

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., Jason Bunger, Jerry Locke, Karen Bruder and Robert Richardson.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Commissioners Meeting of November, 2014 approved as presented upon a motion by Tracey Shorter, seconded by Terry Young. Motion carried.

IN RE: PAYROLL & OTHER CLAIMS AND ALLOWANCES

Payroll claims for the period (Hourly: October 12, 2014 – October 25, 2014) were received, considered and action taken thereon as shown on the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket they were paid on November 7, 2014.

Regular Claims & Allowance Docket dated November 17, 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: HIGHWAY REPORT

Comes now, Mark Fox to give his monthly report. Application for permit buried telephone facilities at W CR 600 N at US 421 (INDOT). Motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried. The software that the highway uses keeps track of everything they do. Kevin Tankersley commented that would be good software for every department to have.

IN RE: ORDER TO DEMOLISH

Comes now, Dave Dare, Building Inspector with Karen Bruder owner of Countryside Bowling Lane, Inc. This is a hearing for the Countryside Bowling Lane, Inc. to be Demolish unsafe structure & clear the premises at 7058 N US Hwy 42, San Pierre IN 46374. Karen Bruder presented a letter and Larry L. Brady read:

"I am writing a letter to you, Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County, of the intent I have concerning Countryside Bowling Lanes property. First of all I am in full agreement with all of you that the old bowling alley building must come down. Yes, it is a potential hazard. Because this property has brought to me not even one dollar and has only cost us thousands of dollars in taxes and also in repairs, when there was a possible hope to reopen. My hope to reopen was gone when the roof collapsed in 2009. I do not have the finances at this time to put in an escrow account for an excavating company to being the process of demolition, which was requested from the excavating company. Also, I asked if we could trade cabinets for excavating work, but the company said they couldn't do that at this time. So I had a serious discussion with my husband and our son, who is shop project manager over our business, and we all determined that it was impossible to take finances from the company at this time without devastating the company. So I am proposing a different solution to this crisis. I am asking for permission so that I and some personal friends, who are willing to work with me in scraping the bowling alley building until spring, the end of April, and I believe, at that time we can have an excavating company come in and demolish the remains of the building. I have contacted a company to come in and do samples to test for asbestos and when the report comes in I will bring it to the office of the Commissioner, Dave Dare. At this time I don't know if they send the report to you or if it will be handed to me in their office located in Valparaiso. I hope you will understand our position financially! It is of most importance that we survive this unfortunate situation that I find myself deeply involved in and I desperately want to come out on top. Also it is impossible for me to turn over the property to anyone! I have to work through corporation issues to have it put in my name, in order so that I can make major decisions concerning the Countryside Bowling Lanes property. Yes, I have controlling shares, but I have no right at this time to sell or give this property up to anyone without releasing legal battles against myself or yourselves. I hope this letter gives you a clear picture of my dilemma. Thank you for your consideration of my position concerning the status of this property in Pulaski County."

Will put a fence around building, and will put signs on the fence. Requesting to demo in April 30, 2015.

Motion made by Terry L. Young, to determine a unsafe structure, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

Dave Dare presented report from the building inspector department. To show how the department is doing.

Mr. Sears building in Medaryville is partially down. Ron Wireman was pulled away from this job to go to another one. But will come back this week and finish.

IN RE: CULVERT @ 800 N

Comes now, Robert & Tammy Richardson, land owners to discuss the culvert @ 800 N. The put in a new culvert to Lake Langenbaum causing flooding. They put into a new culvert and opened the ditch up and the water went west. It should be going north and south. The water is coming from the high land. The river is lower by about 2 feet. At this point I can't get to a deer stand. It is threatening a county road with water. Recommendation to bring this up to the drainage board.

IN RE: EMS REPORT

Comes now, Nikki Lowry, Director to give her monthly report. We have hired 7 new part time employees. Only one was a paramedic.

IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION

Comes now, Ed Clark, Manager to give his monthly report. Presented quotes for Mack truck repair from Pyramid Equipment \$2,431.46, Link Environmental Equipment \$2,270.02, and Galfab Acquisition \$ 1,557.76. Motion made by Terry L. Young to except Galfab Acquisition for\$1,557.76, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried. Box repair from Pyramid Equipment \$2,133.87, Link Environmental Equipment \$ 2,236.50 and Galfab Acquisition \$1,332.00. Motion made by Tracey Shorter to accept Galfab Acquisition \$1,332.00. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

Thank you to the Commissioners and Jeff Johnston, for the complete drop off place. There is no water standing at the Recycling Center.

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IN RE: PULASKI COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Comes now, Nathan Origer, CDC Director to give monthly reports.

Unemployment rate 4.1 percent, tenth-best in Indiana; down from 4.2 percent in August. 166 more employed in September 2014 than in September 2013.

Unified Development Ordinance overhaul – Ration Architects - Kick-off meeting on Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 1:00 p.m. with consultant and various local-government representatives.

CAGIT - Special Legislation (Justice Center) Indiana Code language - Council approved last week. I spoke with Rep. Doug Gutwein on Friday afternoon. He is open to working with us, but senses that this may still be a hot-button issue in the Governor's circle and, thus, with the legislature. So, I'll be making contact with someone in the Governor's circle, as well as scheduling with Sen. Ed Charbonneau; will also speak with a couple of other legislators whom I know.

