

Fulton County Board of Commissioners Meeting

Monday, December 16, 2019

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

PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE – Michael Bowditch approach Commissioners for a positive recommendation to continue the partnership. There is a minor increase in worker’s compensation (due to increase in payroll) and a reduction in property. The Law Enforcement Liability deductive is being increased from \$2,500 to \$10,000 as dictated by the provider. Loss history and locations are provided for the record. The quote covers a three-year rate lock. Rick motioned to approve the renewal in the amount of \$199,928, Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas stated Safety, ADA, Title VI Committee, 911 Board, and EMS all meet on the same week in January and asked if there is any change to be made to the schedule. She is working on removing unnecessary purchases with the new dispatch center design. Gail spoke to the tier system for wages she proposed in 2020 and the raise was given to the employees evenly rather than based on experience. She will meet with the Job Classification Committee to discuss further.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Sailors reviewed the monthly reports for November. He had requested previously to move the part-time secretary as full-time, Council has already approved. This employee will also be IDACS certified and be cross-trained for processing warrants. Part-time jailers are being maxed out on hours causing full-time employees to be called in at time-and-a-half rates. Sheriff Sailors passed out information received by the Jail Overcrowding Task Force on findings. The jail bid opening was held last Thursday and were in the vicinity of what was expected.

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated on the department activities including patching, grading, ditching projects, preparing for winter and cutting trees with REMC. The bids for the loader are being advertised and will be opened on January 6th. The application for Federal Aid on Bridge #161 was accepted and John has been invited to LaPorte on January 8th to make a presentation at 10:45 a.m. for the need of the project and invites Commissioners to join.

AUDITOR – The Wellness Center has started to bill for employees using the facility for the first time since 2013. Sheriff Sailors will invite a representative from the new wellness facility. The probationary period and reduction in pay was requested to be waived for the payroll deputy. Steve motioned to approve

MINUTES – Rick motioned for approval of the December 2nd minutes, Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented:

11/22/19	Payroll	\$205,509.83
11/22/19	Payroll Deductions	\$81,149.64
12/6/19	Payroll	\$271,429.47
12/6/19	Payroll Deductions	\$70,499.36
12/09/19	Payroll Reissue	\$838.53
12/9/19	Credit Card, LIT, EMA, Eco Shred	\$526,991.18

12/12/19	LIT PTRC – Fall Settlement	\$992,169.66
12/13/19	Host Fees: November	\$54,085.91
12/16/19	Fall Settlement	\$10,226,897.33
12/16/19	Host fees to Fuel Fund	\$100,000.00
12/17/19	Misc. Claims	\$287,605.09
12/17/19	Correction to Settlement Distribution	\$17,704.52

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented:

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Health	Health	Tires & Tubes	Computer Supply	\$1,200
Laptops for food service inspector				
Coop. Extension				
Office	County General	Secretary	Office Manager	\$50
To cover PERF, OASDI and possible overage on salary of office manager				
Jail	County General	Medical & Hospital	Inmate Housing \$530 Prisoner Meals \$6,000	\$6,530
To pay inmate housing through November and meals through the remainder of the year.				
Highway	Highway	Drainage Asses.	Engineering/Study Fees	\$3,617
For USI engineering on 2019 Community Crossings				
Veterans	County General	Mileage \$45.18 Continuing Ed \$9.82	Dues	\$55
To pay for the AML/VFW Dues				
Assessor	County General	Part Time	Level II Cert.	\$624
For Level II Certification for newly acquired certification				
Highway			Clerk	\$386
Admin	Highway	Asst. Superintendent	Health Ins.	\$1,167
To balance the last pay of the year				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Council	Host Fee	Gas/Oil/Lube	\$100,000
Tabled in the prior meeting pending Council approval; this is to bring the fuel fund out of the negative			

OLD BUSINESS – Rick motioned to rescind the approval of the Jail Lease with the Fulton County Building Corporation, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. The IT Department will be advertising a selling ten computers per week until gone. The Sheriff distributed recommendations to the proposed animal ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS – Steve discussed property being considered for purchase by the Highway department. Rick will abstain from voting due to conflict of interest. Rick discussed the insurance needed for the Fulton County Building Corporation, Michael elaborated that the policy reflects the need.

RECESS – Rick motioned to recess at 7:27 p.m., Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

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Bryan Lewis

Rick Ranstead

Steve Metzger

ATTEST: Christina Sriver, Fulton County Auditor