

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, April 5, 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 Chantal Rensberger.

CORONER – Jeri Good reported that the ultimate lift that was purchased for the new office will need to be installed. The quote is \$3,300 and is slated to be installed in June. She will do an additional appropriation to cover the cost. The new vehicle conversion should be finished within the next month. She would like to have the vehicle marked once returned.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – John Geier presented permits for consideration. Permit 21-3 from Elton Weaver on 600 N for a ditch. This permit was previously tabled and is returned for reconsideration. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 21-11 from BSM would like to bore for fiber-optic on Sweetgum Road. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 21-12 from Tom Bearss for a road bore for 8” tole on 375 W 1100 feet north of 200 S. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 21-13 from Precision Utilities Group requests boring under 400 N at 8175 W to install service. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. John updated on department activities including brush cutting being completed for the season, grading, patching and changing culverts. An RFP was put out for county-wide bridge inspections and are due Friday, April 9th. Bryan will review. John presented a contract with Midwest Spray Team for \$50/large structure, \$40/small structure. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. There is a problem with beavers under the bridge on Bessmore Park Road. The Lake Association does not want to pay for the maintenance; it is agreed that the highway department will cover the maintenance. There is a 4-ton culvert that is several years old that he would like to dispose of. At the current rate of scrap the estimated value is \$700. He would like to sell the culvert to a buyer who has offered \$900. Commissioners approve. The army truck was sold at auction for \$6,000. Bryan discussed planning for clearing brush in the right-of-way Glaze Hill (on Old US 31 N) in the next few years.

IT/MAINTENANCE – Josh Sriver reported that he is planning for updating the county website with a complete redesign. Commissioners reported that there have been several compliments on the courthouse lawn.

SHERIFF – Chris Sailors delivered the monthly reports. The department will be participating in stop-arm violation enforcement using grant funds and will increase patrols near schools for the next few weeks. Construction on the jail is now moving forward on the interior. He is gathering quotes for furniture.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas reviewed the monthly reports. She reviewed the quote for furniture for the new office. She announced that she will be going to Clark County tomorrow to present a Dispatch Hero award. There will be a BZA meeting for the tower on April 14.

FIDLAR CONTRACT – The County Recorder submitted a contract with Fidar to be funded using the Recorder’s Perpetuation Fund. The contract is for scanning of all of the old index books as they are handled the most and are getting damaged beyond repair. The contract in the amount of \$7,594.00 was motioned for approval by Rick, seconded by Steve; carries 3-0.

MINUTES – Meeting minutes from February 22, March 15 executive session, and March 15 regularly scheduled meeting were motioned for approval by Steve, seconded by Rick; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented

2/2021 Host Fee	\$	33,333.33
Misc. Claims for March 22	\$	928.62
Payroll March 26	\$	212,523.86
Payroll Deductions March 26	\$	95,325.12
February Jail Construction	\$	791,643.51
April 5 th Misc. Claims and February SUR/Wheel Tax	\$	802,323.70
Tourism	\$	8,305.00
March 2021 Credit Card	\$	4,737.79

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
	County			
Commissioners	General	31001 Dues	31007 Utilities	\$9,850
To cover utilities during jail construction. Funds will be reimbursed from the bond by the Fulton County Building Corporation.				
		30100 All Bridge		
Highway	Cum Bridge	Inspection	41011 Grant Match	\$76,700
To use as match money for grant projects.				

Not considered as it has not yet been through the proper procedure:

			12007 Clerk	\$1,446.00
		12029 Food	12400 PERF	\$162.00
Health	Health	Service	11202 OASDI	\$111.00
To cover the cost associated with making the Clerk position within the department a COMOT II position which would increase the hourly rate by \$1.01 per hour.				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Sheriff	County General	Vehicles	\$105,159
To purchase Sheriff vehicles.			
Auditor	County General	HSA	\$10,350
Shortfall on amount budgeted for HSA.			
Network Admin.	County General	Computer Equipment	\$49,147.00
To cover purchase of mobile devices for various departments within the county.			

Not considered as it has not yet been through the proper procedure:

		Clerk	\$1,446.00
		PERF	\$162.00
Health	Health	OASDI	\$111.00
To cover the cost associated with making the Clerk position within the department a COMOT II position which would increase the hourly rate by \$1.01 per hour.			

OLD BUSINESS – The mask mandate will expire at midnight tonight. Rick motioned that the County reduce masks to an advisory, Steve seconded. Bryan added that the department head should decide if they would like to require in their respective offices, the county as a whole will reduce the status to a mask advisory. Rick discussed that the County will need to write a plan in order to receive the American Rescue Plan grant funds. Not enough information is available at this time. Bryan discussed House Bill 1381 concerning commercial wind and solar control with Russell Phillips. Mr. Phillips was present and commented that it was approved by the State committee last Thursday and would like to know what position the Commissioners take. Bryan stated that the position of the Commissioners is against the bill (removing local control for commercial wind and solar farms). Mr. Phillips summarized the contents of the bill and expressed his concern with county involvement. He is concerned with the ordinance that was written three years ago in regards to WEX.

NEW BUSINESS – None

RECESS – Rick motioned to recess at 10:05 a.m., seconded by Steve; carries.