

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Date October 3, 2023 (Budget Meeting)

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, October 3, 2023 (Budget Meeting)

Meeting Called to Order at 8:00 a.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 Thompson and.

BUDGET DISCUSSION – Raises were discussed at \$1/hour or \$2/hour for full-time and part-time and \$2,000/year or \$4,000/year for elected and appointed individuals. The higher raise (\$2/hour and \$4,000/annually) cannot be fit into the budgets. The lower raise (\$1/hour and \$2,000/annually). The Auditor will recalculate all budgets and Form 4Bs over a brief recess and deliver to Council for consideration prior to reconvening. Council would like to see the budgets with no increases to any supplementals for 2024 and no new supplementals added. Discussion ensued regarding raises being granted as a percentage versus a dollar amount and supplemental wages generally. Council feels the supplemental wage for meetings is not necessary for jobs performed as part of the job description. The supplemental wage for certification should be for additional education that is not required. Ron motioned to leave the supplementals the same for 2024 as reflected on the 2023 Salary Ordinance, Lorie seconded; tied with 3 ayes and 3 nays. Pete requests one supplemental in last year's budget to go away. John Geier suggested the raise that was awarded to the Highway Clerk be rolled into her hourly wages and the supplemental be eliminated. Steve suggested the Highway Clerk COMOT status be increased to award the raise rather than be awarded in a supplemental wage. Phyl reminded Steve that John did adjust her wages to reflect what Steve is suggesting. Pete motioned to amend the original motion of keeping the supplementals for 2024 the same as 2023 plus removing the meeting supplemental for the Auditor's office with no new supplements, Steve seconded; carries 5-1. The wage request for highway laborers would increase their hourly pay \$1.13/hour, the Clerk's hourly wage increase would be \$2.08 but that includes the supplemental being rolled into the wage, the head mechanic would be \$1.26/hour, the assistant mechanic would be \$1.18/hour. Ron motioned to accept the Highway department wage requests as submitted to Council, Lorie seconded; carries 6-0. When Kerry did the 2024 budget he assumed the bills had all been paid for the probation building, he found that Duke Energy had not been paid since December 2021. He paid the past due invoices and he needs to increase the budget for that building from \$25,000 to \$40,000. The budget wage should be corrected for the IT Director for 2024 from \$88,000 to \$78,000. The EMA Director position should also receive the \$2,000 wage increase.

RECESS – Council recessed at 9:24 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. to review the budgets with all adjustments.

RECONVENE – Council reconvened at 11:00 a.m. (Ron Dittman is not present for the remainder of the meeting) with the following adjustments being made: \$1/hour and \$2,000/year raises reflected with all but the Highway Department, Auditor meeting supplemental was removed, and a correction to IT Director's salary reflecting last year's reduction with the proposed 2024 increase.

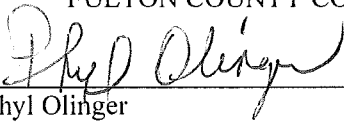
PUBLIC HEARING – Phyl read aloud the proposed 2024 budget, levy and tax rates as advertised:

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)
0101-GENERAL	\$9,661,338	\$3,561,031	\$0	\$3,458,675	2.96%
0124-2015 REASSESSMENT	\$191,869	\$270,639	\$0	\$131,747	105.42%
0790-CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	\$297,400	\$305,354	\$0	\$283,195	7.82%
0801-HEALTH	\$482,509	\$407,581	\$0	\$156,373	160.65%
2391-CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$320,000	\$411,564	\$0	\$381,698	7.82%
Totals:	10,953,116	4,956,169			

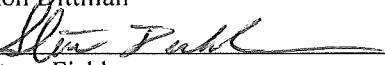
With no public comment Lorie motioned to close the public hearing, Steve seconded; carries 5-0. Lorie motioned to move forward with the 2024 budget with corrections and amendments, Randy seconded; carries 5-0. The budget will be adopted at the October 17th Council meeting.

ADJOURN – Steve motioned to adjourn at 11:22 a.m., seconded by Lorie; carries 5-0.

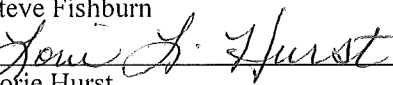
FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL



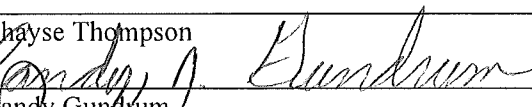
 Phyl Olinger

Ron Pittman


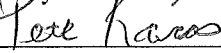
 Steve Fishburn



 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