

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTESDate March 19, 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, March 19, 2024

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

HIGHWAY – John Geier updates about patching on Old 31 South. Phend and Brown will pave in the near future, meeting with them next Tuesday. Federal Aid Project: plan on doing this project April or May this year. Culverts and Tiles have been updated so paving can begin. Cutting trees with REMC. Federal aid was awarded for Old 31 North, finally received after 3rd time trying for it. Received \$5,784,000.00 in Federal Aid. They will be adding buggy lanes with this project. They have been awarded \$13.3 million in Federal Aid and \$2.7 million was matched. Community Crossings: 23 completed projects since 2016, which comes to \$7.5 million, with \$3.1 million in county funds matched (sur/tax wheel tax money). INDOT will be closing Mill Creek Bridge in Fulton on April 3, 2024 and be reduced down to one lane. Mud Creek bridge will close after July 4, 2025, 500-400 S, ST Rd 25, will have a detour. There will be a lot of construction on SR 25 this summer.

COMMUNICATIONS – Nothing to report.

SHERIFF – Matt Utter discusses February reports. The 2023 Jail Report emailed on March 1st. Jail Population today is at 69 inmates: 20 inmates Wabash, 8 Federal, 4 DOC. \$70,252.00. A Sheriff trailer purchased for real data, a 2017 Ford Explorer purchased. A shed on 450 N was vandalized this past weekend, so Pike Garage Door will come out and repair and it will cost \$1,050.00

FEDCO – Michael Ladd reported READI II projects to be announced on April 11th. In the last seven days he has been speaking with 5 different housing developers, with two more scheduled. He has been meeting to discuss projects and there is a lot of interest in housing. The Housing Hub will be attending meetings this summer to discuss housing sites and construction. He has applied for two Grants with Duke energy for \$10,000 and \$5,000. Rochester City has requested to work together with county and FEDCO on a website. The state recently announced that Stellar Grants are back open. County should partner with Akron, Kewanna, Rochester, and Fulton. The Stellar grant has a potential of bringing \$10-\$13 million to the community. The grant application is due May 1st, 2024. Stephen Ray of North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council is working on this with him and the building committee.

FULTON COUNTY H.O.P.E. – Amy Roe discussed the Beamon Home in regards to domestic violence support in Fulton County. There were ten individuals who showed up from Fulton County to discuss what the needs are in Fulton county. A committee will come together to put together a proposal for what they want from Beamon Home. They are going to propose a satellite office in Fulton County. A meeting to discuss combined community services in regards to self-sufficiency programs will be held on April 23rd. H.O.P.E. will continue looking for established organizations to partner with.

JOB CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE – Pete Karas states job classification met with Prosecutor and there is a need to create a new position, getting a job classification certificate for what this position entails. Concern is funding, but approved to starting the process of filling a new position. The position

will be starting January 1, 2025. They are hoping to fund a large portion in house, but there should be some county payment. Phyl states she did warn Mike purse strings will be tight at end of budget season.

EMS/LIT – Ron Dittman Discussion over numbers and advisement to get things clarified from previous meeting. Baker Tilly (financial advisor) wants to run projections to see where we stand with the LIT addition to be added to the 2025 budget. Lorie motioned to approve pursuing establishing a local income tax (LIT) of 0.2000%, Phyl seconded; carries 6-0.

It would take 30 days for Heartland to set up 3 ambulances and get going in Fulton County. Heartland will have a job fair to hire Fulton Co employees.

MINUTES – Phyl motioned to approve minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting, Lori seconded; carries 5-0. Lori motioned to approve the minutes of joint meeting with Commissioners March 13th, Pete seconded; carries 5-0.

TRANSFERS –

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Education Board	County General	Clerical Assistant	Election Day Clerk	\$5,000
Steve motioned to approve, Lori seconded; carries 6-0.				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS- EDIT appropriation to pay CESpark; Pete moves to approve, Randy Seconds; carries 6-0. Drug Free appropriation; Phyl moves to approve, Lori seconds; carries 6-0. E-911- Steve moves to approve, Randy seconds 5-0, Pete Abstains.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Commissioners	EDIT	Contracts	\$31,500
To pay CE Sparks, LLC for economic development services			
		Prevention & Education-\$8,640	
		Intervention & Treatment-\$8,640	
		Criminal Justice Services-\$8,640	
Drug Free Fulton County	Drug Free Community	Administrative-\$8,640	\$34,560
Phyl motioned to approve, Lori seconded; carries 6-0.			
Communications	Statewide 911	Equipment	\$5,000
Steve motioned to approve, Randy seconded; carries 5-0 (Pete abstained)			

OLD BUSINESS – Steve presented \$2,500 check to American Legion for the flags; Legion thanks Council.

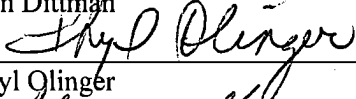
NEW BUSINESS – None

ADJOURN – Ron Dittman motioned to adjourn at 5:56 p.m., seconded by Lori; carries 6-0.

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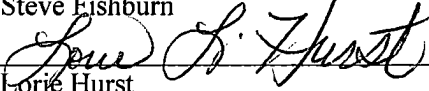
Ron Dittman



Phyl Olinger

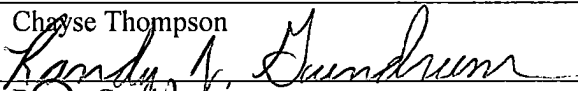


Steve Fishburn

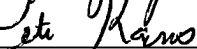


Lorie Hurst

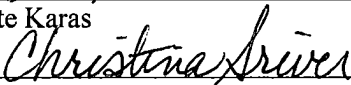
Chayse Thompson



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