

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 was 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, Anita Goodan, Bud Krohn, Jr., Jeff Richwine, Gene Timm, Larry Brown, Brian Young, Emily Hizer, Alan Hizer, Jason Woodruff, Michael D. (Mick) and Patricia Tiede, Don Busch, Tina Kasten, Christi Chapman & family, Janice Kain, Lawrence & Mavis Junipers, Ed Hilton, Larry & Cloretta Rausch, Ron & Judy Loehmer, Deb Girton, John Kwiatkowski, Cindy Young, Ron Powers, Bob Powers and Mashell Roudebush.

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

Payroll claims for the period (Hourly: September 14, 2014 – September 27, 2014) were received, considered and action taken thereon as shown on the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket they were paid on October 10, 2014.

Regular Claims & Allowance Docket dated October 20, 2014 were received, considered, and action taken thereon as shown except claim # 77, reimbursement no detail on the receipt and claim # 140 reimbursement for gratuity. Motion made by Tracey Shorter to pay claims and payroll as presented except the 2 claims indicated, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY REPORT**

Comes now, Mark Fox, Superintendent, I am working on a report breaking out more for townships different than what you're seeing. Bridge Inspection was going on at the last meeting and I have the preliminary finding report. Small issues that we will get taken care of. I have a check list of repairs that need to be done listed with the Bridge #'s. The Mack truck is progressing nicely there out at Terry's Trucking should be completed early next month.

Received applications and I did the interviewing. I have an recommendation to hire with me tonight, Steve Foust. Motion made by Terry L. Young to hire Steve Foust. Seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

There is water laying on 200 N, we have most of the water removed. We by hand tore the beaver's home down each day by hand. Terry L. Young ask about private ditch on 750 what's the situation, Mark said he got some pricing to, closing ditch completing or putting in tile.

**IN RE: NOVOTNY INSURANCE**

Comes now, Jason Bunger to give update reports. Everything is look okay so far regarding workman comp claims.

Make sure that we have an inventory on all vehicles that we have. Vehicles will be covered whether they are plated or not. Will look into the airport stuff.

**IN RE: NORICK ENERGY**

Comes now, Phil Pieri, Norick Energy, to review our natural gas supply price. Phil is going over the NIPSCO pricing vs NORDIC ENERGY and what the difference is. By using NORDIC you save. This price is good till October of next year. TABLED.

**IN RE: HIRING PART TIME DEPUTIES FROM OTHER COUNTIES AND PTO**

Comes now, Carrie Aaron, Matron and Sgt. Jason Woodruff to request hiring of Part Time Deputies from other counties to help with the shortage. 2 deputies from White County. 1 deputy from Logansport Police Department. Question made by Tracey that if the full time employees are hired the part time employees will no longer need. Motion to approve by Terry Young, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Issue regarding the extra PTO, Holiday pay, they have accumulated more than can be used by the end of the year. They are asking to be paid if they are not able to use them for days off. Motion made by Tracey Shorter to pay all the holiday pay but 24 hours, and pay all the PTO except 50 hours. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

**IN RE: COUNTY HOME**

Comes now, Bob White, President of the County Home Board, read a letter from the residents of the County Home:

Terry L. Young also read a letter:

"I believe the decision to defund the County Home by the county Council was made in haste party due to miscommunication between the Council , the Board of Commissioners, Pleasant View Board, employees and residents. Therefore I move that the Board of Commissioners direct the County Attorney to send a letter to the Council requesting they reconsider their action."

Terry L. Young made a motion to have the County Attorney draft a letter to have the County Council reconsider the defunding. No seconded was made, so the motion died. I believe we are not the board to address this issue about defund the County Home. A discussion then accrued between the Commissioners regarding the County Home.

Comments were being made by several people at one time.

**IN RE: EMS REPORT**

Comes now, Nikki Lowry, Director to go over the reports for September. She went over the status for 911 and transfers. The busiest days were Friday and Saturday. Tuesday and Wednesday were the highest transfer days. I am making a chart regarding the calls.

Wanting to hire a paramedic but not getting application for one. I did receive a call from someone from Carroll County and when I told him what the pay was and he withdrew.

MALCON contract was received regarding the Medicaid report. Blue Company did the reports before MALSON, we have been asking when we were going to get the refunds, they said that Meyers and Stouffer did this and we should be receiving our refund for Medicaid. MALCON contract, motion made by Terry L. Young to approve and sign, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

**IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION**

Comes now, Ed Clark, Manager to give his monthly report. Continue to finish the conveyor in the Fletcher building, the bearing now needs fixed. I did get my request of \$25,000.00 for my part time help to get me through till the end of the year. I want to shut it down on November 3 and do an emergency fix on November 4, to the baler the seal is leaking.

Go ahead and advertise for the recycling position in the paper.

**IN RE: CDC REPORT**

Comes now, Nathan Origer CDC Director, to give his monthly report. Unemployment rate 4.2%, eighth-best in Indiana, down from 4.4% in June.

PC-CARE (rail-served west-side development project). Third and final site study completed; CDC will now be exploring funding mechanisms before making any decisions regarding which landowner to approach. (Not having access to rail-served land just caused us to miss out on the opportunity to try to lure a manufacturer interest in northwest Indiana.)

