

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, and Shelia K. Garling, Auditor. Kevin Tankersley, County Attorney was absent.

Also present, other than those who are on the agenda, were: Amber Tomlinson, Tyler Maffitt, Jack Cooper, Diane Norris, John Kraft, Tom Barry, Gregg Malott, Linda Webb, Daniel Vanaman, Brad Zellers, Ken McFarlan, Michelle Grostefon, Andrew Graman, Miguel Salazar, and David Bennett.

IN RE: PAYROLL & OTHER CLAIMS AND ALLOWANCES

Payroll claims for the period (Hourly: August 16, 2015 – August 29, 2015) were received, considered and action taken thereon as shown on the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket they were paid on September 11, 2015. Motion made by Terry L. Young, to pay payroll as submitted. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

Regular Claims & Allowance Docket dated September 21, 2015 were received, considered, and action taken thereon as shown presented. Motion made by Terry L. Young to pay claims as submitted. Seconded by Larry L. Brady. Motion carried. Bud Krohn, Jr. opposed.

IN RE: VARIANCE

Comes now, Jack Cooper and Diane Norris, they want to request to place a 450 sq. foot log cabin on 4.75 acre property IN Medaryville IN. Nathan Origer, CDC Director commented that this was not a Commissioner issue. Mr. Cooper did meet with David Dare and the BZA and had requested a variance. Mr. Cooper said that David Dare did not tell him to take those steps. This would be a variance request; it does not exceed 960 you would have to ask a variance with the BZA board. Then when that is done then it would come before us then we would bless it or not. Nathan Origer, did comment that they are working on changing the ordinance regarding the size but won't be ready till the first of the year. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this issue.

IN RE: STOP SIGN

Bud Krohn, Jr., said there is a concern about the intersection of CR 550 S and CR 300 E near Star City where a number of accidents have occurred. They are wanting a 4 way stop sign. This is tabled till the next meeting.

IN RE: EMS REPORT

Comes now, Nikki Lowry, EMS Director. To give her report. She said her new billing and reporting software is installed and they will begin billing with it on October 1, 2015. She also reported that there is not enough staff to cover the 3rd truck. Nikki is the Chairman of the Safety committee, there is a workman comp safety meeting in Plymouth, IN on October 20. The safety manual should be ready for review in October for approval.

IN RE: EMA REPORT

Comes now, Sheryl Gaillard, EMS Director to give her report. Motion made by Terry L. Young to appoint Larry L. Brady to the DPC Board Member. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried. Presented for approval to be able to sign the grants electronic signature. In the past the Commissioner President and County Auditor signed. Motion made by Bud Krohn to have Commissioner and Auditor sign, seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried. Sheryl said she had received 10 all hazard weather radios, she would like them to be available for lower income homes. Terry L. Young recommend for her to contact local Township Trustees. IDH for federal funding for the flood,

IN RE: CDC REPORT

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

1. Unified Development Ordinance (zoning) – Legal review by a land-use attorney who works with RATIO is complete; RATIO is incorporating the legal-review notes, the last of their notices, and some last-minute thoughts from us into the draft. Due to a scheduling issue on RATIO's end, harvest here, and our desire to allow for as much time for public and local-government review as possible, we've pushed back the deadline for the public hearing to November. Assuming that the hearing goes smoothly, the UDO will be presented to you in December for a 1-January- 2016 effective date.

2. Sale of land in the industrial park – Last week, the Advisory Commission on Industrial Development voted to recommend that you approve the sale of parcel 66-07-14-200-075.001-010 total of 3.17 acres, to the Town of Winamac for a price of \$3,000.00. I'm requesting that you take action to approve this so the Town can formally agree to that price and then we can forward. The money would be deposited into the Industrial Park Improvement fund. (The property located to the west of the cemetery of CR 50 W) **This is for the Winamac Cemetery & Veterans burial. Motion made by Bud Krohn, Jr., to approve. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.**

3. Industrial Development – I recently received the green light from the owners of the preferred property for potential development of a rail-served industrial park on the west side. I'm meeting with Edwin Buswell, of KIRPC, next Monday, to get a feel for the requirements that we'd have to meeting pursuing an EDA grant to help with acquisition and development, starting with appraisal requirements. The first goal is to secure an option on the land to give us time to receive a grant.

4. KIRPC – We're currently working on the 2015 five-year update to the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

5. Workforce Development –

a. HR/Operations working group. The curriculum for the next course for local employees has been drafted and is undergoing discussion and revision. We're looking at splitting into two separate groups, a more narrowly focused manufacturing group emphasizing these training programs and addressing workforce-development and other manufacturing issues; and a broader human-resources group open to non-manufacturers and addressing the great gamut of HR issues.

IN RE: CDC REPORT (cont.)

- b. CTE RAM-Tech class. We're in a holding pattern while we figure out who's going to teach the program; the teacher who West Central had hired with the intention of having him oversee this program took a job elsewhere. We're exploring a number of options, but haven't figured anything out definitively.
- c. OCRA Workforce Development Program grant. The two-county proposal has been submitted, and Alex Weisheit, a retired industrial serving on the board of the Starke County Economic Development Foundation, is conducting outreach to our manufacturers.

