

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Meeting Called to Order at 4:30 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Phyl Olinger, Ron Dittman, Steve Fishburn, Randy Gundrum, Pete Karas and Auditor Christina Sriver.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Heishman stated the Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVL) module was not purchased with the vehicles in years passed and is needed for safety purposes. He would like to purchase with 5 years maintenance through the CAD system Spillman. Ron motioned to use the Host Fee Fund to purchase the AVL with maintenance, Randy seconded; carries 5-0. The jail population this afternoon was 65. He has removed all belongings from the old Sheriff's administrative office. He has completed the homeland security grant application with anticipation of replacing portable radios as the batteries are irreplaceable. The award will be granted in the fall (September-October).

MAINTENANCE – Commissioner Lewis requests seasonal help for the maintenance department with a Salary Ordinance amendment. The full-time maintenance director position has not yet been filled.

(Chayse Thompson entered the meeting.)

Steve motioned to approve the position at \$18.75 per hour, Pete seconded; carries 5-0. Phyl read the Salary Ordinance amendment aloud:

ORDINANCE 04182023

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COUNTY OF FULTON, INDIANA
SALARY SCHEDULE AND COMPENSATION POLICIES**

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Council adopted an Ordinance 09132022: An Ordinance Adopting County of Fulton, Indiana Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies on September 13, 2022 and,

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Council adopted Ordinance 01252023: An Ordinance Amending the County of Fulton, Indiana, Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies on January 25th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Council adopted Ordinance 01252023: An Ordinance Amending the County of Fulton, Indiana, Salary Schedule and Compensation Policies on February 21st, 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Fulton County Council wishes to amend compensation schedules and pay policies for 2023 to reflect the following:

Department	Position	Category	Prior Rate	Amended Rate
Building Maintenance	Seasonal Maintenance Technician	N/A	\$0.00	\$18.75

Ron motioned to perform the second and third readings by title only, Steve seconded; carries 6-0. Phyl read the ordinance by title only. Randy motioned to approve the Salary Ordinance, Steve seconded carries 6-0.

CORONER – Jeri Good has served 16 families so far this year. There were 4 females and 12 males. She has served 30% of the total county deaths this year. The Adult Leadership Academy toured the forensic



facility today. The prom crash safety mock-up will take place this Friday. The power cot has been received and will be installed on May 3rd. There is a new drug that is stronger than Fentanyl, Xylazine. There is a bill that is anticipated to be passed effective July 1 that requires the Coroner to test for the drug if they reasonably suspect that the cause of death was due to an opioid overdose.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – The additional appropriation request is for funding an 80' x 80' hangar and the funding will come back over a five-year period. The project cost is \$775,000 with \$60,000 in engineering fees. Ground breaking is to take place in July. The space will be leased out for housing aircraft.

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Airport Authority	Cum Airport Bld	Capital Outlays	\$129,427.44
	Rainy Day	Capital Outlays	\$150,000.00
	Airport Auth.	Capital Outlays	\$433,938.00
	Interest Bearing	Capital Outlays	\$122,696.61
Total:			\$836,062.05

Ron motioned to approve, Chayse seconded; carries 6-0.

FEDCO – Michael Ladd presented a timetable for the housing study. FEDCO applied for additional COVID-19 funds. No community north of Indianapolis received funding, including Fulton County. There is a child care grant available that will be applied for. Joe Koch stated that he has submitted a resignation as the Council appointment to FEDCO effective immediately.

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated on department activities including patching road, changing culverts and spraying calcium chloride on ground-up roads. The first round of CCMG grants were awarded, John was approved for \$999,999.75. The projects include 450 N from Old US 31 to 375 W and 700 N from Old US 31 to 250 E.

(Lorie Hurst entered the meeting)

At the last Drainage Board meeting, the Surveyor requested a large pipe that needs to be lowered. This will allow the pipe to be replaced ahead of schedule and ahead of the road being paved at the end of next month. John has the funds and will formally request the appropriation next month; Council approves the replacement.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas stated the old 911 equipment was removed by AT&T. She updated on the balance of the Statewide 911 fund. The fund can be used for training. There was a military truck sold at the FFA auction. Gail stated the fire departments are lacking in their portable radios, she has applied for a grant that will help upgrade them. She is looking at 30 portables, 5 are for Fire Chiefs with wireless capabilities. She would like each of the Fire Departments to apply for other grants to support the remaining cost of the upgrades.

MINUTES – Ron motioned to approve minutes of the March 21st meeting, Steve seconded; carries 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Sheriff	County General	Body Armor	\$15,000
To purchase body armor as required by statute for new employees and to replace any that may be expired. Ron motioned to approve, Pete seconded; carries 7-0.			

