

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

**Meeting Called to Order** at 6:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, David Sommers, County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer. and Auditor Christina Sriver.

**P & C INSURANCE** – Michael Bowditch of Consolidated Union reviewed the property and casualty insurance renewal for 2024. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the renewal, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT** – A cooperative agreement with Miami County was presented for consideration. The agreement is for partnering in a utility planning study for wastewater and stormwater infrastructure around the unincorporated area of Nyona and South Mud Lakes, Fulton County and within the town of Macy, Miami County. The goal of this study is to obtain a minimum of 3 recommendations regarding the wastewater and stormwater needs of those communities that will be utilized to address flooding and sewage backups in both communities. The study is necessary for an OCRA grant application. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the agreement, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

**TAX SALE ANDENDUM** – A Commissioners Certificate Sale Services Addendum to the SRI Tax Sale Services Agreement was presented for consideration. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

**SHERIFF** – Sheriff Heishman reported on the month of December activities. He presented a memorandum of understanding in the amount of \$2,500 for Akron and Kewanna for Spillman. There is first responder training will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 at the justice building.

**HIGHWAY** – John updated on the department activities. The increase from \$1 to \$1.5 million in the Community Crossings grants also increases the county's match. The recommended projects are:

- 400 North from State Road 17 to 1200 West (Pulaski Co Line 1.7 mile)
- 600 North from State Road 17 to 1200 West (Pulaski Co Line 1.7 mile)
- Blacketor Drive from City limits to cult-de-sac (.19 mile)
- 900 West (Old 17) from Olson Road to State Road 110 (2.3 mile)
- Multiplate Culvert 375 West (Grube Ditch) between 350 South and 200 South
- Box Culvert 250 East (Mud Creek) between 675 South and 200 East
- Bio Restore 400 South from State Road 19 to Co Road 1600 East (4mile)
- Bio Restore 1600 East from 400 South to State Road 14 (.3 mile)
- Bio Restore 650 East from Fort Wayne Road to 500 North (3.37 mile)
- Bio Restore 450 North from Old US 31 to 375 West (4.4 mile)
- Bio Restore 700 North from Old US 31 to 250 East (1.6 miles)

John would also like to add 1175 W from 75 N to the county line and 75 N from 1100 W to 1200 W. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the financial commitment letter for projects, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0. John presented a letter to adopt Blacketor Drive into county maintenance for the Community Crossings grant. John discussed right-of-ways needed for bridge projects. Non-



response from one property owner that would be affected may lead to condemnation. There will be a meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to open bids for the Old US 31 South project. John presented an authorization to proceed on-call agreement for an ADA Transition Plan and Title VI Implementation Plan Updates for a fee of \$26,300. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the agreement pending Council approval for funding, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS/EMA** – Gail Karas stated that northern districts are under travel advisory and won't be lifted until temperatures rise. On January 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a meeting to discuss plans for the homeless and heating/cooling centers. She discussed including this in the comprehensive plan for the county that is currently being updated. She discussed providing blankets and pillows that have accumulated from Red Cross. She will have a meeting with Taylor Friday; Commissioner Sommers and Ranstead will attend. She delivered texting to 911 reports. Commissioner Ranstead offered to attend the meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> if needed. Gail stated that the purpose is to collaborate and let them know that on the emergency side how we can't attend or babysit those individuals with their needs if we aren't trained in that mental illness the responders are and they can volunteer with those groups. The rest of the towns will need to be involved. Gail asked if Commissioners reviewed the ambulance, Commissioner Ranstead stated that he reviewed it and sent it to the County Attorney; Gail will forward to the County Attorney. Gail sent Barry a few clarifications for the minimum requirement to go down to 8 instead of 10 especially for the rural agencies. Gail went on to say that she is asking for a minimum of 10 who are trained. She stated that you may get 6 or 8 EMRs who are trained and working full-time jobs.

**FEDCO** – Michael Ladd presented a one-year contract with FEDCO for economic services for 2024. He will be updating the website to be more competitive. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Michael also presented a resolution to run a county-wide program to allow FEDCO to start the housing study up again. Commissioner Lewis read proposed Resolution 01162024 aloud. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to perform the second reading by title only, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Commissioner Lewis performed the second reading by title only. The third and final reading will be held at the next meeting. Michael feels strongly that the READI II grant projects for Rochester Schools and Blacketor Drive will be approved. Michael is planning an educational opportunity on TIF districts to be presented by Baker Tilly.

**AKRON LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT** – Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve Michael Love to the Akron Carnegie Public Library board, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS** – Travel authorizations were approved as presented.

**MINUTES** – The minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup> were motioned for approval to the best of their knowledge by Commissioner Ranstead, seconded by Commissioner Sommers; carries 3-0. and January 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings were motioned for approval to the best of their knowledge by Commissioner Ranstead, seconded by Commissioner Sommers; carries 3-0.

**CLAIMS-** Approved as presented

Insurance fees for December	\$ 41,262.50
Insurance Disbursements for 11/30-12/06	\$ 25,103.44
Insurance Disbursements for 12/7-12/13	\$ 16,422.38
Insurance Disbursements for 12/14-12/20	\$ 27,538.90
Insurance Disbursements for 12/21-12/27	\$ 15,211.08
Payroll for 1/12	\$ 308,478.77
Payroll Deductions for 1/12	\$ 100,538.72

Utilities	\$ 10,135.03
LIT Distribution	\$ 743,615.08
Wheel/Sur Tax	\$ 53,265.58
Regions/Bond Payment	\$ 384,736.000
Misc. Claims 1/16/24	\$ 1,242,006.37

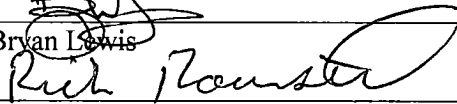
**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – The upstairs bathroom in the annex building will be made ADA compatible due to the lower level restrooms clogging.

**RECESS** – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 7:06 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Sommers; carries 3-0.

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Bryan Lewis

  
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Rick Ranstead

  
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David Sommers

  
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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

