

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Date October 15, 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
October 15, 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, Chayse Thompson, Pete Karas and Deputy Auditor Cindy Sells

Kewanna Public Library – Ordinance 10152024-B – General Fund \$204,449 with tax levy of \$133,259 for adopted rate of 0.1593. Debt service is \$67,050 with adopted tax levy of \$87,857 for tax rate of 0.1051 for adopted budget of \$271,499 and adopted tax levy of \$221,116 and adopted tax rate of 0.2644. Phyl motions to adopt Kewanna Public Library salary ordinance 2025 and Randy seconded and motion passes 6-0.

HIGHWAY – John Flint – Discussed highway progress and additional appropriations.

COMMUNICATIONS – Brittany Thompson – Motion denied to remove supplemental from Assistant Director. Brittany feels the assistant is already getting a significant raise. Discussion ensued and Chayse abstained from voting. Vote passes 6-0.
Brittany totally trained since last week. Skeleton crew due to illness in communications.

SHERIFF – Travis Heishman – Discussed financials and jail statistics. Additional appropriation for garage and motor.

EMA – Job Committee denied the request for two part time deputies but approved one part time deputy, because salary ordinance was only approved for one. Steve motioned to approve, Chayse seconded, motion carries 7-0 for two part time deputies.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – Ordinance 10152024 - Adopted Budget of \$643,100 tax levy of \$511,500. Tax rate of 0.0442. Airport Building \$100,000, adopted tax levy of \$40,500 for adopted tax rate of 0.0035. Adopted Budget \$743,100, tax levy \$552,000 tax rate 0.0477. Airport budget approved. Phyl motions and Steve seconds. Airport Authority 2025 salary ordinance passes 7-0.

CORONER – Jeri Good – Updated on happenings in coroner's office, regarding deaths, toxicology, autopsy, etc. EMA quarterly meeting a week ago. LAPC is coming up soon and that is under the EMA arm. This also helps with obtaining grants later on. Tier 2 chemical already ok'd.

SOLID WASTE – Ordinance 10152024-A - Solid Waste management budget \$834,900, Solid Waste 2025 salary budget approved. Chayse motions for approval and Randy seconded and passes 7-0.

SURVEYOR - Seth presented issue regarding Mud Lake water being down. Contracted for \$6,000. IDEM and DNR notified regarding the contractor causing issues with the water level. DNR does not have a lake level for this lake. Seth would like to be able to find the funds to pay the contractor without forwarding the fees to the property owners. Property owners have threatened a lawsuit from the damages by the contractor. Phyl motions to pay the money out of Rainy-Day fund and Pete seconded, Motion passed 7-0

RECORDER – Requesting part time employee be made a full-time employee. Job committee suggested adding a part time temporary employee to get the job done rather than hire a full-time employee, Motion by Pete and seconded by Randy to approve another part time employee. Passes 7-0.

COUNTY OF FULTON – Ordinance 10152024-C - 2025 Budget for County of Fulton County reviewed. General Fund Budget \$10,261,716 tax levy \$4,682,992 tax rate 0.3241, 2015 Reassessment Budget \$234,187 tax levy \$112,704 tax rate 0.0078. Debt service Budget \$601,250 tax levy \$460,870 tax rate 0.0319. Coon bridge Budget \$357,000 tax levy \$332,332 rate 0.023. Health department Budget \$437,566 tax levy \$135,995 tax rate 0.0094. Coon - Budget \$375,200 tax levy \$447,926 tax rate 0.0310. Total adopted budget is \$16,984,472 and adopted tax levy of \$6,172,819 for adopted tax rate of .4272. Motion to approve 2025 County of Fulton County budget by Phyl and seconded by Lori. Budget passes 7-0.

JOB CLASSIFICATION MEETING – Met September 24, 2024. Dawn Ziemek requested supplemental to be added to her salary as voter registration duties. Request was declined. Dawn did send email to SBOA asking them to accept the supplemental due to a new code passed 07-01-2024. Dawn asked the council to reconsider the request due to this new code passed. Lorie stated they held to their first response and denied. Discussed during meeting tonight. Phyl stated the new stipend was specifically for the clerk in the clerk's office and nobody else in the office. Motion by Lorie and seconded by Chayse and passes 7-0 denying the request for Dawn to receive the supplemental funds. Job classification committee has approved \$1.00 per hour raise for the deed deputy effective October 26, 2024. Lori makes the motion to approve and seconded by Phyl. This motion is denied as it failed to pass 4-3. Lorie, Phyl, Ron approved. Pete, Randy, Chayse, and Steve denied.

