

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, Tyler Maffitt, and Gene Timm.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Commissioners Meeting of June 1, 2015, was approved as presented upon a motion by Terry L. Young, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: PAYROLL & OTHER CLAIMS AND ALLOWANCES

Payroll claims for the period (Hourly: April 26, 2015 – May 9, 2015) were received, considered and action taken thereon as shown on the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket they were paid on May 22, 2015. Motion made by Terry L. Young, to pay payroll as submitted. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

Regular Claims & Allowance Docket dated June 1, 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: HIGHWAY REPORT

Comes now, Terry Ruff, Superintendent to give his monthly report. On June 23, 2015 they are going to demonstrate an asphalt ripper in Pulaski County at 800 S East of 35 or 600 N between 500 & 600, he's going to have jointing counties join us at 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the morning. Next week weather permitting, going to start blade mixing. The burming has been done. Need to get the roads grated again. I have a new employee I'm going to hire.

Swayze Camp road issue came up again, that road is a private road not a county road. There are barrels being put up to close the road. Anything they are doing out there is a civil action can be filed. Kevin Tankersley said that he was told that Swayze Camp is not a county road. Kevin will look into it.

IN RE: EMS REPORT

Comes now, Nikki Lowry, EMS Director to give her monthly report. To keep you updated, we have had truck issues, the air conditioner was down in the back, we had that repaired. We had a truck blow a turbo hose clamp. We had to change DLF filters and they were on warranty, but we had to wait about a week because they were on backorder. We finally received our cardiac monitors; we have to wait on the data cards from Verizon. They should be here this week.

We are looking into new billing software, what we have now is not Web based compliant. The state is going with new software that will cross over all the trauma reports with the State Board of Health. We need to budget into 2016 budgets.

Nikki is requesting to attend seminar on effective Policies and Procedure in Merrillville IN on June 25, 2015. Motion made by Bud Krohn, Jr. to approve request. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

Bud Krohn, Jr. had a question regarding an ambulance running for 55 minutes while the EMS staff was in McDonalds. Nikki said they run the ambulances because of the air conditioner and if they have a respiratory patient it needs to be cool in the back.

IN RE: BRIDGE INSPECTION

Comes now, Jeff Larrison, United Consulting, and Bridge Inspection report. This is a recap for your 4 year contract for your county wide bridge inspections, so we inspect your bridges every 2 years. We submitted our phase I inspection report. We signed our contract in December of 2013 for the bridge inspection. Then in 2014 effective in April the state changed certain number of bridges if there efficiency rate fell below a certain number instead of a 2 year cycle they upped it to a 1 year cycle and for Pulaski County that equated to 10 different bridges that are now, because of their efficiency rating they have to be inspected on an annual bases. Because of that it has run the cost up a little bit. So tonight I have a supplement to address those annual inspections on those 10 bridges. I stopped in and talked with Terry Ruff and Gary Kruger and they took a look at those 10 bridges and they might want to take a stab at working on some of them. Gross increase for the contract is \$12,600.00 over 4 years of the agreement. 80% will be paid by the state. Net for Pulaski County 2,520.00, if you do the work you won't be charged for it, it will come off the contract. Tonight I want you to look over this, and we will send it to INDOT first and we include everything, they will review it and if everything is okay, then it will come back to you to sign.

The 10 bridges were all inspected last year, and will be inspected again this year. This was phase I.

IN RE: COURTHOUSE REPORT AND COUTHOUSE RENOVATION

Comes now, Jeff Johnston, Manager to give his report. The new building for the repeater was ordered, built and wired. The repeater has been moved and is operational. How do we move forward? Commissioners said to, coordinate with Brad Bonnell from Recycling for dumpsters, to strip building of glass, wiring, wood, etc. and coordinate with County Highway for wall demo and block removal. Move forward with this.

Courthouse Grounds – flowering found cover has been planted around the building inside the sidewalk. The plants used will fill in the spaces completely blocking out weeds and providing a pleasant flowering appearance every year. This will eliminate the need to mulch every year. We were able to purchase flood lights (6) for the courthouse at \$39.00 per unit, which are normally \$100.00 - \$500.00 per unit. These are hard wired, 120v, 500 watt mounted units. If the flag is up it needs to be lit at all times.

