

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, August 15, 2022

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

USI – Commissioner Ranstead reported the Coroner, Jeri Good, has been working to plan for a sidewalk for safety purposes at SR 14 and Sweetgum Road. The Outlet Youth Center has recently been given property on Apache Drive. The County would like to work with the City to bring sidewalks to the Youth Center from the school. USI gave an estimate for the sidewalks at \$1.7 million. Commissioners would like to add the sidewalk at Sweetgum Road for an approximate total of \$2 million. The County and City would both be responsible for a \$500,000 match for the READI grant funds. The County portion would be paid for by ARP funds. USI reports that the sidewalk would be in INDOTs ROW. The on-call agreement is not to exceed \$66,000. The Commissioners will need to transfer the funds for payment in the next meeting. Commissioners would like a guarantee that the sidewalks at Sweetgum Road to fit in the project with the \$500,000 match being pledged. The sidewalks at Apache Drive and Peacetree are estimated at \$1.779 million, sidewalks for Sweetgum are estimated to be \$254,000 for a construction estimate of \$2.033. Included in the contract are maintenance of traffic and a 20% contingency (due to inflation). Usually construction estimate is 10-15% of construction costs. Commissioner Sommers motioned to enter into the contract for sidewalks from Park Street to Good Funeral Home, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

TAMBER SULLIVAN/E FORD DRIVE – Tamber Sullivan resides on Ford Drive and has lived here for 22 years. The beginning of the road to her property is on private property and there is no easement currently. The owner is not in favor of closing the road but his son is. If the road were closed they would be landlocked. The original plat dated 1968 states that the owners are responsible for all roadways to be constructed at the expense of owners of real estate and/or lots as well as drainage therefore. Commissioners and County Attorney encourage the landowner to hire an attorney as it is a private issue.

HIGHWAY – Permit request 22-27 was presented for consideration requesting a driveway permit at 903 S 400 E, no culvert will be needed. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. John Flint updated on highway activities including chip sealing, mowing and paving at the Fulton County Museum. Dale Overmyer will be cutting brush on Old 31 beginning Wednesday. Commissioners advise the department give the landowners notice. Nyona/South Mud Lake is purchasing digital speed limit signs and request highway department assistance to install.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Sailors reviewed the July monthly report. There are 16 Howard County inmates being held, 11 prisoners from Wabash County. The department is getting ready to begin utilizing the Sheriff's app for smartphone to provide information to the public. There is information regarding inmates (visitation, commissary, bonds), submit tips, and check sex offenders in the area. There are currently 30 counties utilizing the app. There is no opportunity for public comment on the app. The department is also planning to post license plate readers to be utilized for looking for public alerts such as Amber or Silver alerts. Asset seizure and drug seizure funds can be used to cover the cost.



COMMUNICATIONS/EMA – Gail has hired a new employee, training will come at a later date. There will be testing with radio consoles on the Fire 800s as there currently is a lag in communications. The shelters will be here next week for turnkey situations. The EMA building is continuing cleanup with carpet cleaning and painting. A storm assessment was done a few weeks ago. The EMA office needs new chairs. The windows need to be replaced, they are rotting. The rear door needs to be replaced. The tabletop exercise will be held on December 14th, Sunoco will be participating. The EMPG grant was approved. The Coroner is helping with the health grants, Gail will assist if needed. A LUCAS device was removed from a Lutheran ambulance and relocated to Henry Township. AED training was held and there was interest expressed in CPR training also. Gail requests having leftover vacation time paid out rather than expiring. There is concern for enough funds being budgeted and available. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve paying out any vacation time on an anniversary date effective immediately, commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to extend emergency schedule to August 26th, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Gail suggests contracting with someone who specializes in writing EMS contracts to prepare an RFP for the EMS services. Commissioners would like Gail to do research on the topic.

