

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Date February 20, 2024

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, February 20, 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 5:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Phyl Olinger, Steve Fishburn, Lorie Hurst, Randy Gundrum, Chayse Thompson, Pete Karas. and Auditor Representative Chantal Rensberger. Not present: Ron Dittman.

RAMCO ABATMENT – Lauren Adley speaks on abatement for Marvin Ramer, Ramer Properties and Ramco. Asking for Tax Abatement due to expansion and hiring of 5-7 new employees. Wages averaging \$45,000/year, \$1.9 million expansion, \$1.2 million equipment. Real Estate and Personal Property, 10-year abatement for each. This is located in an economic development district. Lorie responded about never giving a 10-year abatement, possible sliding scale. Council will need to discuss if they be open to 7 years to personal property abatement but fears it may hurt in the long run. Typically, in the past we have given 5-year abatements for personal property. Steve Fishburn would like to help out as much as possible. Randy Gundrum states that in order to give an abatement, must give a good wage. Chayse Thompson would like to see a ten year for the personal property due to good employees. Lauren states 15-17 employees added per year. Randy Gundrum appreciates the fact he has employees and it keeps him grounded. Steve motions for 10-year tax abatement, Randy 2nd, motion 3-3. Nay Phil Olinger, Pete Karas, and Lorie Hurst. Yay Randy Gundrum, Steve Fishburn, and Chayse Thompson. Marvin Ramer speak and is thankful for whatever Fulton County to give to help. Phil Olinger changes vote to yes, 4-3 for Personal Property. 10-year abatement on Real Estate, Steve Motions, Randy 2nd, Motion carries 6-0.

PARK BOARD – Bill Walsh delivered the department report to Council. A spreadsheet for fund 1179 and Grants and donations received throughout the years has been created. Spoke briefly on Prairie's Edge and Bark Park. Mark states that eventually they are going to have to get employees and will have to ask for county funding as they will not be there forever.

FULTON COUNTY H.O.P.E. – Amy Roe speaks about the updates of Fulton County H.O.P.E and the needs of Fulton County. They are providing awareness through Facebook, online, brochures with phone numbers, mass mailings, and at the Library with chats for provider awareness. Presently they are working on a 2-year plan for what HOPE is wanting to achieve throughout the community.

SHERIFF – Derek Halterman stated there are 90 inmates in jail, 30 holding for Wabash County, 14 Federal inmates and 14 DOC inmates. Invoiced \$67,000 in inmate housing. \$551,000 in inmate housing fund. Deputy Jay Salientes has started week 8 at the academy. Deputy Rick Utter will be the new SRO for Rochester Community Schools. Deputy Scott will train Utter. AED have been deployed with the deputies. Two Tahoes were ordered for 2024 and will replace the Durangos that are used for K-9s. Insurance is settling for the Ford Taurus that was struck on 31, \$9,500.00 settlement with \$500 deductible that our insurance is going after the other person's insurance to pay for. They are also going to try and get equipment paid for.

EMA/COMMUNICATIONS- Gail Karas states 20 radios up and running for Sheriff Department. The fire department are being programmed but not in our possession. Gail has all assets out at EMA and they will get shut off if not being used. Moving forward, county will be using the 800 system. EMA- Dawn Sewell here and introduced. This is National EMA Week, IDHS did interview Fulton County and it is

being shared all over nationally and on Facebook page. There are 20 volunteers along with Gail. Nominated as growing and exceling with communication in Indiana. Phyl asks about more work to do and upgrading, Gail states there is more work to do and moving EMS, Law Enforcement are on 800 along with Fire Departments on board with 800 pager systems and getting them programmed. Contract discussed, but not have the bill yet for it. Radios coming out of 911 funds, no need for appropriations. They are needing to update bathroom to ADA compliance. Need to replace doors and windows and starting to replace doors first. The Ford they obtained from Sheriff department needs to go to the shop. There should be no other big expenditures.

HIGHWAY – John Geier states brush cutter has been down Olson Rd and has been running quite a bit. Trees are being cut with REMC. Old 31 South changing culverts and county tiles with a federal aid grant and will repave the road (Phend and Brown). There is a lot of work going on and taking advantage of nice weather. Updating ADA and Title VI plans and will offer training on the 2/29/2024 with Department Heads and they will go back and train employees. March will present to commissioners and April will be adopted. It is mandatory for Federal Funding.

MINUTES – Lorie Hurst motioned to approve minutes of the July 18, 2023 budget meeting and Steve Fishburn seconded; carries 6-0. August 15, 2023 budget meeting, Pete Karas was not in attendance, Lorie Hurst motions to approve, Steven Fishburn seconds. 5-0. August 30, 2023 budget meeting, Randy Gundrum not in attendance, Lorie Hurst motions to approve, Chayse Thompson seconds 5-0. September 12, 2023 budget meeting, Lorie Hurst motions to approve, Steve Fishburn seconds. 6-0. October 3, 2023, Chayse Thompson not present. Lori motions to approve, Randy seconds, 5-0. November 6, 2023 minutes Chayse motions, Steve seconds. 6-0. January 17, 2024 minutes Randy motions, Pete seconds. 6-0

TRANSFERS –

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Annex 0162	1001	36003	41004	\$7,899.04
New conference room table and chairs for Commissioners small conference room at Annex building. Pete motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 6-0.				
Courthouse 0161	1001	36003	41004	\$19,165.95
New conference room tables and chairs for first floor courthouse conference rooms, Judges and lawyer meeting rooms. Lorie motioned to approve, Pete seconded; carries 6-0.				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Highway	LRS	23000	\$8,590
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Steve motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 6-0.			
Communications	LIT PSAP	33000	\$2,550
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Lorie motioned to approve, Randy seconded; carries 5-0 (Pete abstained)			
Sheriff	Fulton Co. Comm. Host Fee Fund	31400	\$17,299
		41003	\$145,823
IT	Fulton Co. Comm. Host Fee Fund	41110	\$113,613
Courthouse	Fulton Co. Comm. Host Fee Fund	36003	\$2,802
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Lorie motioned to approve, Chayse seconded; carries 6-0			
Prosecuting Attorney	Pretrial Diversion Program Fee	41004	\$936.00
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Steve motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 6-0			