Justice Center Grounds – I have talked with the past Sheriff Gayer and Sheriff Richwine the north side of the Justice center has been weeded and flowers planted to enhance the building. Last year the Maintenance Department had requested a budget to include grounds work at the Justice Center to remove the foliage and mulch from the north side and replace it with grass, then use decorative stone around the other three sides to minimize maintenance costs and improve the buildings appearance. The Council instructed us at the time to use Building and Structure funds to accomplish this, I would like to ask permission to move forward. Motion made by Terry L. Young to move forward, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: COURTHOUSE REPORT AND COUTHOUSE RENOVATION (cont.)

County Building Renovation Project – After receiving the “green light” to proceed with the renovation project, and discussing the subject with Mr. Sullivan, I have contacted an Architectural/Structural/Construction Engineering firm to begin the preliminary site visit phase. I will be presenting them with all of the information collected thus far and all of the requests from the Council and Commissioners, so that they can formulate a comprehensive plan. Once this plan is developed, it will be presented to you for consideration. The site visit will be this week, I am awaiting a firm date and time. I will pass the information on to your when I get it. The start of this project meeting is June 23, 2015 at noon.

Pulaski County Annex – We completed some mulching to enhance the look of the building. The concrete walls have a honey bee nest in the corner of the building, will need to remove. Would like to request to move forward with the wall repairs. Motion made by Terry L. Young to go ahead with the waterline at the Annex, and the extension and sink (using the tube like sink from the County Home). Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr., Motion carried.

Protective Fuel Tank Barriers – As instructed, the concrete filled steel posts have been installed at the County Highway Building, EMS, and the Recycling Center. They were then painted yellow. As they were being installed at the EMS building the underground wiring was damaged. It was found that the wiring underground was never put into conduit. I would ask permission to coordinate with the County Highway to trench the area, replace the wiring in conduit and rebury. Permission was given.

Courthouse Air Handler – the courtroom air handler which was leaking through the ceiling has been repaired and the leak was stopped. Another leaked developed near the stairs then a condensation pump lost its drain line and was spraying water on the floor, this too was repaired.

There were 2 off duty emergency calls this month, repair of a drain and repair of the dispatch AC. No reportable accidents this month. One part time team member had his hours adjusted to provide all day coverage. The County Pickup truck was backed into in the ACE parking lot. Our insurance company was notified and they are handling the case. Repair quotes were forwarded to Novotny.

The maintenance department does not have anything for the sale on Saturday.

IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION REPORT

Comes now, Brad Bonnell, Manager to give his monthly report. We did buy the trailer from Lafayette and it's at the state park for a week. I acquired a truck from Larry, EMA it's a S700, 1979 it will go to Abbott tomorrow to get a hitch put on it.

Cardboard, we have switched to Pratt Industrials, haven't been paid for the first load, it's a net 30. But we will get \$70.00 a ton, verses 50/50. Not happy with the company for Plastic #1 & #2, maybe switching to a company in Illinois. Larry L. Brady said he went to the Solid Waste District Meeting last week, did you realize you can get skids from them. Also one of the locations you can get florescent, get in contact with Carol from Solid Waste District.

White Mack Truck has a bearing out and drive shaft, it's going to get fixed tomorrow.

The Security Camera's aren't up yet.

Credit Card needs to be approved; I will give the Auditor's office a check once a week, but will take cash in still every day.

We have received more money since last year at this time, and collected more tons to landfill since last year.

Discussed the option of hiring a couple more employees at the County Highway so we can do our own vehicle maintenance. Last year the county council said no. So this might be another option to address this year. Terry L. Young said that Starke County does this, but the departments need to reimburse the department for expenses.