Unified Development Ordinance overhaul – Ratio Architects. Commissioners' approval of proposal is required; (Terry L. Young said he has issues with zoning) next step is kick-off meeting in mid-November. CDC and APC have both approved. (Document previously provided to you for review.) Clean up the Ordinance, Motion made to move forward Terry L. Young, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

Special Legislation CAGIT (Justice Center) Indiana code language. The CDC would like for our local legislators to propose changes to the language pertaining to our special CAGIT to loosen the uses for those revenues, so that they could be used to make annual jail-lease payments, thus freeing up CREDIT money for economic development. Upon receipt of the Commissioners' support, I'll then make the same request of the County Council; with their concurrence, I'll approach Sen. Charbonneau and Rep. Gutwein. (Draft language attached for your consideration) Motion made by Terry L. Young to approve, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

Establishment of a Pulaski County Redevelopment Commission (RDC). On Tuesday, October 7, the CDC voted in favor of my working with the Commissioners and Council (as well as our municipalities) to have established an RDC. An RDC provides certain economic- and community- development tools not available to Pulaski County currently, most especially Tax Increment Financing (TIF) about which one potential new business venture in Pulaski County has recently enquired. (I may follow-up with some information on RDC's if I can find a good, easy primer on the topic.)

EMS planning grant. Voter-registration records, phonebook, and authorization letter sent by KIRPC to Dr. Jeff Hornsby. (to get survey under way)

Pulaski Online. Finally nearing the end; almost all of the hard work, on Crane + Grey's end, is done; what remains is for me to generate local content that needs to fill in some of the new pages. Sam Maule, of C+G, came down to the office to provide a tutorial on how to do this, so now it's underway.

I have a new assistant, Krysten Hinkle.

SBPC – Bob Cannedy from First National Bank of Monterey spoke to the students in Mr. Burgess's class.

Business owner next.

Investigating to applying for state grant for career and technical education to improve workforce training classes at high school level.

Larry L. Brady and I are meeting with a potential industrial prospect this week.

**IN RE: HVAC PROJECT AT THE JUSTICE CENTER**

Comes now, Jeff Johnston, to give updated on the Justice Center, McGrath Refrigeration HVAC units \$74,467.00 Motion made to approve the McGrath HVAC units by Terry Young, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

Water softeners - Culligans \$19,000 approx., Connectico \$22,440 included removal of. Motion to move forward on Connectico at \$22,330.00 bid by Tracey Shorter, seconded by Terry Young. Motion carried.

Generator – at the county annex building the concrete pads are going down.

Metal trim going on at the Justice Center building, the man working on the trim, went to the hospital and the son was doing the job and a piece of metal fell on a vehicle. They will no longer be doing the job.

Building assessment for the Courthouse and the cost of the stairs was discussed at the last meeting. Will bring it up at the next meeting I attend.

**IN RE: CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES ON MARCH 17, 2014**

Comes now, Shelia K. Garling, Auditor, I had been notified that the minutes in the March 17, 2014 meeting were wrong. That the wording on the minutes was wrong regarding the refund premiums. Larry L. Brady, Commissioner said we weren't changing the words from that meeting. The County Attorney said what was decided was important, not what was said.

**IN RE: CLOSING TIME OF COUNTY BUILDINGS ON DECEMBER 24, 2014**

Comes now, Shelia K. Garling, Auditor. At the last meeting I ask for you to think about allowing us to close the county buildings at 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm on December 24, 2014, and the employee would need to use PTO time in order to be paid for the hours they will need to make up. Terry L. Young said he was okay with it. Tracey Shorter said, with the understanding that any office that closes early that the employees were to use their PTO time. It should be that each individual department should decide if he wanted to close his office. It does need to be advertised of the closing. Motion made by Tracey Shorter, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

**IN RE: REQUEST TO GET MARRIED IN THE COURTHOUSE**

A written request was submitted to the Commissioners for approval to get married in the courthouse on December 13, 2014. About 2 hours would be needed. Motion made by Tracey Shorter to not allow that request. Seconded by Larry L. Brady. Motion carried. Terry L. Young opposed. Liability responsibility, maintenance of the courthouse, this is not a simple request.

**IN RE: INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

The Sheriff's department asks for approval of the Indemnification Agreement with White County Indiana Sheriff's Department to perform law enforcement services for our county, while in an off-duty status for the White County Indiana Sheriff's Department. Motion made by Terry L. Young to sign, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

**IN RE: CSI SERVICE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR RECORDER**

Motion made by Terry L. Young to approve the CSI Service Maintenance Agreement for the Recorder, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

**IN RE: CONFERENCE APPROVAL**

Motion made by Tracey Shorter, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried. To approve training request for Aaron Heims and Richard Kain to Field Test Certification Class – Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on October 29, 2014.

**IN RE: NEW BUSINESS AND OLD BUSINESS**

New Business - Terry L. Young, Commissioner, Mike Maddox building permit it was issued in 2011, he ran into some issues with the flood plan FEMA and insurance company and finally has it resolved, went to building inspector and he said that he couldn't do anything without the Commissioners approving it as a hardship case. So I'm asking & moving that we waive 2011 building permit, motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Larry L. Brady. Motion carried. Terry L. Young said he would contact the building department on that issue.

Old Business – Terry L. Young brought up at the last meeting, EMA has a vehicle from the Sheriff to EMA department; he is using the vehicle for personal use. Motion made by Terry L. Young to have EMA to only use the vehicle for EMA use only. Seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

**IN RE: COUNTY HOME BE PLACED ON AN HISTORICAL LANDMARK**

Larry Brady, Commissioner to go to this historical meeting and attend the Auditor's conference on Wednesday October 22, 2014. Tracey Shorter is planning on going to the Historical meeting in Indianapolis IN on Wednesday. Motion made by Tracey Shorter to go, Terry L. Young commented that you don't need approval if you go on your own time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Question asked when is the next County Council meeting? November 10, 2014. Several comments by public citizens were made regarding the county home being defunded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Motion made by Tracey Shorter, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday November 3, 2014 in the Commissioners Room, in the Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Signed and dated this 3rd day of November,

2014  
**COMMISSIONERS**

**PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF**

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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