

MAY 4, 2015

REGULAR SESSION

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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 Terry L. Young, Vice-President, Bud Krohn, Jr., 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, JoLynn Behny, Martha Lowry, Roger Querry, Kendra Craft, Bradley Bonnell, Jerry Locke, Eric Watken.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Commissioners Meeting of April 20, 2015, Joint Session Minutes of April 13, 2015 and Executive Session on April 27, 2015 were approved as presented upon a motion by Bud Krohn, Jr., seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

IN RE: PAYROLL & OTHER CLAIMS AND ALLOWANCES

Payroll claims for the period (Hourly: March 29, 2015 – April 11, 2015) were received, considered and action taken thereon as shown on the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket they were paid on April 24, 2015. Motion made by Terry L. Young, to pay payroll as submitted. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

Regular Claims & Allowance Docket dated May 4, 2015 were received, considered, and action taken thereon as shown presented. Motion made by Terry L. Young to pay claims as submitted. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE REPORT

Comes now, Jeff Johnson, Maintenance Director to give the monthly report. Outlet on east side of courthouse stairwell installed can turn off power to it. Flowering ground cover planted inside sidewalks around courthouse. Will fill in all mulched areas. 9 light fixtures repaired throughout all facilities. Mowers repaired, and serviced. One tire patched, and put mulching blades on the small mower. Elevator inspections from Department of Homeland Security completed, violations passed to maintenance company (Oracle). 3 slider doors in Jail repaired. New mowing and grounds schedule implemented. Department evaluations are current, required annual ones finished. Policies updated and current, entered into handbook, added some of my own. Convection oven in jail kitchen replaced. We removed the old one and stripped for parts that will fit the new one. Repeater building roof secured. High winds bent the roof back in 2 places but it is now repaired. Fuel pumps at recycling center have been wired in and are now operational. We still have an outdoor light we are installing. Sewage system at the courthouse has been repaired. System did not drain properly at the street and backed up into the building. There was no hazardous spill. There is still a sewer smell in the basement EMA office from time to time we are still investigating. Air handler in courthouse roof repaired. The drip pan in the bottom was broken causing condensation to leak into the floor and through the light fixture in the Circuit Court offices. Repaired a control issue with a rooftop HVAC unit. I reprogrammed the heating and cooling layout of the Superior courts system. The broken outside water tap at the county home was repaired for use by jail personnel for their garden. The barber chair and shoe shine stool at the county home was moved to the historical society.

There was no off duty emergency calls for the month, there have been no reportable accidents this month, all maintenance personnel attended the mandatory policy book training.

IN RE: EMS PTO TIME

Comes now, Nikki Lowry, EMS Director to give a report on how they are losing time when they take time off. They are losing 12 hours of pay if they took 2 days off. Would like to increase the hours regarding there PTO time. Kevin Tankersley recommends that it needs to be put in writing and presented to Kevin, she would then make a recommendation to the personnel committee and they would address it to the Commissioners and Council.

IN RE: PMH

Comes now, Gregg Malott, Board of Directors Pulaski County Community Foundation to request, in effort to increase awareness regarding the Lilly Endowment GIFT Phase VI Program within our community, for permission to display a sign that would track the progress to our goal of reach \$500,000.00. Motion made to approve Terry L. Young, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: CLOSING A ROAD

Comes now, Richard Lowry to request they don't close the county road on 1150 W South of 900 S. I cannot get my crops out if they close the road. Kevin Tankersley spoke up to clarify and said that Richard says closed the road and the Commissioners say abandon the road.

In re: UPDATE ON BUILDING INSPECTOR ISSUES

Comes now, David Weber, Assistant Building Inspector. Sportsman Bar in Monterey, Amereco would have a report saying they think there's asbestos in there, didn't have report back at 4:00. Is there a inspector that you are going to hire, Dave said yes, the cost will be \$1,500.00. The company Amereco, is based in Valparaiso Mrs. Bruder came in today and she has a buyer for the old Bowling Alley Building, Mr. Kerr who has the ambulance service next door, don't know if he knows that the building has to come down. Mr. Sears, Medaryville Liquor Store, I was out there and found lumber, and other items out there. Mike Neishous, wrote 2 letters, he has a mess out there, a number of zoning ordinance violations. We have given him 90 days to get it cleaned up. Gate is up across the entrance, there has been no process since the last time. He has till July to get that mess cleaned up. He was informed over the phone.

IN RE: HOOSIER START

Comes now, Tonya Evens representing Hoosier START (Retirement) to give the Commissioners some insight to what Hoosier START is. We would like to hold some employee awareness meetings. Meet with the employees to make sure they are prepared for retirement. Terry L. Young made a motion to adopt plan 457 to the insurance and have them meet with the employees. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried

IN RE: COUNTY HOME BILLS

Shelia K. Garling requested that the County Home bills like electric, gas etc., be paid from the Commissioners budget since the money in the County Home budget is gone except the amount to finish paying the employees. Motion made by Terry L. Young to approve, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: WHEEL TAX

At this time we are not prepared to discuss this. We have talked with the County Highway. We could schedule it on Monday night with the County Council meeting to have LTAP come in and discuss the wheel tax.