Tire day collection day will be July 11, 2015 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

IN RE: EMA GRANT

Comes now, Larry Hoover, Director to get the 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grants – Projects Sub-Grant Agreement approved. This is for the controls for the 4 sirens for the towns. Motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

Terry L. Young asks about the Commissioners having scanners. Can we look into this? Larry Hoover said yes, He will look into this.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Comes now, Jeff Richwine, Sheriff. Military stuff, we have received 10 titles applied for. We should have the titles for the 5 blazers, and the trucks that the County Highway has. Larry Hoover has a scanner, I have sent the application in, to help us with what we are looking for.

We got the video cameras done in the jail, armory, and inventory also has one. I think I will purchase some more cameras out of the commissary fund. A 32 “screen was put in the dispatch and now they can see what they're looking at. We are talking with the telephone company, that monitors the inmates use that they call on, we are not happy with this company. We are looking at another phone company.

First part of the hiring process started at the school on Saturday. We have seven (7) that we are going to do back ground checks done on.

Jeff Richwine requested to attend the National Sheriff's Association; I will pay for my hotel and registration from the Commissary fund. I will drive my own personal vehicle. Motion made

IN RE: CONFERENCE APPROVALS

Motion made by Bud Krohn, Jr., seconded by Terry L. Young to approve conference requests. Motion carried. Karen Hall, Deputy Assessor to attend a Level I test in Indianapolis IN on July 6, 2015; Larry Hoover, EMA to request to attend bi-monthly Pulaski County Fire & Rescue Association meeting at Francesville Fire Department on July 2, 2015, to attend monthly Pulaski County REACT meeting at Pulaski Memorial Hospital on July 6, 2015; to attend the Intermediate Planning Meeting for the Fulton/Pulaski County joint exercise at Akron Fire Department on July 13, 2015.

IN RE: THANK YOU LETTER FROM PAW PRINTS 4H DOG CLUB

Acknowledged a thank you letter they received from the Paw Prints 4-H Dog Club, for letting them use the County Highway Building for the early months training.

IN RE: REDACTION SERVICE & SUPPORT AGREEMENT FROM CSI

Presented was the Agreement for Redaction Service & Support (CSI) from the Recorder's office. Motion by Terry L. Young to approve, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried

IN RE: HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL COST

This increase in the Health Insurance premium was discussed and how they were going to pay for it. If the Commissioners would pay part of it and the employee pay part of it or if the Commissioners were going to pay for the all of the increase. Terry L. Young requested we table this till the next meeting. Bud Krohn, Jr., asked if this was to be our decision. Kevin Tankersley, County Attorney, said that he didn't know if that was just a Commissioners decision. Larry L. Brady thought that maybe the County Council should have an input on this. Motion was made by Larry L. Brady to set an Joint Session with the County Council on July 13, 2015 at 6:30 to discuss the insurance rates. Seconded by Terry L. Young

IN RE: TIME & ATTENDANCE HOSTING

Comes now, Shelia K. Garling, Auditor to ask about hosting. There are two kinds of hosting. The one where we do our own hosting and the company does the hosting. The difference is if we do the hosting we are responsible for all the backups, if they do the hosting they do all the backups. Jess from Right Stuff called and asked this question and I called Willie DeGroot, our IT guy and had him call Right Stuff. Willie called me and said he recommend they do the hosting, where the backups will be there which will protect us if we lose power, or any problems. Motion made by Bud Krohn, Jr., to let them to host. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

IN RE: BUDGETS

Discussion regarding the 2016 budgets reports and requesting if they have any more information that the Commissioners may want to put in. Went over the amounts that need to be requested.

IN RE: MISCELLANEOUS

Terry L. Young discussed that the Monterey building had collapsed; an offer had been made for removal. This needs to be passed on to the property owner that a person is willing to haul away the debris for free. Bud Krohn, Jr., wanted to know if we could charge another \$5,000.00.

Bud Krohn, Jr., wants to make a motion when we send these employees to training that if they leave they should reimburse us some of the training. Kevin Tankersley, County Attorney doesn't think we can inforce that they reimburse the county back for training expenses. Would you look into it? Kevin said he would look into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday July 6, 2015 in the Commissioners Room, in the Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Signed and dated this 6th day of July, 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