

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, July 01, 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 9:03 a.m. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, David Sommers, County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer. and Auditor Rep Christina Sriver.

EMS Update-Today 1st day of new Parkview Ambulance Service. Akron station is not fully manned yet, but Rochester and Kewanna stations are operating today. Barry Ritter said public may notice a change when dialing 911, as they will be speaking with a Parkview dispatch center as well as a 911 dispatcher. Barry will keep commissioners updated on how the service is operating. Barry presented commissioners a new job descriptions for a 911 director and a EMA director because Gail Karas is retiring. Barry also discusses a contract with Ritter Strategic Services.

Area Plan-Ordinance 07012024 New solar farm applications read and Commissioner Ranstead motions to have a 2nd and 3rd reading by title only, Commissioner Sommers seconds; motion carries 3-0. Commissioner Lewis does 2nd and 3rd reading. Commissioner Sommers motions to approve ordinance 07012024B, Commissioner Ranstead seconds; motion carries 3-0.

Ritter Strategic Services-Contract discussed by Commissioner Lewis. Commissioner Sommers motions to approve, Commissioner Ranstead seconds; Motion carries 3-0.

Health Dept-New septic system ordinance #07012024B presented to commissioners. Commissioner Lewis states they will have the 2nd and 3rd readings at the July 15th evening commissioners meeting.

Rochester Mayor-Trent O'Dell talks about developers interested in new apartment complexes, and states we are down to 3 interested developers. He explains that the term "affordable housing" does not refer to Section 8. Says we need to take advantage of the current tax breaks offered to smaller municipalities. Blacketor project got paved last week. Mayor asks community to please record any mischief behavior that anyone may see going on and send it to public officials so that we can hopefully put a stop to vandalism.

HIGHWAY -John Geier states he has no permits to request at this time. Old 31 is currently being paved, hopefully be completed by the 3rd week in July. John has meeting with Brooks at Bruce Lake to go over projects at 9AM and invited commissioners and anyone else who wants to attend to join him. Presents commissioners with a bridge design form, which will save the county \$800,000. The bridge is being redesigned due to buried utilities. Commissioner Sommers motions to approve, Commissioner Ranstead seconds; Motion carries 3-0. John asks for commissioners blessing on USI's storm water permitting and design. Commissioner Ranstead motions to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconds; Motion carries 3-0.

IT-Josh Sriver asks commissioners' permission to use monopod during fair week for Soil and Water. Josh asks for permission to provide Megan Malott who works for Soil and Water with a county laptop. Has about 80% of landline phones updated and replaced. Completely replaced all the firewalls within the county.

EMA - Dawn updated commissioners that the storms last week took down quite a bit of trees and they were out assessing that. Helped Health Dept last Friday hand out life jackets. Will be at the Akron parade to help with the parade. Asks public to join the Facebook page. Dawn informs Everbridge contract is due, and she states the program is not being utilized as it should be. Commissioner Sommers motions to not renew Everbridge contract, Commissioner Ranstead seconds; Motion carries 3-0.



911-Gail Karas gives last address to commissioners and community and thanks them for the chance to serve.

Coroner-Jeri Good updates on county statistics. Death rates down this year with only 75 deaths halfway through this year (40 females and 35 males). Helped at park program handing out toothbrushes and lifejackets and thanks Rochester Mayor Trent Odell for bringing that program back. Went to Indianapolis for yearly conference. Asks public to stay safe during this July 4th, and practice firework safety!

Building Maintenance-Kerry Fear updates commissioners on maintenance projects. Courthouse boiler is close to being finished. New chiller is half paid for, with a lead time of mid-January before it is delivered. Informed commissioners that the sidewalk by the courthouse and probation building is getting bad and is a safety issue. Presents commissioners with bids. Electrical panel by old Jail is up and is just waiting on Duke to finish their part. Asks for blessing to purchase a new mower because his broke last week.

Sheriff-Travis updates commissioners that we have 142 inmates this morning. Fuel pumps are down and a work ticket is put in for county fuel.

FEDCO-Michael piggybacks on what Rochester Mayor Trent Odell talked about earlier and explained the difference between Section 8 housing and “affordable housing”.

Soil & Water- Megan updates commissioners on soil and water happenings. Invites individuals to upcoming field days in August. Cost is \$25 per day attended and includes a meal. Excited about upcoming fair display.

FC HOPE-Amy Roe updates commissioners on meetings about homeless shelters and warming centers. Meeting with Beaman home again in August or September.

Meeting Minutes-June 17th meeting minutes Commissioner Ranstead makes a motions to approve, Commissioner Sommers seconds; motion carries 3-0.

Covered Bridge Certification-Commissioner Ranstead motions to approve a certifications that Fulton County has 0 covered bridges, Commissioner Sommers seconds; motion carries 3-0.

ARPA Promissory Note Releases-Commissioner Ranstead Motions to approve, Commissioner Somers seconds; Motion carries 3-0 for the following Borrowers: Compassionate Health Care, Fulton County H.O.P.E., Recovery Café, Fulton County United Way, Fulton County Youth Center, Rochester Telephone Company, Town of Fulton, Kewanna Union TWP Library, Times Theater Inc., Habitat for Humanity, and Fulton County Parks and Recreation Inc.

CLAIMS- Approved as presented

Misc. Claims July 1, 2024	\$ 505,843.59
Utilities	\$ 28,947.25
PTRC Spring 2024 Settlement	\$ 1,362,541.25
Fulton County Solid Waste Host Fees	\$ 33,333.33
Payroll 06/28/2024	\$ 284,165.58
Payroll Deductions 06/28/2024	\$ 122,109.62
Payroll 06/14/2024	\$ 291,484.81
Payroll Deductions 06/14/2024	\$ 102,187.64
Credit (179.52 paid out of Commissary)	\$ 4,059.37
SRI-Tax Sale Postage Fee	\$ 1,608.00
Fines and Fees- Settlement	\$ 30,379.55

Claims Continued
Spring 2024 Settlement

\$ 16,175,117.62

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Commissioners	1001	Legal/Lawsuit	Bldg & Other Insurance	\$2000.00
Budget Shortfall				
Communications	1235	Office Supply	Other Supply	\$594.90
Budget Shortfall				
Veterans Service Office	1001	Van Driver	Service Officer	\$1,045.00
Budget Shortfall				
Park & Recreation	1179	Repair & Maintenance	Miscellaneous Costs	\$100.00
Budget Shortfall				
Surveyor/Drainage Board	1001	Office Supply	Printing	\$148.00
Budget Shortfall				
Surveyor/Drainage Board	1001	Postage-DB	Printing-DB	\$500.00
Budget Shortfall				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS- Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
Jail	4301	Storage Building	\$100,000
Council	4946	Parkview EMS	\$800,000
Jail	4302	Transport Vehicle	\$37,872.25

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – none

RECESS – Commissioner Ranstead motioned to recess at 10:48 A.M.-Commissioner Sommers seconds; carries 3-0.

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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