Establishment of a Pulaski County Redevelopment Commission (RDC) - I presented on this last month. Have you given it any further consideration? Do you have any further questions for me? On next Tuesday, I'll be lunching with my counterpart in Fulton County, who serves on the Rochester RDC to pick his brain about this and to discuss a few other things.

EMS planning grant – KIRPC is waiting to hear from Dr. Hornsby about income survey. If they haven't heard from him with an acceptable status report in two weeks, then they may rescind the offer to him and conduct the survey themselves. In the past, someone like Dr. Hornsby has always had to be involved, either to conduct the survey, or at least to certify one done locally, but regulations on this are changing. I'll keep you apprised as I learn more.

Pulaski Online, almost there.

Adapt soft/Revolving Loan fund – though we don't know exactly when, the company is moving across the county line to the Gillam Township School (Jasper Co.). This creates some issues with their loan, so Kevin and I are going to work on an updated agreement. We don't like that they're leaving the county, but a number of financial, logistical, and intangible issues are at play here, and we'd rather they continue to employ Pulaski County residents and to make their payments than be pushed beyond the brink by us.

Revolving Loan fund administration - The CDC is looking into the possibility of having the Regional Development Company (RDC), a small business lending institution out of Valparaiso, provide financial-administration services for the program. Final decisions on making loans would still be held at the County level, but the RDC has the expertise and time to provide a credit/risk evaluation for us. Bankers currently serve on our committees, but don't always have the time to review these in-depth the way that, for a fee, RDC can. It may involve an increase in our application fee; I'm waiting on a formal proposal. In addition to possible providing the services, the RDC also may help us financial-requirement guidelines for the application process; Kevin and I have previously discussed that this is a serious weakness in the current guidelines.

Workforce Development. I'm working on possibly submitting a proposal to the State for workforce-development programming at the high-school level, but, as nice as having this new opportunity may be, we may be putting the cart before the horse with such funding at this point. We're continuing to partner with Ivy Tech to offer leadership-training classes to employees of local companies.

We need to find a new Pulaski County representative, from the private sector, to serve on the Northwest Indiana Workforce Board. This is your appointment to make. Ben Scheiner, plant manager at Galfab, is willing to serve. The appointment is to finish an existing term, through the end of June. Motion made by Tracey Shorter to appoint Ben Scheiner to the Northwest Indiana Workforce Board. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

Entrepreneurship Programming – We recently had Bob Cannedy, FNBM, return to Brandon Burgess's class for the business-plan competition. RLF borrower Tony Holliday, of Clear Decision Filtration, also joined, talking about his experiences in starting a new business.

I met with Lorri Feldt, Northwest director of the Indiana Small Business Development Center as a follow-up to our late-August Community Entrepreneurship Initiative community-assessment event. Along with other more strategic-planning tasks, we're scheduling a marketing-your-business workshop for late winter/early spring. I may also look into a "Business Plan 101" workshop.

General Updates – My assistant and I are working on the application for; the Hometown Collaboration Initiative, which I mentioned last month. I met with an industrial prospect last week. The Ohio-based company is very early in considering locations, of which there are currently roughly 12 potential candidates between Ohio and Indiana. He'll likely be back for a site visit in December, and a request for information will probably follow that.

Industrial Park – NIPSCO need an location where they can store equipment. They need 2 or 3 acres, this could be a source of income.

IN RE: FOOD DRIVE

A request to have a Food Drive for the Pulaski County Food Pantry was requested for November. Motion made by Tracey Shorter to approve, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

IN RE: CONFERENCE APPROVAL

Comes now, Shelia K. Garling, Auditor to request approval to attend the Davis Bacon Informational Work Session on December 4, 2014 in Monon IN with Michelle Grostefon. Motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

IN RE: HVAC CONTRACT

The Contract for Justice Center HVAC Replacement was presented and a motion was made by Tracey Shorter to approve, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

IN RE: ORDER SCANNER

A request by Larry L. Brady to approve the ordering of the Scanner from Priority Engineering for our Laserfish project. It will be paid for in 2015. Motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

IN RE: SCHEDULES FOR 2015, MEETINGS, HOLIDAYS

Discussed was one day reimbursement for meals, Holidays for 2015, and Commissioners meeting dates and Joint Sessions with the County Council.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bud Krohn, Jr., commented about is there insurance on the bowling alley. We need proof from Karen Bruder of insurance before we can extend her more time. Motion made by Terry L. Young to discuss with Dave Dare, (Building Inspector) to require proof of insurance at the bowling alley in Radioville until further action. Seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried. Bud also ask about the \$18,000.00 backhoe and why isn't it in the shed.

Tracey Shorter had concerns at the County Home regarding the Council putting it to a new vote on December 8, 2014. Kevin Tankersley, County Attorney get him involved. Which isn't done yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Motion made by Tracey Shorter, seconded by Terry Young. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday December 1, 2014 in the Commissioners Room, in the Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Signed and dated this 1st day of December, 2014

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Larry L. Brady, President

Tracey Shorter, Vice-President

Terry L. Young

ATTEST: _____
Shelia K. Garling, Auditor, Pulaski County