CORONER – Jeri Good presented statistics from 2010 to present. There have been 43 families served this year, 2010-2016 had less for the whole year. She estimates helping 75-80 families by year's end. There have been 138 deaths in the County: 72 women, 66 men (Coroner calls included 22 women and 21 men). There have been three COVID-19 deaths this year. She has been approved for two mini grants so far this year of the two she has applied for. She is reapplying for an IPEP grant for this year that was not awarded last year.

FORGIVABLE LOAN AGREEMENTS – A forgivable loan agreement was presented for Akron Revitalization Committee in the amount of \$150,000 for system upgrades at the Akron Community Center and the Akron Park system. A forgivable loan agreement was presented for Rochester Telephone Company in the amount of \$150,000 for broadband expansion. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the agreements, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – There was a Personnel Policy Committee meeting last week and the Committee recommends revoking credit cards. The Sheriff Deputies would hold their cards for the time being until a fuel card can be issued. Committee discussion involved having a department head hold a credit card for training purposes, a central purchasing agent in the Auditor's office will be designated to purchase office supplies in bulk to save money. The Committee also purposes a per diem of \$50 rather than reimbursing expenses up to \$40/day and all utilities for the County will be paid for by the central purchasing agent. The policy changes will be open for discussion with Committee members and tabled until the next meeting.

MINUTES – The minutes of the August 1st meeting were presented for approval. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS- Approved as presented

Payroll 7/29/22	\$	477,994.68
Payroll Deductions 7/29/22	\$	76,030.92
August 2022 LIT Distribution	\$	646,269.33
PCORI Fee	\$	329.22
Payroll 8/12/22	\$	234,037.85
Payroll Deductions 8/12/22	\$	83,847.11
Forgivable Loan Agreements	\$	300,000
August 15 Misc. Claims	\$	421,672.18

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Treasurer	County General	Legal Fees/Expenses	Mileage	\$300
Budget shortfall.				
		COVID Testing-\$5,500		
		Food Service Inspector-\$100		
		Dental-\$50		
		PERF-\$60	Other Supplies-\$5,000	
Health	COVID Testing and Vaccinations	Janitor Supply-\$89.09	Contract-\$880.09	\$5,880.09
		Trash-\$81		
For miscellaneous purchases and contract for rent at Fairgrounds.				
		Maintenance Equipment-\$600		
		Repair Equipment-\$600		
Health	Health	Rebind Records-\$600	Mileage	\$1,800
Cover mileage the remainder of the year due to staff traveling to conferences, trainings and inspections.				
Prosecutor	County General	Software	Office Supply	\$257.23
Additional office supplies				
Prosecutor	County General	Software	Office Supply	\$34.90
For water services.				
	State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds			
Highway	Funds	Bituminous	Signage	\$7,000
For the sign at the museum				

A transfer for the Commissioners budget in County General for purchasing office supplies for departments was tabled for further discussion on the topic.

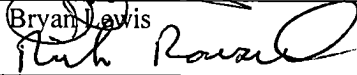
OLD BUSINESS – A final change order document for the Jail of \$110,986.26 was signed as accepted. The Health Insurance Committee will schedule a meeting; 2023 rates are expected in September.

NEW BUSINESS – Monica Clennon (Newcastle Township Trustee) discussed having the septic permit for the Talma Community Center extended as the contractor who is on the permit now does not want to do the work. Commissioners encourage her to discuss with the Health Department. Commissioner Lewis will reach out to the Health Department tomorrow to assist with the process. Gail reported that the Times Theater is doing good things with the ARP funds that were received for renovation. They are cooperating with the Wagon Wheel Theater in Warsaw. A soft opening is being planned for October.

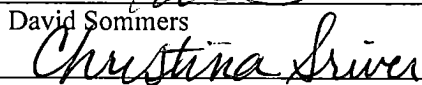
RECESS – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 7:32 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Sommers; carries 3-0.

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Bryan Lewis


Rick Ranstead


David Sommers


Christina Sriver

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