IN RE: LOW FINANCIALS & TIME AND ATTENDANCE

Information regarding LOW Financial was sent out along with Tim & Attendance information and would like a motion to move forward on these items. Motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: HCC PUBLIC RISK RE: FUEL TANK GUARDRAILS & NO SMOKING SIGNS

A letter was received from HCC Public Risk, in regards to the fuel tank guardrails and No Smoking signs on the tanks at the garage location. HCC Public Risk had spoken with Terry Ruff, Highway about getting them put on at the EMS location also. Motion made by Terry L. Young to have Jeff Johnston move forward, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Larry L. Brady, Commissioner made comment that 3 applicants applied for the Highway Superintendent's position. In the past we have used a scoring system, in the past it has helped us in. I Larry L. Brady moved at this time to appoint Kendra Craft as the next Highway Superintendent. Then Terry L. Young commented that the President of the Board shouldn't be making a motion. We haven't done it in the past for any other motions, sorry. Okay (Larry L. Brady) then I will entertain a motion for Kendra Craft as the next Highway Superintendent, she has a skill sets for this job, to manage the paperwork, computer systems, deadlines required from the state. Bud Krohn, Jr. would like to say that these questions weren't fitting for the position; I going to stick to my guns and nominate Terry Ruff for the highway superintendent. Bud Krohn, Jr. said it was in the best interest of the taxpayers. Larry L. Brady, asked Bud Krohn, Jr., if he could tell the audience the true qualification of why you want Terry Ruff in that position. He can do a good job, great experience, worked with Kenny Becker and step up for Mark Fox. He has 40 years of experience, not everyone has that much experience. Terry L. Young said Larry is bring up questions and points that shouldn't even be brought up. Kevin am I right. Qualifications were up on one end for a person and down on another end for someone else, Terry L. Young, I am seconded Bud's motion. Motion carried. Larry L. Brady denied motion.

IN RE: CONFERENCE APPROVALS

Motion made by Terry L. Young to approve request, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried. Sheriff departments, Stephen Tabler & Cody Foust request to attend Pepper ball Training, to be recertified in LA Porte IN on May 21 & 22, 2015.

Motion made by Bud Krohn, Jr., to approve request, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried. Steve VanDerAa, Coroner to request to attend State Called Indiana Coroners Association Conference in Indianapolis IN on June 25 – 28, 2015. Larry Hoover, EMA Director to request to attend RTIPP Training in Warsaw IN on May 8, 2015, Fulton County LEPC meeting in Rochester IN on 5-21-15, DNR 2015 Summer Workshop in Columbus IN on June 24, 2015, L-965 Resource Unit Leader Course in Plymouth IN on June 29 – July 2, 2015. Bud Krohn, Jr., then commented that he would like to have Larry Hoover report on some of the meeting/trainings that he attends. Bud Krohn, Jr., was asked if that meant everyone needed to report and he said no, that Larry Hoover attends meetings almost every day.

IN RE: JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Comes now, Shelia K. Garling, Auditor to ask for support in having a committee of each department head to try and get together so we could get our Job Descriptions updated. When Kevin and Colleen did the policy handbooks they give each department head a 3 ring binder with the old job descriptions in the back of the policy book. Kevin Tankersley thinks we may need to hire someone other than him to make sure that the job descriptions met the physical aspect of the job.

IN RE: CONFINED FEEDING OPERATION

Acknowledgement of Confined Feeding Operation Approval Renewal Pulaski County Farm ID # 3671, Darrin Wagner Owner/Operator.

IN RE: SHERIFF REPORT

Comes now, Sheriff Jeff Richwine to discuss the radios, they are going to start the process of turning over there radio's, we are going to look at a plan of slowly replaces them. In four years we need to have them all done.

Inmate insurance, looking into if they are covered. Is there any wisdom there in hiring these inmates they would be under workman's comp, would like to look into this and maybe they could make a couple of bucks. Larry said he would support Jeff in to looking into this. Kevin Tankersley commented that they would be cover under the counties insurance, put they would fall under the 28 hours a week.

Reports – total calls, 1191 for deputies; 108 arrest, 154 tickets and warnings, 518 stopped cars, 39 slid offs, 25 wreck less driving tickets; 23 medical related incidents; 152 property damage; 29 personal accidents; 24 criminal mischief; 37 drug investigations; 24 abandoned vehicles; 92 alarm calls.

Commented on the 911 dispatchers, how well they do their jobs. Including the deputies, correction officers every one working there.

I encourage everyone to come over and take a tour of our jail. Everyone works well together.

Sarah Kasten called Terry L. Young to discuss that she is looking at a van. She just passed her 40 hour course to make her a special deputy. She can write tickets. She has passed the Title 36.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday May 18, 2015 in the Commissioners Room, in the Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Signed and dated this 18th day of May, 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