Soil Conservation	County General	Maintenance Copier	\$3,830
A transfer was done in 2022 to cover the purchase of a new copier for Soil and Water. The transfer did not get encumbered losing the money for when the bill was paid in 2023. This money will pay for the copier as well as keep the original budget of \$350.00. Randy motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 7-0.			
Commissioners	EDIT	FEDCO Agreement	\$18,834
November and December 2022 invoices were received at the end of 2022 and paid in 2023 bringing the appropriation below the contracted amount for 2023. Lorie motioned to approve, Chayse seconded; carries 7-0.			
		Criminal Justice & Services	\$6,618
		Intervention & Treatment	\$6,618
		Prevention & Education	\$6,618
Drug Free Community	Drug Free Fulton County	Administrative	\$26,472
Monies needed to Drug Free Fulton County in regards to grants to assist the Fulton County community. Ron motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 7-0.			
Communications	Statewide 911	Equipment	\$12,000
The equipment is for the Amateur Repeater. The HAM radio operators are part of our County Communication Plan in Emergency Events. They are radio communications when systems fail and help us relieving the stress off dispatchers at an isolated incident. Ron motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 6-0 with Pete abstaining.			
Commissioners	Hazardous Substance	Well Testing Services	\$10,350
Check 94795 was written on 12/5/2022 for the 2022 Well Testing Services. Due to new address the check was never received. Check was voided and repaid on 3/7/2023 using the 2023 budget which will create a shortfall for 2023. Randy motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 7-0.			
	Fulton County Community		
Council	Host Fee Revenue	Flags	\$2,500
To purchase flags for Veteran's gravesites. Pete motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 7-0.			
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Commissioners	Host Fee Revenue	Contract	\$50,000
Baker Tilly contract for a comprehensive financial plan review not to exceed \$35,000 and Baker Tilly contract for internal control policy review not to exceed \$15,000. Ron motioned to approve, Pete seconded; carries 7-0.			
Communications	Jail Construction Fund	Equipment	\$1,876.00
Touch screen monitors for the radio consoles. Steve motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 6-0 with Pete abstaining.			
Communications	Jail Construction Fund	Equipment	\$12,000
Upgrading and moving the recorder over to the new dispatch center. This quote was approved in September of 2021. Steve motioned to approve, Ron seconded; carries 6-0 with Pete abstaining.			

OLD BUSINESS – Pat Brown, Director of Recovery Café in Fulton County, stated that Recovery Café is open Wednesday through Friday and serves approximately 50 people. In addition to recovery services, the not-for-profit also helps connect individuals with housing, transportation and access to care. He would like all that are receiving opioid settlement funds within the community to come together to create a master plan.

Commissioner Sommers stated that through discussions with employees, employees would like to have a wellness/exercise program as the County had in the past. He presented a proposal from Fulton County Wellness Center for a minimum of 10 people to sign up at a cost of \$37 per person per month. He proposes six-visit requirement per month for the County to cover the monthly cost. If the minimum requirement is not met the employee would be responsible for the full monthly cost. He asks for Council to fund the program dependent on a minimum of 10 employees agreeing to sign up for the program. Council would like Commissioner Sommers to report back with the number of employees interested.

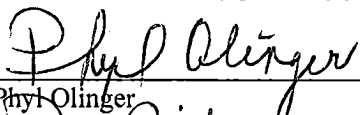
Steve stated that the Rochester City Council has also pledged \$2,500 for Veteran's cemetery flags. Steve thanked all who contribute to the interests of the Veterans.

NEW BUSINESS – Pete questioned if the meeting time of the County Council needed to remain at 4:30. Phyl explained how the meeting time came to be 4:30 p.m. from the previous meeting time of 6:30 p.m. Chayse Thompson asked if the Council would be opposed to meeting at 5:00 p.m. The May meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m. and the Auditor will prepare an amended meeting time resolution to be considered in the next meeting.

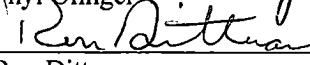
Randy questioned the need for a housing study. Phyl commented on previous discussions had by FEDCO that led to the study.

ADJOURN – Randy motioned to adjourn at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Steve; carries 7-0.

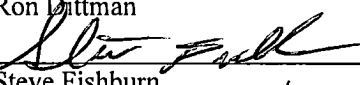
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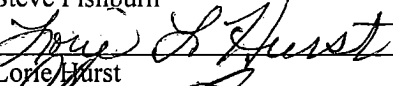
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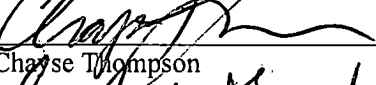
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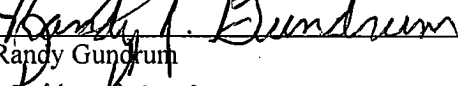
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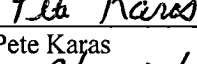
Lorie Hurst




Chayse Thompson



Randy Gundrum



Pete Karas



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