

## FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

**Meeting called to order** following Pledge to the Flag at 6:30 p.m. with Jim Widman, Barry Hazel, Phyl Olinger, Randy Sutton, Jim Showley, Gary Sriver, Lorie Hurst and Auditor Christina Sriver present.

**EMA** – Larry is looking into a NIXEL update estimated to be \$3,000-\$3,500 a year.

**HIGHWAY** – John updated on activities including sodding roads for chip seal, patching holes, grading roads and preparing gravel roads for dust stay, making pug for Olson Road and mowing began the first of May. He suggests the department should do leaf pickup for the areas affected by the new burn ban on Mondays picking up anything at the curb. In the fall a second pickup day toward the end of the week should be added. Bridge #503 was completed on May 9<sup>th</sup> and the road was opened. John met with E&B Paving, DLZ and Elkhart Western Railroad on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The railroad company had been considering changing the crossing in later years but after the meeting they have decided to coordinate with everyone and change it out at the same time. John is still waiting for USI to give their recommendation on the next step for River Road. The RFP for bridge inspection ended yesterday; the scoring will begin in the selection process of hiring a firm. W.A. Jones notified John today that the three trucks are ready for pickup. He will be attending an INDOT meeting May 19<sup>th</sup> to learn about the new changes affecting MVH budget through raised gas taxes, the new Community Crossing Grants and the new Federal Aid Swap for qualifying projects.

John would like to appropriate \$240,000 of wheel and sur tax money for chip seal road work. From January 1, 2016 to May 1, 2017 \$760,165.71 has been collected. \$60,000 was spent on the 13<sup>th</sup> Street paving project leaving a balance of \$700,165. If appropriated that would allow for over 122 miles of roadway to be maintained this year.

**ADA** - Sensitivity training for Title VI and ADA was held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. John is currently awaiting handicap signage for Courthouse, Annex building and Sheriff's Department. He is also currently updating the ADA transition policy to include updates to the courthouse.

**SHERIFF** – Sheriff Sailors gave the monthly reports. To continue gathering information on the jail feasibility study, a meeting was held with the prosecutor, judges and others concerning general correctional issues. Ten years of collection data is currently being gathered. Josh is still working with the camera company to have the cameras replaced. He is gradually converting to a paperless office including a kiosk in the cells to order commissary and eventually video visitation. To follow up on the March meeting concerning Sheriff Retirement amendments looking at changing the retirement plan for merit officers from 26 years to 32 years and changing the percentage up to 74%. The amendment is also creating a drop program; if a deputy sets a retirement date out three years in advance he is locked in and his retirement plan is frozen and whatever he contributes goes into his retirement plan in one lump sum distribution. There is an amendment to the death benefit for a non-married deputy also. The Merit Board approved the amendments on April 19<sup>th</sup>. It would increase the budget an additional approximate \$8,000. Jim Showley motioned to approve the amendment, Gary seconded; passed 7-0. Chris visited Rochester Ford for a replacement vehicle that is scheduled to be replaced this year. He is working on getting a quote with all necessary enhancements included.

**E-911/COMMUNICATIONS** – Gail stated that the commissioners signed the agreement with Spillman at yesterday's meeting. Cameron from Spillman explained the practical application paragraph 12.6 (effects of termination); if service was discontinued the county will still have access to the information; Spillman would no longer be maintaining or servicing the software.

**TAX ABATEMENT** – Ted Waggoner spoke on behalf of Lucas Street, LLC/Rochester Iron & Metal Inc to request a tax abatement. He gave a history of the business. Approval of a Declaratory Resolution for the Designation of Economic Revitalization Area Application of Lucas Street, LLC d/b/a Rochester Iron & Metal, Inc. is requested. If adopted, at the next meeting a request will be made to confirm and approve the Statement of Benefits. Gary would like to consider the personal

property being on a seven-year abatement rather than 10-year. Members of the audience questioned what noise will be brought with the new improvements. Jason Grube stated the new equipment is for processing equipment and will not increase the noise volume. Randy motioned to approve the Declaratory Resolution for the Designation of Economic Revitalization Area Application of Lucas Street, LLC d/b/a Rochester Iron & Metal, Inc. Jim Widman read the resolution aloud. Randy would like 10-year abatement schedules for both real estate and personal property, seconded by Phyl; passed 6-1 (Lorie abstained). Jim asked Gary to be a representative to review all statement of benefits as submitted for 2017.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS –**

Department	Fund	Category	Amount
Highway	1176	Other Services & Charges	\$33,280
An encumbrance was not filed and the money has to be appropriated; for engineering fees on the Lucas Street project. Randy motioned to approve, Jim S. seconded; passed 7-0.			
	1170-LIT (LOIT)		
Auditor	Public Safety	Personal Services	-\$218,102
A reduction request from the previously requested appropriation was realized after inputting the Sheriff's Personal Services budget due to an error in data input to the budget projection. Barry motioned to approve, seconded by Randy; passed 7-0.			

**OLD BUSINESS** – It has been confirmed that our group medical insurance is no longer a grandfathered plan. Bryan Lewis stated that the demo bid for the Akron Opera House was awarded to Jackson’s and will begin in September. Phyl asked for verification from Sheriff Sailors that Lieberman technologies will begin their installation June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW BUSIENSS** – Lorie stated that another appointee is needed for Fulton County Redevelopment Commission and recommended Penny Ramsey; motioned for approval by Barry, seconded by Gary; passed 7-0. Lorie discussed a meeting recently attended with the Economic Development Board at Grissom Air Force base and met with wind developers. The counties within the region agreed that they should seek legal counsel and plan as a region rather than as individual counties. Jim Widman discussed today with zoning some issues that will need to be considered also.

**ADJOURN** – Barry motioned to adjourn at 7:52 p.m., seconded by Phyl; passed 7-0.