

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session on September 14, 2015 in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse in Winamac, Indiana, at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Meeting was called to order by Jerry Sullivan, President, also present were: Roger Querry, Vice-President, Thomas J. Roth, Alexsondra Haschel, Linda Powers, Douglas Roth and Shelia K. Garling, Auditor. Michael T. Tiede was absent.

Also present was: Tyler Maffitt, Amber Tomlinson, Jason Bunger, Michelle Grostefon, Cathy Elston, JoLynn Behny, Jeff Johnston, Gary Kruger, Terry Ruff, Carrie Aaron, Fred Rogers, Wade Wake.

IN RE: MINUTES APPROVED

The County Council approved the Council minutes for the September 14, 2015 meeting as submitted upon a motion made by Linda Powers. Seconded by Douglas Roth. Motion carried.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGETS

The Public Hearings for the 2015 budgets were open per Jerry G. Sullivan. Discussion was done at lengthy trying to find how to make the total cuts that need to be done. Jerry Sullivan, said to take the liability insurance out of the Rainy Day Fund and cut it from the County General Fund. Airport budget, they cut most of the appropriation. It was suggested to look into The Airport Authority, which separates the airport from the County Funds.

IN RE: NON BINDINGS

Motion made by Roger Querry, to approve the non-bindings as presented. Seconded by Douglas Roth. Motion carried.

IN RE: LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAX

The LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) is in the form of a public safety county adjusted gross income tax to adequately fund the expenses associated with public safety. To adopt this resolution we need to advertise and set up a public hearing. The amount that we have set .0025 is the max amount we can ask for. The money we receive will be divided up with the County, and the Town taxing units. Motion made by Doug Roth to approve, seconded by Thomas J. Roth. Motion carried.

IN RE: REGARDING INCREASE OF WAGES

Michelle Grostefon made a comment regarding increase in the wages that the FICA/SOC SEC, PERF, Overtime will cost more because of wage increases. Linda Powers, Jerry Sullivan and Douglas Roth also made comments regarding these increase of wages. Cathy Elston made comments regarding the increase in wages. Sheriff Richwine was describing what the Matrix project was and that he had it done for the Sheriff's department. Roger Querry commented regarding the Matrix that we had heard years ago about new employees making the same thing as the person that has worked here for years.

IN RE: RESOLUTION FOR AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA

Comes now, Nathan Origer to request the approval of a preliminary resolution for an economic revitalization area (ERA) regarding property in the industrial park owned by R & S Welding. Nathan said the ERA status make the property eligible for a tax abatement, but there is no request for a tax abatement, it just makes it eligible. Motion made by Douglas Roth to adoption this preliminary resolution and tell me to come back at the next meeting next month for public hearing. Seconded by Thomas J. Roth. Motion carried.

Nathan brought up the LOIT tax. Suggested that the county take a hard look at the county taxes. He said the income tax may not be the best answer but possible shifting some of the burden of the income and onto property. He said land and buildings don't move but people do. If you raise the taxes even more on income you are only going to encourage more people to leave the county thus lowering your tax base. Nathan gave some examples for why he feels that way he does about increasing our income tax. There is no easy answer for this.

Jerry Sullivan didn't completely agree with what Nathan said. Nathan comments were appreciated.

IN RE: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CREDIT CARDS AT RECYLING/TRANSFER STATION

Comes now, Brad Bonnell, Manager to implement a resolution authorizing the acceptance of credit cards and establishing procedures for credit card acceptance for collecting payments. He said there is quite about of interest in being able to use this machine, even though they know that there is an additional fee to the consumer. Motion made by Douglas Roth to approve, seconded by Linda Powers. Motion carried. Mr. Bonnell also made comment on the matrix, he is requesting that they take into consideration the special certifications that some of the employees at the recycling/transfer center have, such as CDL. He would like to be able to offer skilled employees a higher wage. Linda Powers commented that it would be taken into consideration.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTANCE FOR COLLECTING PAYMENTS
RESOLUTION # 009-2015**

This Resolution of the Pulaski County Council is effective this 14th day of September, 2015.

