

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Date March 13, 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 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
& FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, David Sommers, Ron Dittman, Phyl Olinger, Steve Fishburn, Lorie Hurst, Chayse Thompson and Pete Karas. Not present: Randy Gundrum.


EMS SERVICES – Barry Ritter, Ritter Strategic Services, gave an update of events to date regarding EMS services. A formal RFP process was as well as and community outreach with public input for future EMS services. Lutheran had the lowest proposal over the life of the contract but have recently notified the county of terminating service and withdrew the proposal for future services. Negotiations are now going forward with Heartland for providing EMS services, the proposed amount is unchanged. Ron Dittman stated that the payment for services does not have to be paid in full upfront. A local income tax (LIT) expenditure rate is available for EMS services and the intent of the county is to increase the LIT to accommodate the services. An increase of 0.20% would generate approximately \$1.2 million. There will be public meetings and hearings prior to implementing a tax. A member of the audience pointed out that Lutheran has transported to their Fort Wayne hospital for the majority but if Heartland comes in transports can be taken to any hospital.


Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the letter dated March 1 through June 30 to cover EMS services, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Commissioner Ranstead motioned for Ritter Strategic Services to continue negotiations with Heartland for EMS services, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0.

ADJOURN – Commissioner Sommers motioned to recess at 6:16 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ranstead; carries 9-0.

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Bryan Lewis



Rick Ranstead


David Sommers

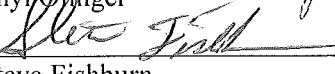
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Ron Dittman



Phyl Olinger



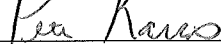
Steve Fishburn



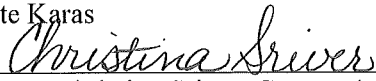
Lorie Hurst

Chayse Thompson
(absent)

Randy Gundrum



Pete Karas



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

