$14,850.00, stating they might have misquoted. Roy said his other quote was from QPH in the amount of \$49,600.00, which is out of Bunker Hill. Rich said he did not contact them. Roy said his recommendation would be to go with QPH from Bunker Hill. There was a discussion on the two quotes. Following this discussion Roy stated he had submitted an Additional Appropriation Request for \$60,000.00 to cover this. Roy said, he could possibly need more.

Plan Commission Appointment:

Rich said that they are not ready, at this time, to make that appointment. This was extended to the Commissioners Meeting, March 3, 2003.

County Clerk:

Clerk Karen Miller said she had some information and some items she has been working on. The Child Support System, Karen stated, has incentive money and that figure is over three thousand dollars at this time. That money can only be used towards the Child Support System and the Clerk. She would like to start replacing her old computer equipment with new PC's. She continued to inform the Board on this upgrade. She received a quote from CSI in the amount of \$2,857.00, but stated she is not pleased at all with it and continued to explain why. Karen said she would continue researching this, as she would like to use this money to upgrade. Karen gave the Board copies of this quotation.

Mt Zion Dam:

Rich said we need to discuss Mt. Zion, as we have received a call from our Consulting firm Seico, who has been working with the DNR. About every two weeks they have been checking with the DNR in an effort to find out which plan the DNR would approve. Rich said everyone is aware there is a problem; also, there are three ways this problem could be handled. (1) Lower the water table/level. (2) Remove the bridge. (3) hire a diver.

Bill Hopkins went to the DNR asking which one of the plans could be used; and also, to give us their decision in writing. Rich said this has been going on for several months. Finally the DNR suggested that a meeting be held with a representative of the following in attendance, owners of the dam, The Lake Association, County Commissioners, Rochester City Officials, area Farmers, our Highway Superintendent and/or Engineer; also, they requested the meeting to be held in Indianapolis.

Roger Rose said, in 1998, DNR hired Consultant, Lawson-Fisher, to do an in-depth assessment of the problems and deficiencies, etc. Orv Hoffman, Lake Manitou Association said he would attend the meeting in Indianapolis. Rich suggest that the owners of the dam, Bill and Sarah Wilson and others, such as were mentioned earlier, should be in attendance. As the discussion continued, it was the consensus of the Commissioners to announce a Mt. Zion Planning Meeting for March 5, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., in the Conference Room of the Fulton County Office Building.

FEDCO:

Director, Mike Busch presented to the Board a Tax Abatement request for Manufactured Structures Corp., located on the Fort Wayne Road, to enlarge/build a 20,000 square-foot plant, which would create 26-31 new jobs.

The package would be a \$160,000 loan to FEDCO to help purchase the 33 acres; also, a Grant of \$26,400.00 County CEDIT Funds for the infrastructure.

The Board listened to Manufactured Structure's president, Randy Holler as he gave the company's plans toward this construction and the moving of their Corporate Office to Rochester. Attorney Ted Waggoner told of the impact it would have on the Fulton County economy. Roger D. Rose, following a thorough discussion, made a motion to approve the Abatement for Manufactured Structures. Leslie R. Walters seconded this motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioners' Minutes:

The minutes for February 3, 2003 were reviewed. A motion was made by Roger Rose to accept the minutes of February 2, 2003. Leslie Walters seconded this motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Financial Report for 2003 Year:

Auditor Denise Bonnell presented the Fulton County Annual financial Report for the year 2002 to the Commissioners. She asked if they had any questions. The report was reviewed.

Proposals for (3) Sheriff's Department Vehicles:

Auditor, Denise Bonnell had faxed the requirements, requesting financing proposals in the total amount of \$74,794.00 to the following financial institutions: 1st Source Bank, Indiana Lawrence Bank, Lake City Bank and Wells Fargo on February 11, 2003. The proposals were due no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday 14, 2003.

