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CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Date June 20, 2023

I, Christina Sriver, duly qualified and acting County Auditor for the County of Fulton, Indiana, do hereby certify with regard to all proceedings of the date above; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Auditor; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the minutes of the meeting were in written form and available for public inspection immediately following approval of the body which held the meeting; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided with advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Christina Sriver, Fulton County Auditor



FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Meeting Called to Order at 5:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Phyl Olinger, Ron Dittman, Steve Fishburn, Lorie Hurst, Randy Gundrum, Pete Karas and Auditor Christina Sriver. Not present: Chayse Thomspen.

RITTER STRATEGIC SERVICES – Barry Ritter stated that there is currently a contract between Lutheran and the County that will expire in 2025. Barry is performing a strategic plan to determine how Fulton County will provide EMS services in the future. He has met with the EMS Board, the business community, school officials, elected officials, the Fire Chief's Association, hosted a community event, scheduled two additional community meetings for this month, and has reached out to school superintendents. The amount of ambulances needed will be based on data collected. Affordability will also need to be considered. Barry reports that the public turnout has been impressive.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Mike Norman, who has been on the board for 32 years, introduced himself and the Director of SWCD Megan Malott. Megan stated that the purpose of SWCD is to keep the water and soils clean and keep the soils in place. In the Tippecanoe watershed there has been over \$2 million invested. She continued to update on invasive species currently being combated. She requests for Council's blessing to apply for a CWI (Clean Water Indiana) grant. She reports that her office is understaffed. The grant would be for three years and an extra \$20,000 that they were allocated would go toward an additional employee. Randy motioned to approve moving on with the application for the CWI grant, Steve seconded; carries 6-0.

ASSESSOR – Kasey Hensley requests permission to hold a free abatement class from 9 a.m.- noon on Tuesday, August 1 in the Commissioner meeting room. Pete motioned to approve, Ron seconded; carries 6-0. She will need to close the office during the class for her staff to be able to attend. She will give advance notice to title companies so they may plan around the closing. Council approves. While offering the mobile office she reviewed 4 parcels in Akron, 5 in Grass Creek, and 18 in Rochester with 16 in attendance in total and 3 phone calls; she considers it a success. The language defining a "homestead" was affected with this session of legislation that will go into effect January 1, 2024 for the 2025 tax pay year. Also effected are apartments with more than 5 units, she will have to apply all three income approaches and give the lowest assessed value to the property.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gail Karas delivered reports prior to the meeting. Gail stated that SB 158 requires two other disciplines to be implemented adding fire and police. The CAD system will be able to implement this. She will be submitting an additional appropriation for the additional cost of Spillman from the Statewide 911 fund (1222). There is also additional training that will be required by December 31 this year. Ron motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 5-0 with Pete abstaining. There will be a meeting on July 6 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the detention center concerning clean-up of natural disasters.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Heishman delivered the reports prior to the meeting. He is expecting to have the mobile tracking devices fully implemented in the next couple of weeks. There were 58 inmates as of yesterday. Sheriff was able to contract for holding federal inmates at \$35 per officer per hour for transport officers and \$75 per day per inmate. The Jail Chemical Addiction Program was modeled after the Kosciusko County

program. He will begin the program on July 10th designating a cell pod to the recovery program offering classes in life skills, mentorships, parenting classes, anger management, and balancing a checkbook amongst other things. It will be fully funded by volunteers, grants, and donations. There have been approximately 50 volunteers so far. There is an application process and a committee will be formed for the program.

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated on department activities including patching holes, changing culverts, running the brush cutter, and mowing. The first round of mowing is complete with the second round started. Bridge #32 was completed and reopened. Bridge #50 was supposed to start after the completion of Bridge #32 but it was discovered that AT&T has a fiber line attached to the bridge and needed to be rerouted which should be complete by the 30th. The bridge should be closed by the 1st of July for 70-75 days for construction to be completed.

IT – Josh Sriver explained infrastructure upgrades for the hardware and compute resources coming up in the next year. If the operating environment is not current the county will be at risk. The contract he is considering is \$916,844.08, \$16,444 less than the original quote. Josh explained the quote presented. The 5-year capital plan has around \$960,000 available to fund the project. He asks Council's blessing to use bond funds to move forward with the purchase. Lorie motioned to move forward with the project, Ron seconded; carries 6-0.