Probation	Alcohol & Drug Svcs Prog. Fee	21000	\$230
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Steve motioned to approve, Pete seconded; carries 6-0			
Probation	Supplemental Juv. Probation Serv.	32010	\$115
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Lorie motioned to approve, Randy seconded; carries 6-0			
Probation	Supplemental Probation	34500	\$195
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Lorie motioned to approve, Pete seconded; carries 6-0			
Sheriff	Sheriff's Firearms Destruction	22100	\$339
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Steve motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 6-0			
Sheriff	Extradition & Sheriff's Assist	24100	\$17
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Lorie motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 6-0			
Auditor	Cum. Cap. Dev.	35002	\$400
Sheriff	Cum. Cap. Dev.	44100	\$7,916
IT	Cum. Cap. Dev.	41110	\$45,083
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Lorie motioned to approve, Randy seconded; carries 6-0			
Assessor	Sales Disclosures	31102	\$188
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Steve motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 6-0			
		39103	\$179
Probation	Community Corrections	22001	\$61
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Randy motioned to approve, Pete seconded; carries 6-0			
		21000	\$1,623
Area Plan	EDIT	32400	\$103
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Steve motioned to approve, Pete seconded; carries 6-0			
Auditor	County General	21000	\$921.00
Coroner	County General	21000	\$859.00
		22103	\$125.00
		31011	\$250.00
		31038	\$10,000
		31102	\$800.00
		31103	\$375.00
Prosecuting Attorney	County General	21000	
		31400	\$641.00
		39106	
County Extension	County General	21000	\$20.00
Superior Court	County General	21000	\$395.00
		31213	\$350.00
4-D Program	County General	21000	\$2,617.00
		32301	\$23,500.00
Sheriff	County General	22000	\$8,900.00
		30103	\$146.00
		45002	\$8,468.00
EMA	County General	22001	\$21.00
Building Maint. Jail	County General	22101	\$1,968.00
		22104	\$516.00
		33000	295.00
Commissioners	County General	30041	\$234.00
		31001	\$2,409.00
		32400	\$270.00

		38000	\$300.00
		38101	\$100.00
Assessor	County General	30135	\$16.00
Clerk	County General	31011	\$450.00
County Extension	County General	31102	\$852.00
County Election Board	County General	31102	\$238.00
IT	County General	31106	\$9,573.00
		31400	\$45,503.00
		31401	\$19,420.00
		41003	\$107,635.00
		41110	\$104,725.00
Courthouse Annex	County General	38800	\$153.00
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Lorie motioned to approve, Chayse seconded; carries 6-0.			
		21107	\$6,275.00
		21108	\$3,307.00
Tourism	Convention, Visitor, Tourism	31300	\$6,600.00
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Pete motioned to approve, Chayse seconded; carries 6-0.			
		20021	\$256.00
		31003	\$439.00
		31006	\$200.00
Jail	LIT Correct/Rehab Facilities	39106	\$9,551.00
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Lorie motioned to approve, Steve seconded; carries 6-0.			
		21104	\$100.00
		31400	\$12,000.00
		31500	\$7,509.00
Assessor	Reassessment	32030	\$375.00
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Steve motioned to approve, Lorie seconded; carries 6-0.			
Recorder	Recorders Records Perpetuation	31400	\$1,120.00
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Steve motioned to approve, Randy seconded; carries 6-0.			
Highway Admin.	MVH	31007	\$809.00
		32010	\$87.00
		36005	\$35.00
Highway Maint./Repair	MVH	22102	\$3,043
		22800	\$13.00
		30130	\$794.00
		33900	\$613.00
		34100	\$90.00
Highway Mechanic	MVH	22001	\$16,834.00
		36005	\$203.00
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Lorie motioned to approve, Chayse seconded; carries 6-0.			
		21000	\$984.00
		21007	\$25.00
		21100	\$577.00
		31001	\$35.00
		31400	\$20,693.00
		36000	\$348.00
Sheriff	LIT Public Safety	44000	\$21,480.00
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Lorie motioned to approve, Chayse seconded; carries 6-0.			

		21000	\$119
		31102	\$185
Health	Health	32102	\$26
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Steve motioned to approve, Randy seconded; carries 6-0.			
		22003	\$68.00
		31500	\$600.00
		32301	\$84.00
Park and Rec	Park Nonreverting Operating	33000	\$150.00
To cover claims from 12/29/23. Steve motioned to approve, Pete seconded; carries 6-0.			

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Steve Fishburn thanks Chantal for giving him the funding agreement for the Legion flags. Phyl asks to explain how this funding agreement works and Steve explains that money will go to the Legion to get the flags and whatever is left will go into Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard Fund. Rick would like the Council to sign the document as well due to being in Council budget.

Phyl states County portion received in host fee fund in October and November of 2023, the total amount was \$91,495.27

Gail would like to be emailed about what was appropriated for her budget.

ADJOURN – Steve Fishburn motioned to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Seconded by Chayse Thompson ; carries 6-0.

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Ron Dittman

Phyl Olinger

Steve Fishburn

Lorie Hurst

Chayse Thompson

Randy Gundrum

Pete Karas

Christina Sriver
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