

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners convened in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time in the Commissioner's Room, at the Courthouse in Winamac, Indiana, the call to order by Larry L. Brady, President. Upon the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting began. Present also were Tracey Shorter, Vice-President and Terry L. Young, Commissioners, Kevin Tankersley, County Attorney and Shelia K. Garling, Auditor.

Also present, other than those who are on the agenda, were: Amber Tomlinson, Janet Onken, Jeremiah Kopka, Jeff Richwine, Christie & Justin Chapman, Kerry Baker, Sherry Fagner, Charles Hurd, Sandy Hurd, Ron Powers, Alex Haschel, Bud Krohn Jr., Bob White, and Brian Young.

**IN RE: COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Commissioners Meeting of January 21, 2014, Memorandum of Executive Session on January 30, 2014 was approved as submitted upon a motion by Tracey Shorter, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

**IN RE: PAYROLL & OTHER CLAIMS AND ALLOWANCES**

Payroll claims for the period (Hourly: January 5, 2014 – January 18, 2014) were received, considered and action taken thereon as shown on the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket they were paid on January 31, 2014.

Regular Claims & Allowance Docket dated February 3, 2014 were received, considered, and action taken thereon as shown. Motion made by Tracey Shorter to pay claims and payroll as presented, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

**IN RE: MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Comes now, Jeff Johnson, Manager Updates on the current maintenance projects.

The concrete work at the County Annex has shown signs of cracking, we are in collaboration with contractor to repair the issue. We are on track with the installation on the Justice Center Rooftop Heating Units, should begin around the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month. We have all of the wiring equipment in stock now to begin connecting the heaters and bailers in the recycling center and old Fletcher building. Concrete pads will be poured this week to support the heaters and then installation will begin. We are currently awaiting Mr. Sullivan's report on means and repair cost for the County Home Structural Report.

There are several all projects in the works. The elevator in the courthouse was down for about a week. The age of the elevator replacement parts are no longer available. Motion made by Tracey Shorter to upgrade the elevator. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

**IN RE: COMBS 291 PROJECT**

Comes now, Jeff Larrison, United Consulting to discuss the expenses that Combs may still be entitled to, these were expenses that the county had nothing to do with; they just come as part of the project. INDOT cannot come in and force us to do anything.

**IN RE: OUT SOURCE TAX STATEMENTS**

Comes now, Lynette Wilder, Treasurer, requesting to outsource the tax statements. Motion made by Terry L. Young to outsource the tax statements with Masters Touch. Seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

**IN RE: XP SYSTEMS**

Comes now, RB Walters, DeGroot Technology. Thomson Reuters will not support the XP systems as of April for MVP and Pro Val program. There are 3 systems in Auditors office and 5 in the Assessor's Office that will need replaced. Estimate of 13 thought out the County that will also need to be replaced. Office 2003 will also be unsupported as of April. We will need to replace 8 computers at 800.00 each and labor cost.

A new phone line for the fax for Pleasant View County Home is needed. A computer public system for Assessors office & Clerk's office is needed. Help Desk is up and running I closed 67 request the first month.

Digital project, Laser Fiche, CSI JTS Imaging will be here February 28, 2014 to meet with Courts & Clerks office. A request to install a Help Desk for Maintenance and purchasing.

**IN RE: COUNTY HOME BOARD**

Comes now, Emily Hizer to request what is going on with the County Home Board. There is to be 7 members on this board per IC Code. It was also to have approval from the County Council and it didn't. It needs to be no more than 4 of one party (Republican or Democrat). It is to hold a 4 year term. If you are interested on being on the board submit your request by February 21, 2014. Motion made by Tracey Shorter to invite people in the community interest in the County Home Board by February 21, 2014 brought to the Auditor's office. Terry L. Young add that all present members are welcome to apply and the Commissioners and Council on the board now, are not included to be on the board. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion Carried.

County Home Superintendent term is a 4 year term.

