

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, May 6, 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, David Sommers, County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer, and Auditor Christina Sriver.

EMS SERVICE – Commissioner Ranstead announced a contract for EMS services should be available by next week.

FEDCO CONTRACT AMENDMENT – Commissioner Lewis discussed the contract amendment for FEDCO services for 2024. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the 2024 contract with NCIRPC, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

USE OF COUNTY GROUNDS – Roots Yoga (Lindsay Barts) requests permission to use the old jail grounds; Commissioners approve.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve Greg Mellinger to the Woodlawn Hospital Board of Trustees, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

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

HIGHWAY – John Geier opened bids for community crossings projects:
 Project #1: W 400 N from SR 17 to N 725 E (CR 1200 W)
 Project #2: N 900 W (Old SR 17) from W 600 W (Olson Rd.) to SR 110
 Project #3: W 600 N from county line to SR 17
 Project #4: W 75 N from N 700 N (county line/CR 1200 W) to N 1100 W
 Project #5: Main Street from W 75 N to county line

Project:	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Brooks Construction	\$365,127.50	\$424,228.00	\$375,857.40	\$119,767.00	\$109,451.00	\$1,394,430.90
Phend & Brown	\$366,327.50	\$431,921.00	\$378,895.40	\$117,690.00	\$111,713.00	\$1,406,546.90
E & B Paving	\$382,299.50	\$456,798.00	\$397,166.40	\$121,092.00	\$111,956.00	\$1,469,311.90

SHERIFF – Sheriff Heishman stated there are 74 inmates this morning: 24 are out-of-county inmates, 7 federal inmates and 4 DOC holds. He presented an interlocal agreement for holding Grant County inmates.



MAINTENANCE – Kerry Fear stated a boiler at the courthouse was replaced. A chiller needs replaced at the courthouse. He hopes to order in the fall to be installed before next spring. Compressors on another chiller are going out. LED lights are in and will begin installation by the end of the week; all should be replaced by the end of the year. TP Mechanics have been servicing the HVAC units and the contract is up for renewal. Core Mechanics have given a contract renewal of \$15,219. OJS also submitted a quote for \$17,661. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the contract with Core Mechanical, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

JAIL MAINTENANCE – Chad Calvert presented quotes from OJS and Core Mechanical for contract renewal for HVAC maintenance. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the Core Mechanical contract in the amount of \$14,306, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

COMMUNICATIONS/EMA – Gail Karas presented the monthly reports. She and her assistant attended the Director's Summit recently. She attended a District II meeting to work together for mutual aid and future grants. She met with Red Cross last week. This Thursday will be a school walkthrough for a safety grant.

CORONER – Jeri Good gave the report for the year to date. She will be attending an educational seminar next week.

IT DEPARTMENT – The Auditor's office has begun the paperless claims process. The phones are outdated and no longer supported by RTC; they will be replaced. An email will go out to department heads to review their web page for updates. The camera outside the courthouse has been replaced.

FEDCO – Michael Ladd announced he has submitted the Stellar Communities application. READI II projects are being reviewed and cut due to funds received are not enough to cover all projects. He and Charlie Sparks have applied for two Duke Energy grants. The next step in the housing study is to select a developer.

FULTON COUNTY HOPE – Amy Roe said the transportation study is complete. The Beaman home reviewed the information sent from the committee and are looking at a part time position for a home here in Fulton County.

TRANSPO – The quarterly budget was delivered.

GRANT COUNTY CONTRACT FOR HOUSING INMATES – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

HIGHWAY – John Geier presented permits for consideration. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve permit 24-17, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 24-18 was motioned for approval by Commissioner Ranstead, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 24-19 was motioned for approval and fee waiver by Commissioner Ranstead, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 24-20 was motioned for approval by Commissioner Sommers, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0. Permit 24-21 was motioned for approval by Commissioner Sommers, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0. John updated on the department activities including changing culverts, patching and running the brush cutter. INDOT will be closing SR 25, there is a detour prepared. The shortening of a bridge causes a speed limit change per federal guidelines. He has performed a traffic study to support the lower speed limit. Commissioner Lewis performed the first reading of Ordinance 05062024:

BEFORE THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Ordinance Number 05062024

An ordinance establishing speed limit on part of County Road 800 West near Grass Creek, in Wayne Township.

Whereas, the Fulton County Highway Department and the Fulton County Sheriff have completed a traffic study of County Road 800 West as described in Subsection One.

It is therefore ordained, that the speed limits set forth in subsection none supersedes all prior speed limits at this location.

It is further ordained, that Fulton County Highway Department post appropriate speed limit signs to advise motorists of the speed limit at this location.

(Subsection One)
SPEED ZONE FOR COUNTY ROAD 800 West

Forty-five mile per hour (45 M.P.H.) speed zone on County Road 800 West starting at State Road 17 and continuing South for five thousand two hundred eighty (5,280) feet, ending speed zone at County Road 850 South.

Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the second reading by title only, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Commissioner Lewis performed the second reading by title only. John would like to crack seal south of the bridge, he has included Zebra, Park and _ in the quote. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. An employee is requesting a six week leave of absence without pay due to injury. Commissioner Sommers motioned to approve, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries. The Clerk will be terminating employment July 11th, he will advertise the opening. He would like 4-6 weeks of training. Brooks construction was the low bid for community crossings projects. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

MINUTES – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the minutes of April 15, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

CLAIMS- Approved as presented

Insurance disbursements 4/11/24-4/17/2	\$ 63,417.08
Payroll 4-19-24	\$ 268,963.35
Payroll deductions 4-19-24	\$ 121,300.86
Tax Sale – interest redemption owed to buyer	\$ 466.65
Solid Waste District – host fees	\$ 33,333.33
Utilities	\$ 20,269.32
May 6 Misc. Claims	\$ 233,920.34
Credit Card	\$ 8,732.57
Payroll 5/3/24	\$ 278,683.96
Payroll deductions 5/3/24	\$ 98,652.90

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Treasurer Budget shortfall	County General	Legal Fees	Mileage	\$250.00
Treasurer Budget shortfall	County General	Legal Fees	Continuing Ed	\$250.00
Treasurer Budget shortfall	County General	Dues	Shredding	\$75.00
Communications Per diem	LIT PSAP	Mileage	Training	\$1,000

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS- Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Communications Portable radios	Host Fee	Equipment	\$135,378.00

OLD BUSINESS – Gail Karas stated the warning sirens are maintained by the Township Trustees.


NEW BUSINESS – None

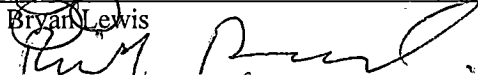
RECESS – The meeting was recessed at 10:06 a.m. for an executive meeting and reconvened at 10:29 a.m.

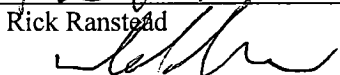
AFFIDAVIT – Commissioner Sommers motioned to sign an affidavit pertaining to a lawsuit that has been filed, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; carries 3-0.

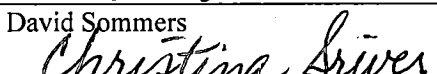
RECESS – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

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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