FEDCO – Michael Ladd stated there will be a virtual housing study meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow. He has been working with Pike Lumber, they have concerns with the condition of SR 14. Michael has put Pike in touch with the State to have the road repaired.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS – Treasurer Kathy Adamson explained that the ordinance allows her to invest county funds for at least two but not more than 5 years. Phyl read the presented ordinance aloud:

ORDINANCE NO. 06202023

ADOPTION FULTON COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN
INVESTMENT LASTING MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS AND NOT MORE THAN
FIVE (5) YEARS PURSUANT TO IC 5-13-9-57**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Fulton County to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the County and conforming to all state and local statutes governing the investments of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 5-13-9-5.7(a)(5) authorizes the fiscal body of a political subdivision to adopt an investment policy authorizing the investment of public funds of the political subdivision for more than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code limits the total investments lasting more than two (2) years and not more than (5) years to not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total portfolio of public funds invested by the political subdivision, including balances in transaction accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Finance on June 12, 2023, adopted a Fulton County Investment Policy, in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A, authorizing investment lasting more than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the County Council of Fulton County, Indiana, hereby, adopts the Fulton County Investment Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A, and approves the investment of Fulton County public funds by the Fulton County Treasurer in investment lasting more than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years, so long as the total amount of such investments outstanding does not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total portfolio of public funds invested by Fulton County, including balances in transaction accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the County Council of Fulton County, Indiana, hereby, adopts the Fulton County Investment Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A, and approves the investment of Fulton County public funds by the Fulton County Treasurer in investments lasting more than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years, so long as the total portfolio of public funds invested by Fulton County, including balances in transaction accounts.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance and the authority to make investments lasting more than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years shall expire on June 20, 2027, (4 years from this date), in accordance with IC 5-13-9-5.7(a)(6).

FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA, INVESTMENT POLICY

1. Scope

This investment policy, which was adopted by the Fulton County Board of Finance, supersedes any previous investment policy and applies to all financial assets of the County.

2. Policy

It is the policy of Fulton County to invest public fund in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the county and confirming to all state and local statutes governing the investment of public funds.

3. Prudence

The investments shall be made with the judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.

- The standard of prudence to be used by the Treasurer shall be the prudent person standard and shall be applied in the context of managing the overall investment.
- Under no circumstances may the Treasurer invest in a derivative, or other funds prohibited by law. The Treasurer shall also not make investments which s/he does not reasonably believe can be held until the maturity date or leverage any investment.

4. Objectives

The primary objectives, in priority order, of the County's investment activities shall be as follows:

- **Safety:** Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the Investment program. Investments of the County's funds shall be undertaken in a matter that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio.
- **Return on Investment:** The County's investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic

cycles taking into account the County's investment risk constraints and the cash flow characteristic of the portfolio.

- Local Institutions: Local institutions maintaining an office in Indiana shall be given preference when, in the judgment of the Treasurer, they are equally competitive with other institutions.

5. Authorized Investments

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to invest the portfolio according to the State statutes governing public funds as stated in IC 5-13 as stated now and amended in the future. As state in IC 5-13-9-2, allowable securities are:

(1) Securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Treasury or fully guaranteed by the United States and issued by any of the following:

- (A) The United States Treasury.
- (B) A federal agency.
- (C) A federal instrumentality.
- (D) A federal government sponsored enterprise.

(2) Securities fully guaranteed and issued by any of the following:

- (A) A federal agency.
- (B) A federal instrumentality.
- (C) A federal government sponsored enterprise.

(3) Municipal securities issued by an Indiana local governmental entity, a quasi-governmental entity related to the state, or a unit of government, municipal corporation, or special taxing district in Indiana, if the issuer has not defaulted on any of the issuer's obligations within the twenty (2) years preceding the date of purchase.

6. Final Maturity

In accordance with IC 5-13-9-5.7, the investment of Public Funds in maturities of greater than two (2) years but no more than five (5) years shall be limited to not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total portfolio of public funds invested by the County, including balances in transaction accounts. The remainder of the portfolio shall mature no longer than two (2) years from the investment settlement date.

Duly adopted by the Board of Finance, County of Fulton, State of Indiana, on this 12th day of June, 2023.

Steve motioned to have a second and third readings by title only, Pete seconded, carries 6-0. Phyl performed the second and third readings by title only. Steve motioned to approve the ordinance, Ron seconded; carries 6-0. Kathy updated that settlement has been done and went well. She has started working on compiling the list of eligible properties for tax sale. She is sending curtesy letters to property owners prior to certifying properties to avoid adding additional fees.

FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT – Pete motioned to approve Raenae Overmyer for a term of July 1, 2023 to June 30 2027, Randy seconded; carries 6-0. Steve motioned to approve Paul Zartman to finish the remainder of Linda Wentzel's term for the time of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, Pete seconded; carries 6-0.

FEDCO BOARD APPOINTMENT – Councilman Randy Gundrum is interested in being the Council appointment to the FEDCO Board. Michael Ladd had an interested party, Charlie Sparks, reach out to him to express interest in serving on the Board. Pete Karas is also interested in being on the FEDCO Board. Ron motioned to appoint Randy, Lorie seconded and pointed out that in the case Randy couldn't attend a meeting

another should attend in his absence, carries 4-0 with Randy and Pete abstaining. Pete will fill in for Randy in any meeting Randy cannot attend.

MINUTES – Lorie motioned to approve minutes of the May 16th, Steve seconded; carries 6-0. The minutes of the May 22nd meeting were motioned for approval by Steve, Ron seconded; carries 4-0 with the correction of members mentioned absent on signature lines.

TRANSFERS –

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Prosecutor	County General	Software	Office Supply	\$572.19
To pay a Quill claim. Ron motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 6-0.				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –

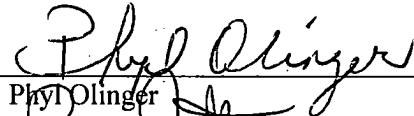
Department	Fund	For	Amount
Auditor	1181 Plat Book	Preservation Services	\$4,000
To scan transfer and plat books and add to public portal. Randy motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 6-0.			
		Other Supply-\$1,000	
		Vaccinations-\$2,000	
		Health Dept. Supplies-\$815	
Health	4111 COVID Testing & Vaccinations	Maintenance Equipment-\$500	\$4,315
To appropriate the money for immunization clinic. Randy motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 5-0. Pete voted nay.			
Highway	1176 MVH	Equipment	\$70,200
Power broom purchase. Steve motioned to approve, Pete seconded; carries 6-0.			
Communications	1222 Statewide 911	Equipment	\$43,368
Tower construction. Ron motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 5-0 with Pete abstaining.			
		Deputy Director-\$12,850	
EMA	1001 County General	OASDI-\$1,440	\$14,290
Work hours increased. Lorie motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 5-0 with Pete abstaining.			
		IT Director -\$10,000	
Network		OASDI -\$765	
Administration	County General	PERF -\$1,120	-\$11,885
Shifting wages to maintenance budget. Lorie motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 6-0.			
		Director \$5,873	
		OASDI \$600	
		PERF \$3,794	
		Health Ins. \$5,688	
		Dental Ins. \$60	
		Life Ins. \$23	
Courthouse	County General	HSA \$1,042	\$17,080
To fund the Maintenance Director position. Lorie motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 6-0.			

OLD BUSINESS – None

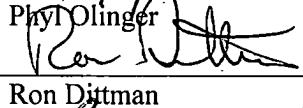
NEW BUSINESS – Phyl announced the county's portion of host fee fund collections. She thanked Steve for all the hard work to get flags for the veterans; Steve thanked Council and Commissioners and others who also contributed. Budget presentations will be held on July 18th beginning at 8:15 a.m., July 19th will be used if necessary.

ADJOURN – Ron motioned to adjourn at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Lorie; carries 6-0.

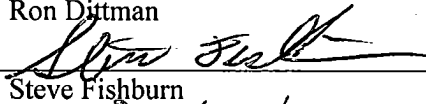
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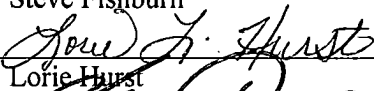
Phyl Olinger



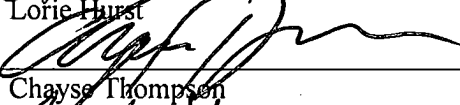
Ron Dittman



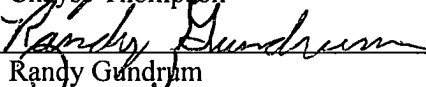
Steve Fishburn



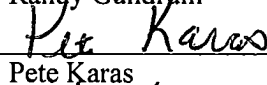
Lorie Hurst



Chayse Thompson



Randy Gundrum



Pete Karas



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