

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 15, 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 P.M. with Pledge to the Flag. Present: Bryan Lewis, Rick Ranstead, David Sommers, County Attorney Holli Shorter-Pifer. and Auditor Rep. Christina Haughs.

EMA – July 2nd storms had come through and everyone was kept busy in cleaning up the trees. Everything that goes through EMS goes on the Facebook page and is monitored. July 3rd, they assisted with a fatality at the coroner's office. July 4th there were the fireworks in Akron, IN, there were a group of volunteers in the morning and in the afternoon. July 10th there was an EMA board meeting but now changes are to be reported. The next EMA board meeting is October 9th held at the EMA building. There was a text sent out in relation to sand bags at Lake Manitou, people can sign them out to help keep their belongings safe from the expected storm. It is unknown when the river will crash but it is suspected that it should be by Wednesday.

HIGHWAY – There is a permit request from QC Communications for Comcast cable to pour 8350 feet of Fiber Optic along Old US 31 North on the East side. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the permit request; Commissioner Sommers seconded; motion carries 3-0. There was a permit request for Jeff Brown to install new driveway. Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve the permit request; Commissioner Ranstead seconded; motion carries 3-0. They have been running storm damage for the past week. Might need to make temporary emergency fix related to the banks of roads. Surface water has been causing damage and several trees still need cleaned up. Old 31 South is close to being done. The Community Crossing Project plans on starting their projects in the next week. State Road 14 between 14 and Winamac is still closed. State Road 25 South of town is still closed. USI Heather Wineriter did an assessment of the lot and is working on getting permits done. It is estimated to cost around \$30,000. To do a building repair of a shop it will cost \$5,000 to fix the West wall and an estimated \$29,500 to repair the whole building. To put a roof on a slat building in Kewanna it will cost \$42,965. Grier is hoping to pay for this out of the Highway budget next year and hopefully get someone under contract to replace it after the first of the new year. The backhoe trade in value has come in and they are offering \$24,000. Commissioner Ranstead motioned to approve the \$24,000, Commissioner Sommers seconded; carries 3-0. Bridge 106 needs to be repaired; Grier would like to put it on Community Crossing Project. However, they do not cover engineering and applying for a Federal Aid grant would push the bridge repair out 5 years and the bridge does not have 5 years. He would like get someone under contract and start with a hydraulics study, this will bring it around \$34,000, this year. Then he would like to plan the budget next year and apply for the second round of Community Crossing pushing construction to 2026. Commissioner Ranstead motioned for approval of the proposal from USI for \$34,000, Commissioner Sommers seconded; motion carries 3-0.

AREA PLAN – There was a violation for a condemning order, photos were sent out today. A bid for the property has been put it and it was closed today. She would like to talk to the new owners before putting a condemning order on the property. Owners would like to fix the property up and believe it is in no risk of falling. It is believed that the property is structurally sound so condemning could be unnecessary. Redinger suggests having a timeline for it to be checked on again. Commissioner Sommers motioned for approval of a 90-day timeline, Commissioner Ranstead seconded; motion carries 3-0.

SHERIFFS – Monthly activity for animal control and collections reports were emailed out the week before. All stats are up for June. The inmate population is up to 140, (due to holding out of county inmates) 48 are being held for Grant County, 42 are being held for Howard County, and 4 are federal commits. Roughly \$113,000 was invoiced for housing out-of-county inmates. K-9 Tahoe's should be back in the next couple of weeks. Bethany Johnson will start next Deputy classes in August. Staff was all



CLAIMS- Approved as presented

Tax Surplus to Pay Taxes	\$ 7,925.83
Utilities	\$ 5,917.86
Misc. Claims July 15, 2024	\$ 439,019.51
Payroll 7/12/2024	\$ 299,792.99

TRANSFERS – Approved as presented

Department	Fund	From Account	To Account	Amount
Parks & Rec	Park Nonrevert Operating	Building Supply	Office Supply	\$500.00
Budget Shortfall				

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS- Approved as presented

Department	Fund	For	Amount
County Council	Fulton Co Community Host Fee Revenue	Legal Counsel for EMS Services Rendered	\$19,580.00

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

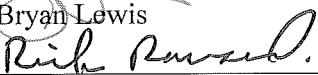
NEW BUSINESS – NONE

RECESS –Ranstead motioned to recess at 7:26 pm seconded by Sommers; carries 3-0.


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Bryan Lewis



Rick Ranstead



David Sommers



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

