

Meeting of the Fulton County Commissioners – Tuesday, December 20, 2022
8:30 a.m. at the Commissioners' Office

Present: Commissioner Shives, Commissioner Bunch & Commissioner Ulsh

Absent: None

Others Present: Elected Officials Meeting at 6 PM- County Auditor Holly Falkosky, County Auditor Penny Kipp, Fulton County Resident Thurman Nesbit, Attorney Stanley Kerlin and wife Carolyn Kerlin

Commissioner Ulsh opened the meeting with silent prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Motion by Commissioner Shives to approve the Commissioners' Minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Bunch to approve the Accounts Payable dated December 16, 2022 in the amount of \$73,961.39. All in favor.

Fund 100	General Fund	64,596.46
	Manual Checks	\$0.00
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$64,596.46
Fund 235	Law Library	1,833.99
Fund 238	911	6,919.86
Fund 240	Hazmat	49.90
Fund 256	Domestic Relations	13.50
Fund 801	Pass thru Funds	547.68
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$73,961.39

Commissioners met with Executive Development Director for Fulton County Family Partnership, Julie Dovey to review the HSBG Planning Committee Recommendation to transfer remaining funds from the FY 2021-2022 HSBG (Human Services Block Grant) to TrueNorth Wellness for Crisis Services.

Motion by Commissioner Shives to approve transferring the remaining funds from the FY 2021-2022 HSBG (Human Services Block Grant) in the amount of \$18,000 to TrueNorth Wellness for Crisis Services due to their program operating at a deficit for FY 2021-2022. All in favor.

Commissioners spoke with ABI (Alleghenies Broadband Inc.) Interim Executive Director Jeff Reel to discuss a SOW (Statement of Work) change request. ABI proposed changing the ARPA funded broadband project in Fulton County by eliminating two towers in Needmore and Wells Tannery and adding one in Big Cove Tannery. After discussion, the Commissioners stated they were not in favor of the change and wanted the original agreements to remain the same.

Motion by Commissioner Shives authorizing Commissioner Ulsh to execute the Exhibit A- Regional CAD System Support, Statement of Work No. 2022-92. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Shives to approve the Next Generation 911 Consulting Services, Professional Services Agreement, between Mission Critical Partners, LLC and County of Fulton. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Bunch to approve the Multi County Agreement between the Counties of Blair, Bedford, Centre, Fulton and Huntingdon and RBA Professional Data Systems. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Ulsh to approve signing a Letter of Support to Mr. Neil Fowler, Executive Director, DCED (PA Department of Community & Economic Development) for the "Turnpike Trail Improvements Project" to secure funding through the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) Area Development Program. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Shives authorizing Commissioner Ulsh to sign the Conrad Siegel PC-293C (Actuarial Valuation Report) Form. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Bunch approving the application for burial expenses of a deceased service person, Mr. Ronald E. Matthews, payable to his wife, Kathryn E. Matthews, in the amount of \$100. Mr. Matthews was a Veteran of the Korean War. All in favor.

Commissioners spoke with Elections Director Patti Hess about upgrading the HART software. The current version is 2.3.

Motion by Commissioner Ulsh to approve signing the HART quote for the 2.7 software upgrade if approved by the state and if not approved to get 2.6 for the Primary Election in May of 2023 and also to approve paying for the annual licensing and support renewal for the software. All in favor.

Commissioners met with Mark Zettlemyer, RKL LLP for a meet and greet via Zoom. Also attending the Zoom meeting from RKL, LLP was Samantha Claar and Jill Gilbert. Wessel and Co., CPA, CGFM Michael Lamb also attended by Zoom. RKL introduced themselves and noted that between them they have fifty plus years in public sector and county work. Potential dates were discussed for auditing fieldwork.

Commissioners signed Salary Board and Retirement Board meeting minutes from December 13, 2022. Also signed was the Conrad Siegel fourth quarter retirement invoice.

Motion by Commissioner Ulsh at 11:30 AM to recess the meeting until 6:00 PM for the Elected Officials Salaries meeting. All in favor.

Meeting reconvened at 6:00 PM and was called to order by Commissioner Ulsh.

Commissioner Ulsh opened up the floor for comments. Comments were made in favor of an increase in salary for Elected Officials. Auditor Penny Kipp presented the Commissioners with a handout comparing other 8th class counties allotted days for county auditors and requested that their allotted days be increased to allow for reviewing things that they normally wouldn't have time to review. Auditor Holly Falkosky also commented that in attending the Annual Auditors Convention it made them aware of more items they would like to review if given increased days. Kipp stated that they wouldn't utilize the days unless they were needed and if more were needed they would approach the Commissioners for approval as in previous years. Kipp noted that days have been increased and decreased for the Auditors over the years depending on the Board of Commissioners. Comments were made from the other attendees in favor of an increase.

Motion by Commissioner Shives to approve an increase to the County Auditors allotted days worked from 48 to 60. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Ulsh to approve an increase to the Coroner's salary by 10% for the first year only and then a 1% increase for years 2-4 (1% year 2, 1% year 3, 1% year 4) for the new term beginning in 2024 and for the rest of the Elected Officials a 1% increase each year for the new term beginning 2024 (1% year 1, 1% year 2, 1% year 3, 1% year 4). All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Ulsh to adjourn at 6:20 PM. All in favor.

FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Stuart L. Ulsh, Chair

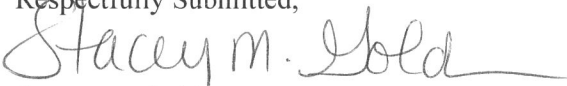


Randy H. Bunch, Vice-Chair



Paula J. Shives

Respectfully Submitted,


Stacey M. Golden
Chief Clerk