6. Hometown Collaboration Initiative – We've had two meetings since resuming and spent half of a Saturday touring the county, making stops in each incorporated town to help up better to understand our assets and weaknesses, and how to use the assets to building a countrywide project. Our next meeting is on next Tuesday evening in Monterey.

7. Student-business-plan competition. We're undertaking another round in Brandon Burgess' class at Winamac Community High School. So far, I've visited alone and returned with Ron Gifford from the Small Business Development Center and with Tony Holliday, from successful revolving-loan-ofund borrower Clear Decision Filtration.

8. Speaking of the Revolving Loan Fund – On Friday, Winamac Lumber Yard repaid its \$100,000.00 loan one year ahead of schedule. On the same day, Sandy and Gary Saltsman broke ground on the venue that they're construction as part of Meadow Springs, South of Francesville.

9. Speaking of Filtration – In case you have not already heard this, I regret to report that Pentair will be closing its doors by the end of the year; corporate headquarters has chosen to move operations to New York. A few employees will be following the company, but most of the 25 will be out of work. I don't have too many specifics on details pertaining to them, but I have provided some resources to corporate HR.

10. Partnering with Extension – to look into starting a Leadership Pulaski County Program. Targeting small business, etc.

11. Conference request – Per the request that you've received, I'd like to attend the Indiana Economic Development Director course in late October in Bloomington. Two-day event.

12. Bud Krohn, Jr. ask if they were still working with NIPSCO, they haven't responded in 4 – 5 months. Presented today.

IN RE: ROUDEBUSH PROPERTY IN WINAMAC

Comes now, Brad Zellers, Manager, Ken McFarland, Town of Winamac Board and David Dare Building Inspector. They want to tear down the property on 201 W Main St. or the old Long Branch Hotel. The town would like to acquire the property. The property is on tax sale. The town would like to have help with tearing it down. The cost is estimated at \$15,000.00 to tear it down. The town wants to have the Commissioners forgive the back taxes on the property. We have an order on that property to tear it down. Bud Krohn, Jr., commented that if we work together we may be able to keep the cost down. We may be able to use the county highway trucks to haul the debris. The town agrees that we could work together.

IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION

Comes now, Brad Bonnell, Manager to give his report. Received more per ton on the cardboard. Transfer Station I have gotten approved for the Credit Card Machine. Need approval for the checking account at First National Bank, to be taken from Recycling budget Misc. Professional Services. Motion made by Terry L. Young as requested, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion Carried. Moved the small platform scales to the transfer station, in the near future we will be weighing the small bags.

IN RE: HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE

Comes now, David Bennett, Bennett Insurance, Miguel Salazar, & Andrew Graman Gibson Insurance. The total of \$226,855.00 is projected to be the refund for this year. You will begin to see the credit in November. Claim ratios are down. The Life & Benefits to renew October 1, 2015.

Life insurance net would be about \$2,000 per year. Short term disability would be saving of 1,300.00 per year. Michelle is getting along well with Symetra very well. Their recommendation is to stay where we're at. Pulaski Memorial Hospital is here to discuss the Wellness. Motion made by Bud Krohn, Jr., to renew Metlife & Disability. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

IN RE: WELLNESS WITH PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Comes now, Tom Barry, CEO, Greg Mallot, Financial Officer, Linda Webb, Director of Nursing and John Kraft. We have partner with Gibson and we are now self-insured. To discuss a Healthcare Solutions for Employers. Proven ways to reduce your healthcare cost improving health in a cost effective manner. Trying to make changes where it would be affordable to have bloodwork and get medicine at the hospital.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Comes now, Terry Ruff, Superintendent to give his report. We have done 18 miles of blade mix this year. There is a little additional funding left that he would like to use to improve a section of roadway in Star City, his plan is each year if there is funding left to improve a different road in Star City. Last year we did 21 miles. Bud Krohn, Jr., want to inforce the Frost Law. We need to notify our farmers now so they will now when it goes in effect. The ordinance is being worked on now.

Bridges – Bogus bridge Jeff Larrison will be at the next meeting.

Town of Winamac talking about the Roudebush property in town. Working with the highway to haul it.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Comes now, Sheriff Jeff Richwine, to give a report. The new animal control officer is running into a problem of not have a place to house the stray animal that are being captured in the County. The PAC will not accept animals that are not adoptable. Starke County is full in regards to animals. We need to start thinking about what we need to do.

The cars that went to Olson on Saturday were sold. We now have some control on the water in the jail.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT (cont.)

Mr. Krohn, brought up the military vehicles being sold. Sheriff Richwine said he is working on disposing or returning the military items. The items that are considered "tactical" cannot be sold. There is wisdom in keeping some of them. Some were used in the bad weather last year. Sheriff agrees some could be sold.

IN RE: COUNTY HOME DRIVEWAY

Terry L. Young brought up the drive way at the county home. Motion made by Terry L. Young to sell the driveway with the building. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: CONFERENCE APPROVALS

Motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr., to approve requests. Sheryl Gaillard, EMA Director requested approval to attend EMI conference in Indianapolis IN on October 20 – 23, 2015; Nathan Origer, CDC Director requested approval to attend Indiana Economic Development Director Course on October 28 & 29, 2015 in Bloomington IN.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. Motion made by Terry L. Young, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday September 21, 2015 in the Commissioners Room, in the Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Signed and dated this 21st day of September, 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