WHEREAS, various departments of Pulaski County, Indiana have a duty to collect payments from members of the public who use the services of those departments; and

WHEREAS, various departments of Pulaski County, Indiana are engaged in providing services to members of the public; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 35-1-8-11, allows the County Council of Pulaski County to authorized the acceptance of credit cards for payments of County Services; and

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IN RE: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CREDIT CARDS AT RECYLING/TRANSFER STATION(cont.)

WHEREAS, the County Council further finds that it is appropriate to collect a convenience fee pursuant to Ind. Code 36-1-8-11(f)(2) for the acceptance of such credit card payment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

Any department within Pulaski County, Indiana that desires to collect payment from members of the public who use their services is authorized to accept payments for their department services by credit card pursuant to Ind. Code 36-1-8-11.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to the law.

Approved and signed this 14th day of September, 2015.

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

/s/ Jerry G. Sullivan, President
/s/ Roger Querry, Vice-President
/s/ Linda Powers
/s/ Thomas J. Roth
/s/ Alexsondra Haschel
/s/ Douglas Roth
Michael T. Tiede

ATTEST: /s/ Shelia K. Garling, Auditor, Pulaski County

IN RE: IT DEPARTMENT

Comes now, RB Walters the new IT Director. To ask where can he get some equipment that he may need. The discussion was were to pay for his equipment from, maybe this year continue to pay the department needs from the departments and then next I can take it from my budget. We are paying his salary out of County General, and his overtime out of CAGIT – Special Legislation. He will get his tools from the maintenance dept., and the rest of his needs will come from Cumulative Capital Development.

IN RE: JOINT SESSION

A request to have a joint session on September 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to hear from the Architects with the proposed renovations that needs to be done on the county buildings.

IN RE: RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MILEAGE RATE ALLOWANCE

Motion made by Thomas J. Roth to approve, seconded by Alexsondra Haschel. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MILEAGE RATE
ALLOWANCE
RESOLUTION # 008 - 2015**

Whereas, the mileage rate allowance has been decreased by the State of Indiana for state employees to (\$0.40) Forty cents per mile effective date July 1, 2015.

And Whereas, Pulaski County has traditionally paid mileage the same as the State of Indiana;

Now therefore be it resolved that Pulaski County will decrease their mileage rate from (\$0.44) Forty-four cents per mile to (\$0.40) forty cents per mile, effective September 14, 2015.

Approved and signed this 14th day of September, 2015.

Signed this 14th day of September, 2015.

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

/s/ Jerry G. Sullivan, President
/s/ Roger Querry, Vice-President
/s/ Linda Powers
/s/ Thomas J. Roth
/s/ Alexsondra Haschel
/s/ Douglas Roth
Michael T. Tiede

ATTEST: /s/ Shelia K. Garling, Auditor, Pulaski County

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
September 14, 2015**

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Pulaski County, Indiana that the Pulaski County Council will meet in the Commissioner's room in the Courthouse in Winamac, Indiana on Monday, September 14, 2015 to consider the following additional appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year, and any other business that should come before them.

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IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Cont.)

	REQUESTED	ALLOWED
1200 SUPP PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES		
201 Superior Court		
1000-36 Supp Public Defender Services	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
TOTAL OF CO. ADDIT. APPROPRIATIONS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Approved and signed the 14th of September, 2015.

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

/s/ Jerry G. Sullivan, President

/s/ Roger Querry, Vice-President

/s/ Linda Powers

/s/ Thomas J. Roth

/s/ Alexsondra Haschel

/s/ Douglas Roth

/s/ Michael T. Tiede

ATTEST: /s/ Shelia K. Garling, Auditor, Pulaski County

The Supplemental Public Defender Service request was allowed as shown above upon a motion made by Thomas J. Roth, seconded by Roger Querry. Motion carried.

