

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, October 16, 2023**

**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.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE BID OPENING** – Three qualified vendors attended the proposal meeting and submitted bids: Lutheran, Parkview and Heartland. Heartland’s bid on option one was received at \$1,350,000 per year for four years, option 2 was received at \$900,000 per year for four years. Lutheran’s bid was received at \$0 2024, \$400,000 for 2025, \$420,000 for 2026 and \$421,000 for 2027. Parkview’s bid was received at \$2,400,000 for 2024, 1,200,000 for 2025, \$1,200,000, and \$950,000 for 2026. Bids will be taken under advisement.

**FEDCO** – Michael Ladd reported that he was contacted by Commonwealth for a project in Kewanna. The current water treatment plant is a well that chlorine is added to and it carries heavy levels of iron, arsenic and manganese. The cost of updating the system is \$6.6 million. A grant has been secured to cover \$6 million of the project. The town is requesting a short-term loan of \$500,000 to avoid a bond. The loan will cover the overall design of the project. The loan is anticipated to be paid back by April of 2024. A loan agreement was presented for Commissioner’s consideration. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve the loan pending Council approval for funding and County Attorney approval of the contract, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0. There will be a conference call next Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> regarding the housing study from 1-2 p.m. Michael belongs to a regional group that is in the beginning stages of planning for the READI grant requests. The state is working on a new definition of economic development to include agriculture.

**NYONA/SOUTH MUD LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT** – Resolution 10162023 was read aloud:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH  
COMMITMENT**

**RESOLUTION # 10162023**

**RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CDBG  
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA  
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED  
MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana recognizes the need to maintain a sound and efficient water infrastructure for all County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low- and moderate-income persons; and



WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana has conducted or will conduct public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low- and moderate-income residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana that:

1. The Fulton County Board of Commissioners President is authorized to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address the need for a study of the wastewater and stormwater systems located in the Nyona South Mud Lake Conservancy District, and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. The Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby commits the requisite local funds in the amount of Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$6,480), in the form of cash from the Nyona South Mud Lake Conservancy District Operation and Maintenance Fund as matching funds for said program, such commitment to be contingent upon receipt of CDBG funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve resolution 10162023, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; with no public comment the motion carries 3-0.

Resolution 10162023A was read aloud:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT**

**RESOLUTION # 10162023A**

**RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana is applying for a Community Development Block Grant, a Water Infrastructure Planning Grant, from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County, Indiana will provide all required local matching funds;

BE IT RESOLVED by Fulton County Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana that:

Upon the Water Infrastructure Planning Grant award, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners shall provide matching funds in the amount of Six-Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty (\$6,480). These funds shall be derived from the following:

Nyona South Mud Lake Conservancy District Operation & Maintenance Fund: \$6,480

All funds are available and committed as local match for the Water Infrastructure Planning Grant project.

Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve resolution 10162023, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; with no public comment the motion carries 3-0.

**HIGHWAY** – CERES Solutions submitted a bid for fuel for 2024. Regular 87 is \$2.3971/gallon, premium diesel \$3.3111/gallon, furnace oil of 5,000 gallons or less \$3.6141/gallon, for 20,000 gallons or less premium diesel \$3.3141/gallon. Bid will be reviewed by the county attorney and taken under advisement until the next meeting. John Geier presented permit request 23-24 for consideration. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. A wide load permit was motioned for approval by Commissioner Sommers, seconded by Commissioner Ranstead; carries 3-0. John updated on department activities including cutting brush, pugging and changing the culvert on 400 East. John would like to purchase a used roller for \$70,000. A new purchase would cost \$200,000. Commissioners encourage John to approach Council with the request. Commissioners approve a title sheet from USI to approve a paving plan for Old U.S. Hwy 31. John presented a financial commitment letter for a grant match of \$1.6 million.

**SHERIFF** – Sheriff Heishman announced JCAP graduation was well attended with 70-75 in attendance. Another class will begin at the beginning of 2024, he hopes to have two classes next year. He would like to auction two vehicles. EMA is interested in one of the vehicles he would otherwise send to auction; Commissioners approve.

**CORONER** – Jeri reported that she has served 57 families so far this year. There have been 157 deaths in the county so far this year.

**COMMUNICATIONS/EMA** – The volunteer fire departments will be requesting LIT funds from Council. They will also be requesting additional ARPA funds. She would like to purchase radios and can partially pay using 911 funds.

**GIS LIMITED USE AGREEMENT** – An agreement from Commonwealth Associates was presented for consideration. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

**HOLIDAY 2024 SCHEDULE** – The proposed holidays for 2024 were presented for consideration:

New Year's Day	Monday	January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 15, 2024
Good Friday	Friday	March 29, 2024
Primary Election Day	Tuesday	May 7, 2024
Memorial Day	Monday	May 27, 2024
Independence Day	Thursday	July 4, 2024
Labor Day	Monday	September 2, 2024
General Election Day	Tuesday	November 5, 2024
Veterans Day	Monday	November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 28, 2024
Lincoln's Birthday	Friday	November 29, 2024
Washington's Birthday	Tuesday	December 24, 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday	December 25, 2024

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

**WOODLAWN HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT** – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve Harry Webb, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

**MINUTES** – The minutes of October 2 meeting were motioned for approval by Commissioner Ranstead, seconded by Commissioner Ranstead; carries 3-0.

**CLEANING CONTRACT** – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to enter into a contract with TKE, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

**CLAIMS-** Approved as presented

Insurance disbursement for 9/21-27	\$ 5,369.83
Insurance disbursement for 9/14-20	\$ 27,790.43
Insurance disbursement for 10/5-11	\$ 5,729.36
Insurance disbursement for October fees	\$ 43,002.74
Insurance disbursement for September 28-October 4	\$ 6,714.89
Insurance disbursement for 9/7-9/13	\$ 4,256.06
Payroll 10/6	\$ 261,308.79
Payroll deductions 10/6	\$ 92,051.39
Utilities	\$ 24,334.02
Misc. Claims 10/16	\$ 274,863.61

**TRANSFERS** – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Treasurer	County General	Dues	Cont. Ed-\$270.00 Mileage-\$50.00	\$320.00
Shortfall				
Assessor	County General	Dues	Legal Ad	\$100.00
To cover ads for upcoming PTABOA hearing.				
Assessor	Reassessment	Maint. Equip.	Printing	\$500.00
Printing for replacement car magnets and business cards				
Circuit Court	County General	Mental Evaluations	Law Books	\$426.00
To purchase law books				
Superior Court	County General	Postage	Witness Fees	\$350.00
To pay interpreter				


**OLD BUSINESS** – None


**NEW BUSINESS** – Kathy Adamson, Treasurer, stated she has discussed with Commissioners Sommers and Ranstead that she has a shortage of storage space. She requests a simple storage building be built at the old jail site.

Lauren Laymer requested having his road paved: 475 North off of 1100 W. The road washes out with a hard rain. He is asking that ½ mile be paved to prevent the washout. Commissioners will discuss with the highway department.

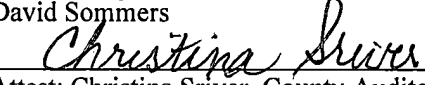
**RECESS** – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 7:17 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Sommers; carries 3-0.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS

  
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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

