

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

Also present, other than those who are on the agenda, were: Anita Goodan, Gene Timm, Josh Wilder, Carroll Lange, Terry Ruff, Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Albert (Butch) Sehstedt, and Shannon

IN RE: PAYROLL & OTHER CLAIMS AND ALLOWANCES

Payroll claims for the period (Hourly: January 18, 2015 – January 31, 2015) were received, considered and action taken thereon as shown on the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket they were paid on January 13, 2015.

Regular Claims & Allowance Docket dated February 17, 2015 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 Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY REPORT

Comes now, Terry Ruff, Assistant Superintendent to give the monthly report. The bids were considered and a motion was made to accept the bid from Pozzo Mack for the 2016 Mack GU713 for \$113,485.15. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried. Motion made by Terry L. Young to approve bid from Terry Truck Equipment for the Upfit for 61,450.00. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried. There were a lot of good comments made regarding the plowing of the roads.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE REPORT

Comes now, Jeff Johnston, Director to give his monthly report. The Justice Center Equipment Project – the water heaters are installed and online. The water softener installations are operating as intended. The HVAC units are scheduled to start arriving late next week. Once they are all operational, Benchmark will begin installation of the new controls system. They have repaired several flush valves and shower units. The outside scramble pad has been replaced and repaired. A television & a time clock in the dispatch office were hung. A bolt protruding from the south wall was removed. One of the dispatch desks was repaired. Replaced three wrong bulbs in the Dayroom lights in the cell blocks. The Generator sounded an alarm during a self-start. It was inspected the equipment and adjusted the fluid levels.

Courthouse repairs – Clerks office vault light, replaced the bulbs with more efficient bulbs. The 4 outlet box we anchored more securely to the wall. The Handicap accessible doors in the basement of the courthouse were repaired. Two chairs were replaced in the Surveyors office from the Commissioners room, per request of Terry Young, Commissioner.

Annex repairs – heating has been zeroed in to maximize building comfort. We need to do patching and repainting the wall outside the Building Inspectors office. The heating capability is not at a comfortable level, looking into increasing the heating capability. Re-anchored the elevator switch. Extension office rearranged offices & filing cabinets and the maintenance dept. helped with that. Mark Fox & Co. Highway Dept., assisted with replacing bulbs in the Annex parking lot.

County Highway – two of the heating units were not working, they were repaired. Repaired the northeastern overhead door. Men's bathroom toilet seat was broken & bathroom sink faucet has been repaired. The women's toilet Had a faulty flush seal. It was replaced.

County Home – a new water softener was installed. The well was required and is now working correctly. Repairing the well allowed us to re-locate it. Septic Tank was pumped out, and a toilet seat was broke and replaced.

Recycling Center – water lines & bladder tank froze. We moved these systems into a heated office area to avoid future weather problems. External water line froze and broke at the transfer station. Mr. Connors isolated the broken line, and we replaced the heat lamp with heated pipe wrapping to avoid freezing pipes and lessen electrical risk. Mark Fox from the County Highway assisted changing out the overhead lights at the Transfer Station & Recycling Center. A chair from the Commissioners room was given to the Recycling Center per Terry L. Young.

**MEETING WAS RECESSED FOR THE BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING AT 6:15 PM
RECONVENED MEETING AT 6:19 PM****IN RE: EMS REPORT**

Comes now, Nikki Lowry, Director to give her monthly report for her department.

IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION REPORT

Comes now, Brad Bonnell, Manager to give the monthly report. Presented a report from 2014 showing how many tons of recycling and amount received for transfer station.

Report for January 2015 recycling report total weight 141,382 lbs. Recyclable sales total sales were \$5,511.76. Monthly expenses were \$4,714.71.

Checking the price with Francesville propane, cost is \$2.76 gal with a hazmat fee, North Central Co-op \$1.75 gal no hazmat fees.

Discussed some new ideas that may help.

Credit Card machine, the cost would be \$30.00 a month. They say there is no charge for debit card, but credit card will cost 2% to the consumer. Auditor & Treasurer will work together and figure out something for this to work. Support from Commissioners on getting a credit card machine.

Insurance safety program,

Wanting to host a training and safety program for the fork lift this summer.

Any issues with shut off the charge accounts, Brad said no not really. Bud Krohn said he had comment that it was inconvenient.

IN RE: CDC REPORT

Comes now, Nathan Origer, Director to give his monthly report.

Career & Technical Education Grant. Awarded \$82,355.00 for repair and maintenance training program at West Central. Attended Governor Pence's event last week; awaiting grant documents from state. Requesting the approval to invest \$12,000.00 pending additional-appropriate approval from the Council for our part of local match. Motion made by Terry L. Young to approach the Council, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

Hometown Collaboration Initiative – Had our first meeting yesterday; 9 of 14 committee members in attendance.

Next steps include reviewing various plans in the community, preparing for a community survey, and filling a few gaps on the committee. Requesting approval to invest \$5,000.00 (to be returned later, pending State approval of our capstone project), pending additional-appropriation or funds –transfer approval from Council. Motion made by Terry L. Young to approach Council, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

Pulaski Online – The Website has gone live with a “soft launch”. We're generating content, and I have a finish-up meeting with Crane + Grey on Wednesday to go over the last few things that I need for them to do. The project looks like it could come in slightly under budget.

Unemployment rate (December, preliminary). 4.8 percent, 13th best in Indiana; down from 5.0 percent in November. 170 more employed in December 2014 than in December 2013.

