

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, December 18, 2023

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, and David Sommers.

HIGHWAY – John Geier updated on department activities. John discussed striping on county roads 450 and 700 that was not done correctly; USI is trying to negotiate a solution. John is looking at projects for the 2024 CCMG grant call due in January. The increase of grant money available will also increase the match required. John is considering large culvert replacements for the grant application projects. Old US 31 was submitted for a federal aid funding request. Old US 31 South will be bid mid-January for summer construction. The final inspection for Bridge #50 was presented for Commissioner approval. John contacted INDOT regarding updating the Title VI policy. USI can update the policy per INDOT’s request.

COMMUNICATIONS/EMA – Gail Karas presented a contract from Crossroads for Spillman mapping for consideration. Crossroads/GIS Solutions will act as an administrator in the GIS platform for Spillman to clean it up. Mapping and ESRI intertwine with each other, the same vocabulary and crossroads will make sure the center lines populate and the communications department will create the trouble ticket and they (Crossroads) will deal with anything that is not working properly in the mapping for Spillman like our mobile mapping to be updated and a lot of other things and it just needs to work properly. They take the headache out; it’s pretty inexpensive versus hiring a full-time GIS person because we all in the county department heads have a little bit of the mapping solutions like addressing and so forth, These folks put it all together and Gail reports they’ve worked in Spillman and know Spillman and first responders, law enforcement or whatever and they’re the company that takes care of the mapping. Sometimes (users) can spend quite a few hours on one issue in Spillman and we just don’t have time for that. Gail’s department will pay a year, Josh’s department will pay a year, and Kasey, the assessor’s office, is allowed to spend some of her funds so we all have that money already allocated so there’s no appropriations needed. They’ll be sending us a claim form later once the consulting agreement is signed. Gail couldn’t remember if she had sent that to Holli or not a couple weeks ago so she sent it to her again. The agreement amount is \$8,500 for the first year, second is \$9,000 and the third year is \$9,500. One year was more than the three years combined, “We have to do some cleanup.” Commissioners can sign it by the 29th. The J & K document was signed and sent last week so they could order those radios. It does have Travis’ (Sheriff’s Department) 20 on there and then the 30 allocated for the first responders. Last but not least, Ritter Strategic Services for the quality assurance data analytic and contract compliance and reporting. One of the issues that we did have, and (Gail) will go back to the GIS mapping, is our zone layers matching up and the center lines populating which I found a few of the glitches and that will help with our reporting with Lutheran EMS including quality assurance and so forth and those reports will be more accurate. He sent an email back with regards to an appointment to the EMS board. Dr. Mann is retiring and we will need to sign a contract with another medical director that will be taking over for him. There are specifications that he has to sign off on and that could change a couple of protocols with CPR compliance and stroke and medical advice for medicine. Commissioner Ranstead stated that the county attorney needs to review prior to signing at the next meeting on the 29th. In response to Councilman Dittman’s question of providing an ambulance in Akron, until we have a signed contract Lutheran is not obligated to have an



ambulance in Akron and Gail is trying diligently to get the contract signed; she reports this as a minor hiccup and normal to work out.

CORONER – Jeri Good reported that the department has served 73 families of 192 deaths so far this year; she’s investing about 38% of deaths in the county. Students from Indiana University Kokomo toured the forensics center and she hosted an educational seminar for them. The LEPC tabletop that took place last week was fantastic, reviews are still coming in. The after-action report is due by next week sometime. There is still data and valuation to input. There was collaboration with the whole community for that. There are a couple of upcoming education opportunities she will be attending, she will be submitting travel requests. There is a mass fatality (learning opportunity) in February. She has had PERF in her budget in prior years but it has not been conveyed. She is bringing it up to get some official action. Jeri checked with the executive director for the state of Indiana and reports there are 48 counties that offer PERF to their Coroners and 4 out of 6 counties are our size. There was a glitch with the power cot on the ambulance, she budgeted for 2023 for equipment but had to move money to contracts to cover repairs.

SHERIFF – Sheriff Heishman emailed the reports last week; no questions. There were two fatal accidents at US 31 and SR 110. This afternoon there were 83 inmates; 16 on hold for Wabash County, 13 DOC, and 8 for Marshall services. He reports receiving roughly \$500,000 in revenue to-date for holding inmates. He is reviewing jail contracts and exploring options.

FEDCO – Michael Ladd will deliver a contract the next time he meets with Commissioners. Commissioners hope to have it by the 29th. There are two projects being considered for READI II: Industrial Park and the School Corporation’s learning center and childcare center. We would be the only city in the region to have a childcare center, it is one of the most importance programs the state has identified. The state will physically visit the sites on January 11th. It would be helpful to have the Commissioners present for the site visit for support. The budget is \$9 million, READI request is \$4.5 million with a \$4.5 match (Rochester City match is \$2.25 million and county match is \$2.25 million). There is no commitment for the county yet. He anticipates there will be no money coming in 2024 for these projects. The school is the only in the region who has the studies and drawings all prepared and the match is ready. One issue is that there is not enough older people who are certified for child care and the program incorporates education. There are two physical locations being considered for housing development. Michael announced the FEDCO Board including Jason Grube as President, Andrew Horstman as Vice President, Michelle Million as Treasurer, and David Heyde as immediate Past-President. The money for Blacketor is in, the contract is considered live and sometime in the summer they will start work; Michael will let Commissioners know when it begins.

