

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Date September 19, 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, September 19, 2023**

**Meeting Called to Order** at 5:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Phyl Olinger, Ron Dittman, Steve Fishburn, Lorie Hurst, Chayse Thomson, Randy Gundrum, Pete Karas and Auditor Christina Sriver.

**2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING** – Phyl read the proposed 2024 budgets for the Fulton County Airport Authority and Solid Waste Management District aloud:

1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals	5 Current Tax Levy	6 Levy Percentage Difference (Column 3 / Column 5)
0061-RAINY DAY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2101-AIRPORT AUTHORITY	\$530,600	\$391,844	\$0	\$376,773	4.00%
2190-CUMULATIVE AIRPORT BUILDING	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$34,476	1.52%
9500-Rotary Fund	\$353,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Totals	\$933,600	\$426,844	\$0	\$411,249	

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8210-SPECIAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Totals	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	

With no public comment received Lorie motioned to close the public hearing, Ron seconded; carries 7-0.

**SHERIFF** – Sheriff Heishman reported there are currently 106 inmates being held. The Homeland Security grant application for radios was denied, future funding should be kept in mind. Security for social events had previously been handled as independent contractors but liability was in question. He has found a security company that would hire the officers for security and litigation would be covered by the company. There would be no cost to the county.

**HIGHWAY** – John Flint updated on department activities including cutting brush, mowing and pugging. Construction on Bridge #50 has started and is ahead of schedule. Community Crossings paving projects of 400 S from SR 19 to 1600 E, 1600 E from SR 14 to 400 S and 650 E from Ft. Wayne Road to 500 N have been completed. The next round of projects for paving 450 N from Old US 31 to 375 W 700 N old 31 and CR 250 E should start later this month.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Gail Karas stated volunteer fire departments may request some of the county’s LIT funding due to the new law that went into effect this year. She applied HMEP (Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness) grant and EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) have been applied for. She has been looking into replacing the light on the Aubbeenaubbee tower. She will use the tower fund to pay for replacement. The change to the personnel policy for holiday pay will need to be additionally appropriated for this year and next year. Lutheran, Woodlawn and Heartland will be interviewed for ambulance services.

**GUARDIAN ADVOCATES INCORPORATED WEST DIVISION** – Linda Johnson explained what services Guardian Advocates provides including providing guardianship for seniors and incapacitated adults who are indigent or without the support of suitable family members. She is requesting county funding for 2024 in the amount of \$5,000. The budget for next year is just over \$236,000. Fulton County has a client base of 8%, which would equate to approximately \$19,000. She anticipates requesting a higher amount for 2025. They are looking for additional volunteers willing to donate approximately 5 hours of time.

**CORONER** – Jeri Good delivered the department report. There have been 138 total this year. This is National Forensic Science week. There is a new emerging drug that Jeri informed Council of.

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DONATION FUND FOR THE FULTON COUNTY JAIL CHEMICAL ADDICTION (JCAP)** – Phyl performed the third and final reading by title only. Steve motioned to approve, Randy seconded; carries 7-0.

**MINUTES** – Ron motioned to approve minutes of the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting as written and presented, Steve seconded; carries 6-0 (Pete abstained due to absence).

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –**

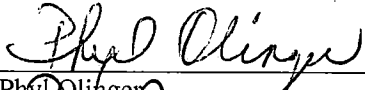
Department	Fund	For	Amount
		Deputy PT - \$14,000	
		Garage & Motor - \$30,000	
Sheriff	County General	Uniforms - \$3,000	\$47,000
Increase in fuel pricing and repairs, outfitting new deputies, and the addition of a part-time SRO. Steve motioned to approve, Ron seconded; carries 7-0.			
		Medical & Hospital -	
		\$50,000	
Jail	LIT Correctional/Rehab Facilities	Utilities - \$30,000	\$80,000
To pay for medical care for inmates and utilities for the remainder of 2023. Randy motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 7-0.			

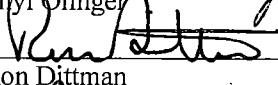
**OLD BUSINESS** – None

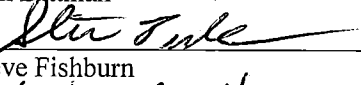
**NEW BUSINESS** – Phyl reminded Council members that they will be meeting on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

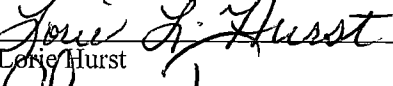
ADJOURN – Pete motioned to adjourn at 5:47 p.m., seconded by Lorie; carries 7-0.


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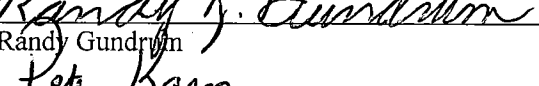
  
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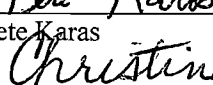
  
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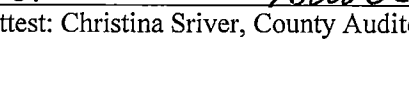
  
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Attest: Christina Sriver, County Auditor

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