Advisory Commission on Industrial Development. We'll be having a meeting (reorganizing) shortly. Appraisals have been completed. Waiting to hear from potential prospects on their continued interest before we meet to approve and to advertise offering sheet.

Special Legislation CAGIT (Justice Center) – Indiana Code language. Spoke with Rep. Gutwein, he's been a bit evasive on this issue, but finally came out and said that he's willing to lend his support in 2016 if he sees NPO take a step back while elected officials get a little more vocal, and that we at least explain to the taxpayers what the objective is here, and how much it would “cost” them (as opposed to simply cutting the rate).

Establishment of a Pulaski County Redevelopment Commission (RDC). Becoming clearer to me that we should get this moving to stay in front of a couple of projects that would benefit from TIF. Appointments are for one year, so, for the first year, once we are ready to commit, I suggest that, if I can find five (or seven) of them, we fill as many seats as possible with CDC members, just for the sake of efficiency. Prior to 2016 appointments, we could then broaden the horizon.

EMS planning grant. KIRPC has taken over the survey. If we run out of the time frame of the letter of intent, then we should be able to get a waiver on that.

Revolving Loan Fund: CDC has put the program on short-term hiatus while we our review committee is at work, we consider options for third-party financial administration/guidance, and seek sources for recapitalizing the fund. We have one request that's under consideration right now; it'll be the last loan decision until the hiatus ends.

2015 Economic Development Summitt. Tuesday, 3 March; 7:00 p.m.; Cornerstone Event Center, Francesville; guest speaker from OCRA, talking about HCI.

IN RE: UPDATED EMERGENCY PLAN & PREPAREDNESS BUDGET

Comes now, Sherry Fagner, Health department to give update on the Expenditure Approval Request form for Public Health Preparedness Base Grant. Motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Received from Crystal Williams, Department of Child Services, Pulaski Office Director to request to meet with the Commissioners on the March 16, 2015 meeting to request use of the Courthouse lawn for the month of April for child abuse awareness month. Request was approved.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

Motion made by Bud Krohn, Jr., to approved conference request, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried. Sarah Kasten request to attend NACA (National Animal Care & Control Association) in Kannapolis, NC for May 4-8, 2015; Mark Fox request to attend Purdue Road School in West Lafayette IN on March 10 – 12, 2015. Bud Krohn, Jr. requested that the Assistant Superintendent from the Highway also attend (Terry Ruff). Also requesting to attend Purdue Road School is Larry L. Brady and Bud Krohn, Jr.; Larry Hoover request to attend the National Weather Service Storm Spotter training in Rochester on February 18, 2015, the Sports & Special Events Incident Management training course at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on February 24 & 25, 2015, the District 2 DPC & General Assembly in Plymouth IN on February 26, 2015; Tasha Foerg requested herself and a deputy to attend the Northern District Meeting in Lafayette IN on March 4 – 5, 2015; Jenny Keller to request Dan Kain to attend the 2015 IPLLA Regional meeting on February 25, 2015 in Merrillville, IN and take the Surveyor's vehicle; Nathan Origer request to attend the Indiana Economic Development Association Bond Financing Workshop on March 5, 2015 in Indianapolis IN, also attend IEDA Spring conference in Indianapolis, IN on March 5 – 6, 2015.

IN RE: NORDIC ENERGY SERVICE AGREEMENT

The NORDOC Energy Service Agreement was presented again because they were able to update with a better pricing then last month. Motion made by Terry L. Young to approve as presented. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: FLEXIBLE CASH RENT AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY FARM 2015

Presented the Flexible Cash Rent Agreement for the County Farm-2015 with Tim & Sue Alexander. Motion made by Bud Krohn, Jr., to approve. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

IN RE: IDEM LETTER

Acknowledgement of letter received by IDEM re: Wastewater Treatment Plant permit application on February 4, 2015 from Town of Medaryville.

IN RE: COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Terry L. Young commented regarding NACo, that hopefully in a couple of weeks we will have all information. The old barber chair at the County Home be donated to the Historical Society. Motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

Motion made by Terry L. Young to appoint Bud Krohn, Jr., to be point of contact to help with the surplus & county home stuff. Seconded by Larry L. Brady. Motion carried.

Motion made by Terry L. Young to have keys to the Courthouse and Commissioners room, because this is his office. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

Terry L. Young commented that the County Home Board Members and the employee's that lost their jobs be given severance pay. Full time \$1,000.00 and Part time \$500.00. Needs to be taken to the County Council for approval.

Terry L. Young received a phone call regarding his county road; he resents the call telling him he gets special treatment.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Comes now, Sheriff Jeff Richwine, contacted another company to take over the Tax Sale. Update the county on some of the military equipment.

Dispatchers will have a co-head assistant one for communications and one for 911 coordinator. We have enough money so we will be hiring part time dispatchers. There is plenty of work there for 2 people.

Jail Commander would like to do a garden at the County Home for the Inmates to take care of. Wanted to run this pass you Commissioner and County Council. County will check on this.

Camera's for the jail, getting a price.

Brought up wanting to have control on the water usage.

Did a surprise drug testing on the work release inmates. 5 of the 6 tested positive.

The random drug testing is \$50.00 and it test up to 10 drugs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Anita Goodan asks if the Highway Department was doing what the Commissioners have asked them to do in terms of improving. What kind of improvement do you want the Highway to do? Terry L. Young commented that they want better communication and to follow the policy book.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion made by Bud Krohn, Jr., seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday March 2, 2015 in the Commissioners Room, in the Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Signed and dated this 2nd day of March, 2015
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Larry L. Brady, President

Terry L. Young, Vice-President

Bud Krohn, Jr.

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