

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, August 2, 2021

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer and Auditor Christina Sriver.

SHERIFF – Larry Jolly reported that three of the four new vehicles are in service with the fourth expected this week.

ZONING RESOLUTION – Rick motioned to perform the second and third reading of the resolution by title only, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Bryan read the resolution amendment aloud:

**RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT
AMENDMENTS TO THE FULTON COUNTY ZONE ORDINANCE, SUB-DIVISION
CONTROL ORDINANCE AND ZONE MAP**

Resolution No: 08022021

Motion Passed: 3y 0n 0a

A Resolution to Approve Amendments initiated by the Fulton County Plan Commission to the Fulton County Zone Ordinance, Sub-division Control Ordinance and Zone Map. The proposed amendments were approved by the Fulton County Plan Commission at a legally advertised public hearing on June 28th, 2021.

WHEREAS, The Plan Commission of Fulton County, Indiana did on the 28th day of

June, 2021 hold a regularly scheduled meeting of the Fulton County Plan Commission and considered amendments to the Fulton County Zone Ordinance, Sub-Division Control Ordinance and Zone Map and did approve the amendments proposed by the Fulton County Plan Commission at a legally advertised public hearing on June 28th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the amendments were initiated by the Fulton County Plan Commission; and

WHEREAS, said request did propose that said Fulton County Zone Ordinance, Sub-Division Control Ordinance and Zone Map be amended as attached to *Plan Commission Resolution PC-06282021*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners approve the amendments as certified by the Fulton County Plan Commission to the Fulton County Zone Ordinance, Sub-Division Control Ordinance and Zone Map.

Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

WAIVER OF AREA PLAN FEES – Habitat for Humanity requests a waiver of permit and variance fees. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; carries 3-0.

COUNCIL ON AGING/TRANSP0 – Doug Bellar gave a report of trips, revenue and operating expenses for the quarter and presented the quarterly claim for Commissioner approval.

JMS (Johnson-Melloh Solutions) – Rick Anderson discussed energy conservation and operating cost savings. He quoted IC 36-1-12.5: Guaranteed Savings Contracts to evaluate and recommend conservation measures and implement conservation measures. Rick Anderson will follow-up in a month.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – John Geier presented permit 21-26 for a concrete drive. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. John updated on department activities. The study for signage on CR 50 N/100 W is not yet complete. John would like to apply for 2027 Federal Aid Projects to cover redecking Bridge #33 at Talma and Old US 31 North repaving. Ben Beer/USI presented Authorization to Proceed forms for each project. Terry Lee (FEDCO Director) noted the need of an addition of a bike or horse and buggy lane to Old US 31. USI will add this to the scope of work. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. John applied for an INDOT grant for signage and marking for rail crossings. He would like to upgrade crossings between Rochester and SR 110.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas reviewed the monthly reports. In mid-August she will recertify for Communication Leader, she will be training as well as recertifying for a week in Indianapolis. She ordered circuits for the new dispatch facility.

FEDCO – Terry Lee sent an update on READI projects prior to the meeting. There is a public survey link for public input on the projects being considered. We are participating with Cass, Miami, Clinton, Tipton, and Howard Counties. Thirty applications were received for the OCRA grant, twenty-eight applications are pending final approval through OCRA.

YOUTH CENTER – Jason See, Board President of YOUTH Outlet Center, submitted a written request of \$100,000 of ARP money. They have been opened since August, 2020. The Center is an afterschool program open 3 days a week and would like to expand to 5 days a week. They have clubs including cooking, STEM projects, Lego club, counseling services. There is hope to have satellite locations in the towns in the County.

PROBATIONARY PAY REDUCTION WAIVER – Heather Reddinger requests a waiver of pay reduction for the two new employees in the department. Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

ASSESSOR – Judy Dancy presented a contract for the next 4-year assessment cycle. The current contract ends May 31, 2022. She estimates needing 2-3 additional employees to assess in-house. Commissioners will review the information presented and follow-up at the next meeting.

TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENT – Steve motioned to approve Tiffany Futrell, Rick seconded; carries 3-0.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FULTON COUNTY AS A BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY – Bryan read the ordinance aloud:

FULTON COUNTY ORDINANCE 08022021

**An Ordinance to Establish Fulton County, Indiana
as a Broadband-Ready Community**

WHEREAS, Fulton County Commissioners find that broadband internet availability in the County is of critical importance to all people living, visiting, and doing business in the County; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County seeks to promote private investment in broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County seeks to be designated as a Broadband-Ready Community pursuant to IC 5-28-28.5.

THEREFORE, Fulton County Commissioners adopt the following:

An Ordinance for a Broadband-Ready Community

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, “permit” means any local permit, license, certificate, approval, registration, or similar form of approval required by policy, administrative rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution with respect to a project.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, “project” means the construction or deployment of wireline or wireless communications facilities to provide communications services (as defined in IC 8-1-32.5-3) in a unit.

Sec. 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of Fulton County’s ordinance, regulation, policy or practice, the following shall apply to a project:

The Fulton County Commissioners shall:

- a. Appoint a single point of contact for all matters related to a project
- b. Establish procedures to allow all forms, applications, and documentation related to a project to be filed or submitted and signed by electronic means;
- c. Review and approve or reject all applications for a permit related to a project within ten (10) business days after an application is filed or submitted;
- d. Assure that after an application is approved pursuant to subsection (a)(3), any inspections, including any additional necessary approvals, related to a project will occur in a timely and expeditious manner.

Sec. 4. The Fulton County Commissioners shall adopt adequate processes and procedures to implement the provisions of Sec. 3. Processes and procedures established hereunder may not do the following:

- (a) Require an applicant to designate a final contractor to complete a project;
- (b) Impose a fee to review an application or issue a permit for a project;
- (c) Impose a seasonal moratorium on the issuance of permits for a project;
- (d) Discriminate among communications service providers or utilities with respect to any action described in this section or otherwise related to a project, including granting access to public rights-of-way, infrastructure and poles, river and bridge crossings, and any other physical assets owned or controlled by the Government of Fulton County.

The second and third readings will be performed in the next meeting.

PURDUE MOA – Bryan read the purposed memorandum of agreement to reimburse Purdue employees for mileage for educational travel. Steve motioned to approve the MOA for the 2021 fiscal year, Rick seconded; carries 3-0.

2021 PERSONNEL POLICY – Tabled until next meeting.

MINUTES – Rick motioned to approve the July 19th minutes, Bryan seconded; carries 2-0.

CLAIMS – Approved as presented

June SUR/Wheel Tax Distribution	\$	57,479.20
July Credit Card	\$	6,738.33
August 2 misc. claims	\$	225,823.32
Payroll July 30	\$	212,531.02
Payroll deductions July 30	\$	34,141.28 (less \$735.50 reimbursement)

Form 941 2nd quarter payment \$ 8.84

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
			OASDI \$13	
			HSA \$1,042	
Building Maint.	Co. General	PERF	Maint. Tech. \$160	\$1,215
Redistributing accounts to cover payroll.				
Assessor	Co. General	Part-time	Level II Certification	\$400.50
To cover Level II Certification for new employee				
	Pretrial			
Prosecutor	Diversion	Maint. Equipt.	Certification	\$75
To cover expenditures from correct account.				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Highway	MVH	Grant Match	\$333,458
County match portion of CCMG 2020-2 and 2021-1 projects			
Highway	MVH	Bituminous	\$160,000
\$100,000 to cover INDOT detour pug until reimbursement is made by INDOT, \$60,000 bioseal to apply to freshly paved community crossings roads.			
EMA	County General	Equipment	\$38,000
AED units and training			
Sheriff	County General	Equipment	\$126,250
Body scanner/UV machine for jail			
		Contractual Services \$7,500	
		Memberships \$75	
		Advertising \$3,500	
		Publications \$5,000	
Tourism	Convention, Visitor & Tourism	Grants \$7,000	\$23,075
Budget was reduced to \$25,200 this year; not enough funds to fulfill our contracts or advertising and grants now that things have picked back up (from COVID)			

OLD BUSINESS – Gail Karas reported that the COVID meetings are being held once per month on the third Friday.

NEW BUSINESS – Christina Sriver stated that there were letters received for consideration of quoting insurance for 2022.

RECESS – Rick motioned to recess at 10:16 a.m., seconded by Steve; carries 3-0.