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (LEGAL)

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
October 12, 2015**

STATE OF INDIANA)

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COUNTY OF PULASKI)

Comes now the Auditor, and shows proof of publication and affidavit of the Pulaski County Journal and the Francesville Tribune of the Notice to Taxpayers for Additional Appropriations to be made from unappropriated funds to carry out the business of the County Government for the year 2015.

Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget;

Now Therefore Be It Ordained by the County Council of the County Unit of Pulaski County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

	REQUESTED
1138 CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	
000 General/IT	
2000-16 Operating Supplies (IT)	\$ 100.00
4000-43 Equipment (Laptop IT)	\$2,000.00
068 Commissioners	
4000-46 Computers Software & Hardware	\$4,800.00
201 Superior Court	
4000-46 Computers Software & Hardware	\$1,988.00
TOTAL OF COUNTY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$8,888.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have, right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the State Department of Local Government Finance. The Department of Local Government Finance will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within Ten (10) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

Persons who have special needs or need assistance in entering the building should call the Auditor's office (574-946-3653) in advance.

Dated this 17th day September, 2015

Shelia K. Garling, Auditor, Pulaski County, Indiana

PUBLISH: Pulaski County Journal - September 23, 2015

Francesville Tribune - September 24, 2015

THIS IS FOR ADVERTISING ONLY:

The Cumulative Capital Development request was allowed as shown above upon a motion made by Roger Querry, seconded by Thomas J. Roth. Motion carried. With the exception that Jerry Sullivan can make a final decision.

The Cumulative Capital Development request for Superior Court was allowed as shown above upon a motion made by Roger Querry, seconded by Linda Powers. Motion carried.

IN RE: REVISED ORDINANCE FOR SALARIES & WAGES FOR 2015

**REVISED ORDINANCE FOR
SALARIES & WAGES FOR 2015**

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IN RE: REVISED ORDINANCE FOR SALARIES & WAGES FOR 2015 (cont.)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES BELOW LISTED, THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY ARE HEREBY REVISED AND FIXED AS STATED, SUBJECT TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME.

	<u>REQUESTED REVISION FROM</u>	<u>REQUESTED REVISION TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT FIXED</u>
1000 COUNTY GENERAL			
068 Commissioners			
1000-10 IT Director			
Over Time Rate	\$32.96	\$32.95	\$32.95

Adopted and signed this 14th day of September, 2015

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

/s/ Jerry G. Sullivan, President
/s/ Roger Querry, Vice-President
/s/ Linda Powers
/s/ Thomas J. Roth
/s/ Alexsondra Haschel
/s/ Douglas Roth
/s/ Michael T. Tiede

ATTEST: /s/ Shelia K. Garling, Auditor, Pulaski County

The Commissioners IT Director request was allowed as shown above upon a motion made by Douglas Roth, seconded by Roger Querry. Motion carried.

IN RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

**TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
September 14, 2015**

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Pulaski County Indiana has authorized the transfer of the following appropriations:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>ALLOWED</u>
1000 COUNTY GENERAL		
002 Auditor		
From: 3000-21 Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
From: 3000-61 Equipment Repair	300.00	300.00
From: 3000-62 Preservation of Records	1,000.00	1,000.00
From: 4000-52 Furniture & Fixtures	500.00	500.00
To: 1000-15 Part Time Help	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
003 Treasurer		
From: 3000-62 Preservation of Records		
To: 4000-41 Office Machines	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
005 Sheriff		
From: 2000-09 Reserves	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
From: 2000-26 Inmate Meals	3,132.41	3,132.41
From: 2000-47 Visual & Audio	363.40	363.40
From: 3000-21 Postage	450.82	450.82
From: 3000-41 Bonds	208.00	208.00
From: 3000-65 Radio Repair	629.72	629.72
From: 4000-41 Office Machines	250.00	250.00
From: 4000-52 Furniture & Fixtures	38.65	38.65
To: 1000-12 Cook	\$6,573.00	\$6,573.00
011 Extension		
From: 3000-73 Rents/Leases		
To: 3000-63 Service/Maint. Contracts	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00
068 Commissioners		
From: 3000-67 DeGroot Tech. Serv/Maint	\$17,767.00	\$17,767.00
To: 1000-10 IT Director	13,000.00	13,000.00
To: 3000-25 Schools, Mtgs & Seminars	\$ 4,767.00	\$ 4,767.00
232 Circuit Court		
From: 1000-37 Guardian Ad Litem Fees		
To: 1000-38 Civil Pauper Counsel Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
From: 1000-60 Grand Jury Reporter		
To: 2000-01 Reporters Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
From: 2000-03 Envelopes		
To: 2000-01 Reporters Supplies	\$ 38.91	\$ 38.91

