

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 Tracey Shorter, Vice-President, Upon the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting began. Present also was Terry L. Young, Commissioners, Kevin Tankersley, County Attorney and Shelia K. Garling, Auditor. Larry L. Brady, President was absent.

Also present, other than those who are on the agenda, were: Amber Tomlinson, Anita Goodan, Holly Hoover, Jason Bunger and Gene Timm.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Commissioners Meeting of November 17, 2014; Joint Session on November 6, 2014 and Executive Session on November 10 and 21, 2014 were approved as presented upon a motion by Terry L. Young, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

IN RE: PAYROLL & OTHER CLAIMS AND ALLOWANCES

Payroll claims for the period (Hourly: October 26, 2014 – November 8, 2014) were received, considered and action taken thereon as shown on the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket they were paid on November 21, 2014.

Regular Claims & Allowance Docket dated December 1, 2014 were received, considered, and action taken thereon as shown presented. Motion made by Terry L. Young to pay claims and payroll as submitted, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

IN RE: RECORDER NEW HIRE

Comes now, Christi Hoffa, Recorder to request to hire Jalia Larson. Christi will call her and let her know. Do I need to do drug testing? Currently not mandatory, unless it's job that involves operating a vehicle, it's up to the department. Motion made by Terry L. Young to approve hire, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried. Christi will call her and let her know.

IN RE: CDC Report

Comes now, Nathan Origer, CDC Director to give his monthly report. Unemployment rate (October, preliminary). 4.1 percent, fourth-best in Indiana; up from 4.0 percent in September. 229 more employed in October than in October 2013.

Hometown Collaboration Initiative – Application submitted today. Will find out in 10 days to 2 weeks if we are finalists; decision to be announced in mid-January. Will require \$5,000.00 investment (to be returned to us, possible with more State money, at end of process) if we are selected. Committee of 14 from all across the county will guide the project, with my office providing staffing. Probably focusing on place-making/quality of life.

Special Legislation CAGIT (Justice Center) – Indiana Code language. I'm meeting with Senator Charbonneau and Representative Gutwein next week. Last week, I spoke with a cousin in the State House; he's more optimistic than Rep. Gutwein, thinks that as long as it's done tactfully, the legislature and governor won't respond negatively – and he thinks that he could probably pull some votes in our favor.

Establishment of a Pulaski County Redevelopment Commission (RDC).- I met with Terry Lee, the Ex. Dir. Of FEDCO last week; he provided me with some really helpful insights. As noted previously, I'm presenting to the Council a week from tonight. I do think, as you suggested a couple of weeks ago, that there's no reason for us to rush this.

EMS planning grant – KIRPC has heard from Dr. Hornsby; my understanding is that he was to be getting started on the project today.

Pulaski Online – Plugging away on the updates; as far as I can tell, Crane + Grey have made every desired change and now are getting some additional videography and photography uploaded.

Workforce Development – As of right now, we're moving forward with the Career and Technology Education curriculum-grant application I need approval tonight to spend more than \$2,500.00 – approximately \$5,000.00 – to hire a grant writer for this. I'll be doing a lot of the legwork, but he previously worked for the agency offering this funding and, so, knows what this application needs to contain, and I just don't have the time to do it properly. When I speak with him tomorrow, I am going to ask about pro-rating his cost if we get to a point at which we realize that it's just not going to come together. And if it doesn't come together in time for this application deadline, then we still have a good idea, even if less funding for it, about how to get some kind of industrial-repair-and-maintenance training program set up. If we do get this submitted, and we happen to receive a grant, I'll be asking for formal permission to spend money beyond \$2,500.00 as part of our local match, but for now, I'm just asking for a green light to plan to support the project financially in the future. Grant is due January 2, 2015 I need a grant writer, I don't have the time to get it all together. It's not worth my payroll time.

Have a couple of businesses interest in expanding, possible in borrowing from RLF (Revolving Loan Fund # 8101) We haven't had any further conversations with the Regional Development Company about their administering it yet, but I am going to speaking with USDA – Rural Development about potential help to increase the amount of money in our RLF.

KIRPC – brownfields project – Need your approval for providing space, my time, and possible (but not likely) County equipment and labor, all per the letter of support that I previously sent to you for review. Need Larry's signature on this letter. Motion made by Tracey Shorter, for Larry L. Brady to sign. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

IN RE: EMA GRANT

Comes now, Larry Hoover, EMA Director to have 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grants-Projects Sub-Grant Agreement approved and signed. Motion made by Terry L. Young to sign grant. Seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

IN RE: CONFERENCE APPROVALS

Motion made by Terry L. Young to approve, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

Request for Holly VanDerAa, Assessor and Pat Tiede to attend District Meeting at Fair Oaks on December 5, 2014 in Rensselaer, IN. Request for Larry Hoover to attend REACT meeting in Winamac IN on December 1, 2014, Request to attend Ebola meeting December 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.; Director's meeting in Mentone IN on December 4, 2014.

DECEMBER 1, 2014

REGULAR SESSION

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN RE: FOUR COUNTY DISTRIBUTION RATE INCREASE

Comes now, Shelia K. Garling ask about the paperwork we received from Four County saying that we still owe them money since 2004. Motion made by Terry L. Young to pay the amount we originally owe at this time till the County Attorney can look over the paperwork received. Seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

IN RE: CONTRACT FOR JUSTICE CENTER WATER CONDITIONER REPLACEMENT

Motion made by Terry L. Young to approve the Contract for the Water Conditioner Replacement with Rabb Water Systems at the Justice Center. Seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

IN RE: EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

Motion made by Terry L. Young to approve the Extension Contractual Service Agreement with Purdue University. Seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried.

IN RE: CLOSING ON DECEMBER 24, 2014 EARLY

Comes now, Shelia K. Garling to ask if her request for early closing on December 24, 2014 of the Courthouse and other County buildings be withdrawn? The earlier request was approved by the Commissioners. Commissioner Tracey Shorter said the approval of the request still stands with the understanding that it would be up to each office if they would like to close. County Attorney Kevin Tankersley further clarified the statement saying that employees will not be paid for the time off. They can either use their paid time off or not be paid for those hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. Motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Tracey Shorter. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday January 5, 2015 in the Commissioners Room, in the Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Signed and dated this 15th 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