COMMISSIONER’S CERTIFICATE SALE RESOLUTION – Commissioner Lewis read the proposed resolution aloud:

RESOLUTION NO. 12182023

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT TO CONDUCT A COMMISSIONERS’ SALE TO SELL TAX SALE CERTIFICATES FOR PROPERTIES THAT ARE SEVERELY DELINQUENT IN PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, there are several properties in Fulton County that are severely delinquent in the payment of property taxes, having been offered for tax sales and which received no bids equal to or in excess of minimum sale price. The parcel numbers of those properties being attached to this resolution as “**Exhibit A**”, and

WHEREAS, there is an assessed value associated with these properties for taxation purposes, but no taxes are being collected, therefore causing a lower than expected tax distribution to those taxing units and taxing districts within which the properties are located, and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Commissioners desire to have these properties back on the tax rolls with taxes being collected, and

WHEREAS, IC 6-1.1-24-6, *et. seq.* allows for the Fulton County Commissioners to acquire a lien on those delinquent properties and receive issuance of the tax sale certificates for those properties, without taking title to the properties, therefore limiting the liability and cost normally associated with taking title,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners that the County Executive shall acquire liens and receive tax sale certificates of the properties listed on **Exhibit A** that are severely delinquent and sell said certificates at a property advertised Commissioner Tax Certificate Sale.

Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH SERVICES – Commissioner Lewis tabled the proposed resolution to be addressed at the December 29th meeting.

AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ARP CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVER FUND (ORD. NO. 05172021) – The proposed amendment was tabled.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS- Approved as presented

December 18 Misc. Claims	\$ 1,254,599.80
Wheel/Sur Tax	\$ 50,825.44
8124 EMA Salary Reimbursement Grant	\$ 18,000.00
LIT Distribution	\$ 733,015.01
Utilities	\$ 13,724.77
Election Pay	\$ 1,935.00
Insurance Disbursements for 11/23-11/29	\$ 4,130.32
Insurance Disbursements for 11/16-11/22	\$ 8,045.61
Payroll 12/15	\$ 260,175.06
Payroll Deductions 12/15	\$ 115,591.81

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Communications	1235 LIT PSAP	19004 Overtime	19005 Holiday Compensation	\$1,560.00
Covering the cost the Holiday pay going from 9 hours to 12 hours.				

		12046 Health		
0530 Highway	1176 MVH	Ins.	10217 Asst. Supt.	\$640.00
To cover reimbursement of overage of vacation days remaining at anniversary date of Assistant Superintendent				
0162				
Courthouse Annex	1001 County General	36303 Snow Removal	3300 Clean Service	\$4,000.00
To cover year-end cleaning services cost				
0161	1001 County	36303 Snow		
Courthouse	General	Removal	33000 Clean Service	\$5,125.00
To cover year-end cleaning service cost				
9638 Vac. Admn. Bldg.	1001 County General	38800 Equip./Maint.	33000 Clean Service	\$2,400.00
To cover year-end cleaning service cost				
0303	1235 LIT	32103 Repair & Maint.	39103 Training	\$300.00
Communications	PSAP			
Memberships for the National Number Association to provide 911 Training				
0201 Superior Court	1001 County General	31102 Mileage	31103 Professional Fees	\$200.00
To pay annual dues				
		19004 Overtime-\$3,000	12025 Maint. Engineer-\$3,310	
0313 Jail Maintenance	1001 County General	11202 OASDI-\$360	12400 PERF-\$50	\$3,360.00
To fund payroll for the remainder of 2023				
			11016 Health Officer-\$5	
0197 Health	1159 Health	12007 Clerk	12029 Food Service Inspector-\$40	\$45.00
To cover end of year payroll for Health Officer and Food Service Inspector				
			31011 Cont. Ed.-\$667	
0009 Prosecutor	1001 County General	31400 Comp. Maint. Software	31102 Mileage-\$362.25	\$1,029.25
To cover the cost of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney Council Winter Conference				
0531 Highway Maint. & Repair	1176 MVH	33800 Drainage Assess.	30130 Uniform Rental	\$1,500.00
To cover remaining Cintas invoices through the remainder of the year				
0063 Drainage Board	1001 County General	31501 Engineering Fees	32001 Legal Consult	\$832.96
Not enough money in budget to pay lawyer for drainage board meetings				
0235 Probation	1001 County General	12046 Health Ins.	12060 HSA	\$1,300.00
To cover health insurance for remainder of year				
1179 Park & Rec	0301 Parks Dept.	32003 Misc. Costs	31500 Contract	\$68.00
To cover claims submitted in December				

ENCUMBRANCES – Approved as presented

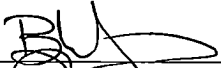
Department	Fund	Account	Amount
0063 Drainage Board For Bannings invoice	1001 County General	31501 Engineering Fees	\$4,167.04

OLD BUSINESS – None

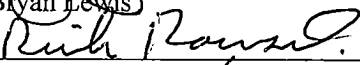
NEW BUSINESS – None

RECESS – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 6:56 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Sommers; carries 3-0.


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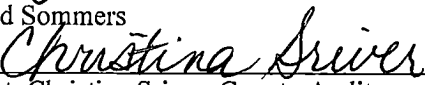
Bryan Lewis



Rick Ranstead



David Sommers



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