The following proposals were received:

	Interest Rate:
Wells Fargo, Rochester, IN.	2.74%
Indiana Lawrence Bank, Rochester, IN	2.90% - +Fees of \$100.00
Lake City Bank, Rochester, IN	3.925%
1 st Source Bank, Rochester, IN	2.80%

This is for the purchase of (2) 2003 Dodge Durango's and (1) 2003 Dodge Intrepid. Amount financed will be \$74,794.00, for three years with Semi-Annual Payments. Leslie R. Walters made a motion to accept the Proposal of Wells Fargo for the \$74,794.00 at 2.74% interest for three years with semi-annual payments. Roger D. Rose seconded this motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Sale Of County Owned Property:

Rich read Resolution No. 021803.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE BY COUNTY
OF AIRPORTLAND WORTH MORE THAN \$1,000
RESOLUTION NO. 021803**

WHEREAS, Fulton County Board of Aviation Commissioners owns a tract of land 12.55 acres adjacent to the Fulton County Airport, along State Highway 14; and

WHEREAS, state law requires, at IC 36-2-2-20 that a conveyance of land having a value of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) or more must be authorized by an ordinance of the county fiscal body fixing the terms and conditions of the sale; and

WHEREAS, under Indiana Code 36-1-11-4.2 (a) the Fulton County Commissioners determine that the proposed sale of the land is to facilitate compatible land use planning, in light of the actions of the Rochester City Plan Commission; and

WHEREAS, it appears the title to the land is in the Fulton County Board of Aviation Commissioners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Aviation Commissioners, by its President, is hereby authorized to execute documents of conveyance to the tract described above to an appropriate purchaser, upon the following terms:

1. That the land be sold for a price that equals or exceeds fair market value as shown by two appraisals, as required by Indiana Code 36-1-11-4.2(b);
2. That the land be sold for a purpose compatible with current land use planning and the current or future use of the Fulton County Airport.

Adopted by a vote 3 aye, 0 nay, this 18th day of February, 2003.

FULTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS (voting aye)

Richard A. Powell, President

FULTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS (voting nay)

Attest:

Denise J. Bonnell, County Auditor

Roger D. Rose made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 021803 Authorizing Sale by County of Airport Land Worth More Than \$1,000. Leslie R. Walters seconded this motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Appropriation Request:

Sheriff:

#2391-214-4000-10	Jail-Repair Building/Structure	\$ 60,000.00
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FEDCO: (CEDIT)

#0211-263-3000-15	FEDCO Loan	\$160,000.00
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#0211-263-4000-19	MSC Grant	\$ 26,400.00
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Aviation:

#2101-207-3000-10	Runway Project	\$ 90,000.00
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The Appropriation Requests were reviewed and signed.

Transfer Request:

Maintenance:

From:#0101-162-3000-51	Building Supplies	\$ 800.00
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To: #0101-162-3000-20	Telephone	\$ 800.00
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Aviation:

From:#2102-206-3000-50	Utilities	\$ 366.00
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To: #2101-206-3000-40	Insurance	\$ 366.00
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Health Department:

From:#0807-203-2000-11	Educational Material	\$ 50.29
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To: #0807-203-3000-10	Syringe Disposal	\$ 50.29
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The Transfer Requests were reviewed and signed.

Claims and Payroll:

All Claims and Payroll were reviewed and signed for payment.

Animal Control:

Rich read a letter from Dr. John McKee, DVM, Manitou Veterinary Clinic Inc. This letter notified the Commissioners that on January 1, 2004 Dr. McKee would increase his charges; also, as of December 31, 2004 he would no longer accept county dogs.

Other Business:

GIS:

Rich asked about having a meeting regarding the GIS program. The Auditor was asked what step she thought should be taken next. She suggested that WTH should be invited to come back, and with the offices involved, work up a cost figure of what it would cost to continue with the GIS Program. The consensus of the Commissioners was to set the GIS Meeting for the next Commissioners Meeting, March 3, 2003, and Roger will notify WTH, of this date and what is needed from them; also, the three offices the Board feels should be involved. Those being the Auditor, County Assessor and Surveyor.

Committee Reports:

Roger said in regards to training sessions for members of the **Plan Commission** there are two videoconferences and training sessions setup in the next couple of months. There is also an all-day training session in Rensselaer they are going to and possibly the new board member will be available to take advantage of these sessions.

Leslie Walters reported that the **EMA** is still sorting out Schooling issues. This was discussed.

Rich said, the individual who was to report on **Rails & Trails** was not present; therefore, that will be on the Agenda for the March 3, 2003 meeting.

Rich reported a lady had contacted him about making the public places in the county smoke free. This was discussed but nothing was set.

The Lincoln Day celebration has been scheduled for March 23, 2003, at 6:00 p.m., Manitou Banquet Hall.

This concluded all the business transacted and a motion to recess was made by Roger Rose. Leslie Walters seconded this motion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting recessed at 8:33 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Richard A. Powell, President

Roger D. Rose, Vice-President

Leslie R. Walters, Member

ATTEST: _____
Denise J. Bonnell, County Auditor