

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 16, 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. with moment of silence for passing of Jodi Miller and then the Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, David Sommers, County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer, absent due to illness and Deputy Auditor Cindy Sells.

Steven Williams – ARP Funds for Fairgrounds. They have exceeded their fund limit in reference to ARP Funds that have been received. Finalized digital copy will be sent to auditor’s office by the end of the month. All projects have been finalized. They are needing board members, but stated they have plenty of minds and ideas and need more muscle.

Department Updates:

EMA SERVICE – Dawn Sewell presenting: BURN BAN as of September 16, 2024 and will be indefinitely for Fulton County, IN. Motion carries 3-0. Bonfire for Rochester High School this morning will be the only bonfire exception and TJ, Fire Chief, will be monitoring. Trail of Courage can have fires, but need to be covered. National Weather Service makes the call on the burn ban and Dawn will then talk with Fire Chief and Commissioners to determine when burn ban is lifted. Dawn Sewell will be out of the office next week but on call for first response by phone. Kewanna Festival will now be Thursday evening – Sunday this year. Her dept will be covering the festival.

E911 – Brittany presenting: Brittany has completed her first full week. Cancelled class she was to attend due to the timing and the passing of Jodi Miller and will reschedule at a later date. Commissioner needs to sign form from Insight for her being hired. She typically signs them, but she cannot sign for herself and will need commissioners to sign. Kewanna Festival will now be Thursday evening – Sunday this year.

HIGHWAY – No permits. Discussed paving projects completed and/or fill ins. Sept 5 final inspection for Old 31 South. Motion approved for contract R-4197 for final inspection recommendation for acceptance. Dave motioned, Rick and Brian seconded to close out the project passing 3-0. Discussed paving projects completed. Work began on the shop/buildings. Kewanna salt building roofing is completed. Western Star trucks – first one will be delivered tomorrow morning and the second will be delivered shortly after that. Will take them to be outfitted. Town of Kewanna requested to borrow equipment and was approved. Employee requested 30 days without pay due to FMLA used up and other time used – Brian motioned and Rick and Dave seconded and motion carries 3-0. Scott, RQAW present to discuss RQAW proposal for bridges 170 and 94. John would like to start with 170 and is not planning to engage 94 at this time. Dave motioned and Brian and Rick seconded for RQAW to be given the project and motion carried 3-0. Dave suggested going with the consultant that was present since both bids were basically the same. Brian expressed how USI has done a great job for the county and wanted to be careful on precedent since USI came in a little lower on the bid.

CORONER – Jeri Good presented and reviewed latest statistics to date: 8 accidents, 5 suicides, and a homicide. 24 toxicology draws of 41 deaths so far this year. Coroner’s training board meeting in



Indianapolis coming up next Friday. Indiana is #2 in the US for attendees. Passed environmental inspection. LEPC modified in person study on October 26, 2024 in Wayne Township. IN Dept of Health will be coming out with mini grants soon and she will be ready to get those written and completed to get things back for supplies in the county. Coroner's office will be in the Kewanna Festival Parade to show off their vehicle. Fire meeting a week ago at Kewanna for learning opportunities.

SHERIFF'S DEPT – Travis Heishman presented: Reviewed statistics. Large transfer request, and Travis stated it was most likely a mistake in the budget, but other factors played a part as well. Annual jail inspection tomorrow at 9:00 am. Health Dept and Fire Dept inspected last week.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS –

Kayla Hunter	\$41.45
Denise Ostafin	\$0
Michael Russell	\$992.00
Catherine Collins	\$1258.64
Breanna Phillips Eakright	\$992.00
Dawn Sewell	\$925.78
Jeff Markley	\$150.00
Dawn Sewell	\$1000.26
Denise Ostafin	\$28.38
Paula Murphy	\$100.00
Dawn Ziemer	\$181.31
Denise Ostafin	\$62.37
Caleb Russell	\$992.00
Denise Ostafin	\$155.07

CLAIMS- Approved as presented

Riverboat Distribution	\$ 75,002.56
Utilities	\$ 10,570.94
Utilities from 9/3/24 missed approval last mtg	\$ 19,982.87
LIT Distribution	\$ 743,615.08
Wheel/Sur Tax Distribution	\$ 47,140.76
Payroll 9/6/24	\$ 180,995.63
Payroll Deductions 9/6/24	\$ 99,558.20
Insurance disbursements for 8/29/24-9/4/24	\$ 13,290.38
Insurance disbursements for 8/22/24-8/28/24	\$ 13,981.60
Insurance disbursements for 8/15/24-8/21/24	\$ 131,087.87
Insurance fees for September	\$ 51,645.82
Council on Aging/5311 Grant Reimbursement	\$ 79,629.00
Misc Claims 09/16/24	\$ 870,095.52
8953 Grant Overpayment, Refund to IN Dept of Health	\$ 956.46

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Sheriff	1170	19000		\$27,000
		12046		\$20,055.11
			11100	\$8,055.11
			19005	\$30,000
			11106	\$9,000
Coroner	1001	33000	31038	\$4,800
Coroner	1001	34901	31038	\$3,250
Jail	1233	12046	19001	\$40,000
Jail	1233	12046	19005	\$45,000
Network Adm	1001	41110	41003	\$15,000

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS- Approved as presented


Department	Fund	For	Amount
Highway Maintenance	1138	Repair Bldg & Eq- Repairs on Kewanna Salt Shed	\$69,000
New metal roof & repairs at Kewanna barn			
Highway Maintenance	1186	Repair Bldg & Eq	\$37,500
Insulation, windows, siding on highway shop			

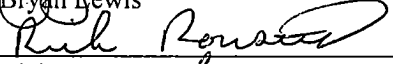
OLD BUSINESS – Rochester Schools requested Rick to be in an ambassador program for this year. It will include classes and he can report back if there are any questions.

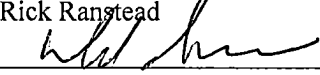
NEW BUSINESS – Dave brought up discussion regarding keys for 911 office and dispatch area. HR needs a list of all the keys that are signed out. Travis Heishman stated all keys are accounted for and he will get a list to HR. Also Burn Ban in place as of 09/16/2024.


RECESS – Rick motioned to recess at 6:48 p.m., seconded by Dave; carries 3-0.

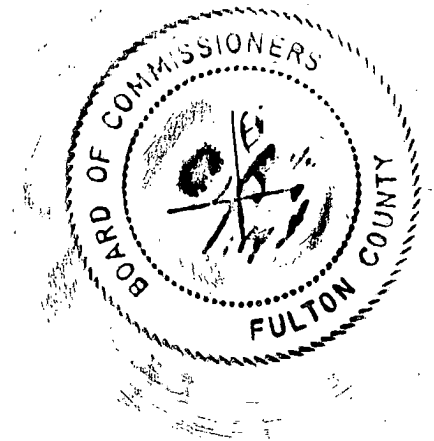
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Bryan Lewis


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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: Cindy Sells