

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, November 15, 2021

**Meeting Called to Order** at 6:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, Steve Metzger, County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer and Auditor Christina Sriver

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT** – John Geier discussed permit request 21-41. Steve motioned to approve, Rick seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 21-42 was motioned for approval by Rick, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Permit requests 21-43 and 21-44 are for a proposed business at the corner of Lucas Street and Old US 31. Rick motioned to approve permit request 21-43 for a driveway, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Rick motioned to approve permit 21-44 for a bore under Old US 31, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. Rick motioned to approve permit request 21-45, Steve seconded; carries 3-0. John updated on the department activities including mowing, picking up leaves. John was awarded a grant for a project on Sweetgum between US 31 and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. John presented a letter of financial commitment of \$1,182,000 for a total grant of \$5,910,000 for a rehab of Old US 31 N scheduled for 2027.

**EMA** – Larry Hoover requested a county-issued cell phone for his new employee and mobile app, Commissioner’s approve. There is an opportunity to pick-up Clorox wipes from an over-order by another county. They are free with only the cost of travel. Commissioners are dedicating an office in the EMA building to Weights and Measures. Larry will cover the cost of the part needed for the tent the Health Department borrowed for vaccinations.

**SHERIFF** – Chris Sailors stated Wednesday furniture will begin being moved into the new jail. The key cards have been received for the new jail and will begin to be programmed. He is planning to move the inmates into the new jail in December.

**MILEAGE RATE** – The Weights and Measures Inspector requested a raise to the mileage rate. An amended resolution will be proposed in the next meeting.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS (“PLAN”)** – Bryan read the plan for the American Rescue Plan Act, Resolution No. 11152021, aloud:

RESOLUTION NO. 11152021

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS (“PLAN”)**

**WHEREAS**, on May 17, 2021 the Fulton County Board of Commissioners (“Commissioners”) did adopt Ordinance No. 05172021: An Ordinance Adopting the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery fund that established the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund numbered 8950 to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 for the following purposes as stated in Chapter 531 of the 74<sup>th</sup> Congress, approved August 14, 1935, 49 Stat. 620 as amended through P.L. 117-2, enacted March 11, 2021:

1. To respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
2. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the State, territory, or Tribal government that are performing



3. such essential work, or providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
4. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such State, territory, or Tribal government due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the State, territory, or Tribal government prior to the emergency; or
5. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

The U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) allocated funds to Fulton County in the amount of \$3,879,715.00 be released in two tranches, with fifty percent (50%) received on June 24, 2021, and the balance to be delivered approximately twelve (12) months later; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 17, 2021, the United States Department of Treasury (“Treasury”) issued an Interim Final Rule (“IFR”), to implement the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) established under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2021, the Treasury issued the Compliance and Reporting Guidance (“Guidance”) to provide information on all SLFRF funded projects including reports incorporating:

1. The project name
2. Identification number
3. Project expenditure category
4. Description
5. Status of completion

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners recognize the importance of public input, transparency, and accountability by engaging constituents and communities in developing plans implementing the use of the Fiscal Recovery Funds (“FRF”) as stated in the IFR, and

**WHEREAS**, the State Examiner issued Directive 2021-1 stating that sufficient internal controls over all transactions must be in place including separate funds, maintaining records, detailed comments that provide audit trails, and appropriation by the fiscal body.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners shall designate SLFRF funds pursuant to Title VI Coronavirus Relief, Fiscal Recovery and Critical Capital Projects Funds: Section 603(c)(1)(A) of the Social Security to local private entities for the support of projects through forgivable loans to be issued for one of the following expenditure categories:

<b>1: Public Health</b>	
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination
1.2	COVID-19 Testing
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment
1.6	Medical Expenses
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to public Facilities that respond th the COVID-19 public health emergency
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19
1.10	Mental Health Services
1.11	Substance Use Services
1.12	Other Public Health Services
<b>2: Negative Economic Impacts</b>	
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)

2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)
2.10	Aid to Nonprofit Organizations
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries
2.13	Other Economic Support
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff
3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services
3.5	Education Assistance: Other
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families involved in Child Welfare System
3.9	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community health Workers or Benefits Navigators
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions
4: Premium Pay	
4.1	Public Sector Employees
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to Other Employees
5: Infrastructure	
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized Wastewater
5.4	Clean Water: Combined Sewer Overflows
5.5	Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater
5.7	Clean Water: Energy Conservation
5.8	Clean Water: Water Conservation
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint Source
5.10	Drinking Water: Treatment
5.11	Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution
5.12	Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution: Lead Remediation
5.13	Drinking Water: Source
5.14	Drinking Water: Storage
5.15	Drinking Water: Other Water Infrastructure
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" Projects
5.17	Broadband: Other Projects
6: Revenue Replacement	
6.1	Provision of Government Services
7: Administrative	
7.1	Administrative Expenses
7.2	Evaluation and Data Analysis
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government

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

**G.O. BOND** – The introduction and general information sections of the preliminary official statement to be issued for the new 2021 general obligation bond were reviewed and motioned for approval by Steve, seconded by Rick; carries 3-0.