**IN RE: STATEMENT OF APOLOGY TO CHRISTINE CHAPMAN**

Larry L. Brady reads a statement on behalf of the County Commissioners:

I am making this statement on behalf of the County Commissioners. We normally do not discuss any dealings with county employees unless required by the open door law. This is done to protect the employees. We feel we must make an exception tonight and read this statement to minimize any future embarrassment to one of our employees. Despite the fact that the Commissioners have made no statement about this employee, we understand rumors have started based on some actions taken by the Commissioners. We would therefore like to publically apologize to Christine Chapman for any embarrassment she suffered from the events involving her last week. Christine did nothing wrong, and has no criminal history whatsoever. The misunderstanding was the result of the Commissioners being informed by the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department that Christine had a criminal history that the Commissioners did not know about. This information turned out to be incorrect. Christine was understandably embarrassed when she was wrongfully accused of having a criminal history, and the Commissioners were also very embarrassed about the misunderstanding. Christine was very professional in how she handled the situation. There is no good excuse for making this error. The Commissioners

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were relying on the information they were provided, and had no reason initially to question its validity. The Commissioners were trying to do the right thing in confronting Christine about the information. The fact that the information was incorrect resulted in embarrassment to both Christine and the Commissioners, and for this Christine is owed an apology. As Commissioners, we strive to do the best job we can for the taxpayer. Sometimes decisions must be made on very short notice, and unfortunately, mistakes are sometimes made. We hope Christine will accept our apology for this misunderstanding.

**IN RE: CONFERENCE APPROVALS**

Presented request for Lawrence Hoover, EMA Director to attend the WTH Users Conference on March 6 & 7, 2014 in Indianapolis IN. Request from Shelia K. Garling, Auditor to have 2 deputies attend the WTH Users Conference on March 7, 2014 in Indianapolis IN. Motion made to approve conferences by Tracey Shorter, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

**IN RE: CREDIT CARDS, VERIZON & WHO IS IN CHARGE AT THE COUNTY HOME**

Comes now, Shelia K. Garling, Auditor, there has been a request to open up credit card accounts, in the research from other County Auditors I found they say it is a nightmare. Talked with Kevin and we may need to have a Resolution or Ordinance regarding the Credit Cards. This was tabled till the next Commissioners meeting.

Discussion regarding the Verizon bills. Example is when someone needs an upgrade on their phone they call the Commissioner and get permission to upgrade there phone, then call Verizon for their upgrade which is the way to do it, but according to the bills they are also getting protectors, cases, charges ect.. The upgrade for the phones should come out of the Commissioner Verizon line item, but the accessories should come out of the Departments budget doing the requesting. In regards to insurance, this should be a request when talking to the Commissioner when getting the phone upgrade. The Commissioners were in agreement. We are trying to find way to cut the cost some. Also the contact at Verizon know this only approving the phone.

Who is the person in charge of the County Home, Debora Girton is the superintendent and she is in charge.

**IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION PURCHASE USED PICKUP WITH PLOW**

Terry L. Young made comment regarding Ed Clark at the last meeting when it comes to plowing his lot. Ed Clark requested a pickup with a plow for Recycling/Transfer station at the last meeting, which he would also plow out the county home. Motion made by Terry L. Young to have Ed Clark purchase the Pickup with the plow. Seconded by Tracey Shorter, pending County Council approval. Motion carried.

**IN RE: PUBLIC AUDIO SYSTEM FOR COMMISSIONER ROOM**

We finally received our microphone system for the Commissioners Room to be used for meeting. Thank you go out to Sherry Fagner for all her help in getting it.

**IN RE: OVERTIME/COMP TIME FOR HIGHWAY**

Kevin Tankersley received some phone calls regarding the Highways overtime/comp time, could they change the time limit to use these hours. Motion made by Tracey Shorter to pay overtime over 80 hours, we should stay with what the policy book says. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried. Larry L. Brady abstains, wanting more information.

**IN RE: 24 HOUR NOTICE TO AUDITOR'S OFFICE FOR EMPLOYEES TERMINATE**

Comes now, Shelia K. Garling, Auditor, asking to send an email out regarding notice to the Auditor's office when an employee is terminated. By not being told it could cost the County more money regarding payroll. The Commissioners okay sending out the email.

**IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alexsondra Haschel made comment regarding board for the county home, since there is no board right know, is the Commissioners responsible? Yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Motion made by Tracey Shorter, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in the Commissioners Room, in the Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Signed and dated this 18rd day of February, 2014  
**PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Larry L. Brady, President

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Tracey Shorter, Vice-President

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Terry L. Young

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shelia K. Garling, Auditor, Pulaski County