Ordinance 10152024-D no longer needed to be signed due to the Deed Deputy increase being denied.

Ordinance 09172024 – County of Fulton IN Salary Ordinance, third and final reading. Phyl moved, Pete seconded motion passes 7-0

Mike Ladd – FEDCO – Progress update, Deadline for Lilly Fund is coming up related to Art. Should be three more projects in the bid by the end of the month. Nothing to report on industrial side, housing projects are going great, also discussed upcoming training programs.

MINUTES – Table approval of the minutes from last meeting until they can be rewritten. Passed 7-0 to table minutes from September 17, 2024.

TRANSFERS –

| Department | Fund | From Account | To Account | Amount |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | Continuing education, | | 300.00 |
| 0063 Drainage Board | 1001 County General | Engineering, Publish Legal | Office Supplies | 7,000.00 600.00 |
| Motion to approve Phyl, seconded by Steve, Motion carries 7-0 | | | | |
| | | Gas-oil-lube, Survey Seminar, | | 400.00 |
| | | Photo & Blueprint, road | Office supplies, monuments + Ref. | 100.00 294.58 |
| 0006 Surveyor | 1001 County General | school | Signs | 100.00 |
| Motion to approve Randy, seconded by Pete, motion carries 7-0 | | | | |
| | | Maintenance + Equip. | Monuments + Ref. Signs | |
| 0006 Surveyor | 1001 County General | | | 192.25 |
| Motion to approve Steve, seconded by Phyl, motion carries 7-0 | | | | |

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –


| Department | Fund | For | Amount |
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| 0533 Highway Mechanic | 1186 Rainy Day Fund | Insulation, Siding & window repair on shop at main Barn | \$67,500.00 |
| Motioned to approve Chayse, seconded by Pete, motion carries 7-0 | | | |
| 0533 Highway Mechanic | 1138 Cumulative Capital Development | New metal roof and repairs at the Kewanna barn. | \$69,000.00 |
| Motioned to approve Pete, seconded by Phyl, motion carries 7-0 | | | |
| 0005 Sheriff | 1001 County General | Not enough budgeted in 2024 | \$50,000.00 |
| Motion to approve Steve, seconded by Randy, motion carries 7-0 | | | |
| Kewanna Library | Debt Services | Paying Debts | \$1,500.00 |
| Motioned to approve Phyl, seconded by Pete, motion carries 7-0 | | | |

OLD BUSINESS – None

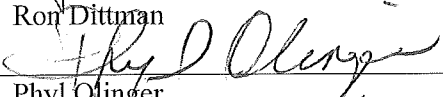
NEW BUSINESS – Lorie is waiting on a redevelopment committee meeting. The county’s portion of the host fee fund is \$73306.45 for June and July. Rick stated a TIF spending plan needs to be done by 12/1/24. Rick stated he has Jason, Baker Tilly, working with him on this in order to get it completed by the deadline. He stated he could come in and train whoever wants to learn to be trained which would be 2-3 hour class. May need money to pay for the TIF to get it going. This should run through the redevelopment commission. The scope of what they can offer was broad, based on needs. TIF needs to be submitted in Gateway by 12/1/2024 or the county will not be allowed to spend any of the TIF money. Must be put together by the redevelopment commission and submitted through Gateway by the Auditor or by Baker Tilly. Governing body must approve it as well and would need to be done by the November meeting. Bryan needs to call a meeting in order to get the information completed.

ADJOURN – Steve motioned to adjourn at 6:38 pm - seconded by Pete; carries 7-0.

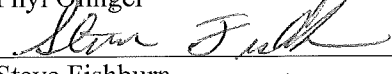
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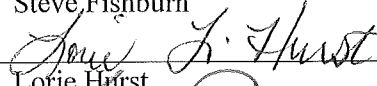
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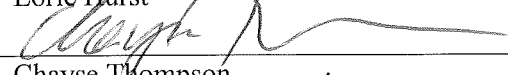
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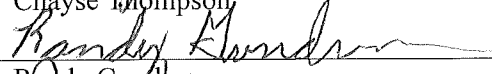
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Chayse Thompson



Randy Gundrum



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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