**2022 HOLIDAYS OBSERVED** – Rick motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 3-0.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 17, 2022
Good Friday	Friday	April 15, 2022
Primary Election Day	Tuesday	May 3, 2022
Memorial Day	Monday	May 30, 2022
Independence Day	Monday	July 4, 2022
Labor Day	Monday	September 5, 2022
Columbus Day	Monday	October 10, 2022
General Election Day	Tuesday	November 8, 2022
Veterans Day	Friday	November 11, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 24, 2022
Lincoln's Birthday	Friday	November 25, 2022
Washington's Birthday	Friday	December 23, 2022
Christmas Day	Monday	December 26, 2022

**MINUTES** – Meeting minutes of November 1 were motioned for approval by Rick, seconded by Bryan; carries 2-0.

**CLAIMS** – Approved as presented

LIT Distribution	\$ 652,487.75
Wheel/Sur Tax Distribution	\$ 47,548.68
Payroll	\$ 222,567.71
Payroll Deductions	\$ 75,046.50
November 15 miscellaneous claims	\$ 720,660.76
Jail construction	\$ 1,257,777.87

**TRANSFERS** – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Highway	MVH	OT	Extra help	\$14,000
To cover pay for PT positions				
Health	Health	Food Service	Vital Records	\$100
To cover salary due to holidays not being considered hours worked initially this year				
			Office supply	
			\$1,500	
		Envir. Health/Rabies \$1,500	Other Supply	
Health	Health	Tires & tubes \$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500
To purchase supplies needed				
Coroner	County General	X-Ray & Lab	Equipment	\$1,093.92
To pay for file cabinets for new forensic center; jail construction bond will reimburse				
Treasurer	Co. General	Cont. Ed.	Dues	\$40
For 2022 dues				
Health	COVID Testing & Vaccinations	COVID Testing	COVID Vaccinator	\$65
To cover wages for one vaccinator for one pay period				
Public Defender	Co. General	Appeals Attorney	Office Supplies	\$1,000
To pay for printing copies to provide the clients due to state being electronic.				
Network Admin.	County General	Electronic Communications	Telephone	\$3,000
To cover phones for remainder of year				

Commissioner To cover copier expense for remainder of year	County General	Burial Vets	Equip Repair/Maint	\$300
Coroner Dues	County General	X-Ray & Lab	Dues	\$150
Communications R56 Audit	Statewide 911	PSAP Circuit Costs	Repair and Maintenance	\$2,500
Council To pay for bond expenses	County General	Mileage-\$2,000 HAS-\$1,630.75	Consult Fee	\$3,630.75

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – Approved as presented**

Department	Fund	For	Amount
		Overtime	\$5,000
		OASDI	\$383
Health	Health	PERF	\$560
Wages and benefits for overtime			
Council	ARP	Contracts	\$500,000
For funding agreements to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impact industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.			

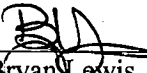
**CORONER** – Jeri Good stated there were 16 families served in the first quarter of the year and is now at 52. There is a possibility of 3 additional overdoses with 3 already confirmed. There have been 12 autopsies so far this year. There have been 3 suicides and one infant death. She has received infant dolls for demonstration purposes. The operation table and a new cooler have been received at the new forensic center. She has received 3 mini grants and one reimbursable grant this year. She did not receive an IPEP grant she applied for.


**OLD BUSINESS** – Steve suggested the Commissioners revisit a plan for solar panel installations/farms. Bryan would like to define the focus of FEDCO for an incoming Director 9 to explore once the position is filled. There is an intern at the hospital covering the resignation of the hospital director that has opened good communication.


**NEW BUSINESS** – Larry Hoover discussed an alert system that will be available by the end of the year.

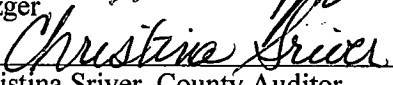
RECESS – Steve motioned to recess at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Rick; carries 3-0.

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Bryan Lewis

  
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Rick Ranstead

  
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Steve Metzger

  
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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