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IN RE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION (Cont.)

1109 CAGIT – SPECIAL LEGISLATION

005 Sheriff

From: 3000-49 Computer Services (DeGroots)

To: 1000-60 Overtime IT Director \$ 6,000.00 \$6,000.00

1159 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

610 Health

From: 2000-03 Envelopes

To: 2000-04 Official Records \$ 200.00 \$ 200.00

2100 ADULT SUPPLEMENT PROBATION SERVICE

235 Probation

From: 3000-48 Miscellaneous Service & Charges

To: 1000-80 Par Time Interpreter \$ 400.00 \$ 400.00

TOTAL OF TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS \$38,683.91 \$38,683.91

Approved and signed this 14th day of September, 2015

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PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

/s/ Jerry G. Sullivan, President

/s/ Roger Querry, Vice-President

/s/ Linda Powers

/s/ Thomas J. Roth

/s/ Alexsondra Haschel

/s/ Douglas Roth

/s/ Michael T. Tiede

ATTEST: /s/ Shelia K. Garling, Auditor, Pulaski County

The Auditor request was allowed as shown above upon a motion made by Douglas Roth, seconded by Roger Querry. Motion carried.

The Treasurer request was allowed as shown above upon a motion made by Douglas Roth, seconded by Roger Querry. Motion carried.

The Sheriff request was allowed as shown above upon a motion made by Douglas Roth, seconded by Roger Querry. Motion carried.

The Commissioners request was allowed as shown above upon a motion made by Douglas Roth, seconded by Roger Querry. Motion carried.

The Circuit Court request was allowed as shown above upon a motion made by Roger Querry, seconded by Thomas J. Roth. Motion carried.

The CAGIT – Special Legislation request was allowed as shown above upon a motion made by Douglas Roth, seconded by Thomas J. Roth. Motion carried.

The Health Department request was allowed as shown above upon a motion made by Douglas Roth, seconded by Roger Querry. Motion carried.

The Adult Supplement Probation Service request was allowed as shown above upon a motion made by Douglas Roth, seconded by Roger Querry. Motion carried.

IN RE: REDUCING SOME OF THE REQUESTED ORGANIZATION AMOUNT

Comes now, Shelia K. Garling, Auditor, because of the cuts being done in 2016 some of the organizations will be receiving less funding. Because the organizations don't come to the meetings they won't know that the amount they requested was reduced. Can we prepare a letter and send to the organizations that there request was reduced. The County Council agreed.

IN RE: THE REQUEST AMOUNT OF TRANSFERS AND ADDITIONAL TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Comes now, Shelia K. Garling, Auditor to request from the Council the dollar amount in the transfer or additional before they need to appear before you? The Council approved that \$400.00 or more with a description of why they are requesting an additional or transfer. It needs to be to the Auditor at least a few days before the meeting.

IN RE: GARNISHMENT FEE

Comes now, Shelia K. Garling, Auditor in regards to the Garnishment Fee, the Council believed we should follow Indiana Code and that they gave their approval during the last meeting, the amount wasn't decided. Kevin Tankersley the County Attorney said it need to be part of the Policy book. Tabled till Joint Session on September 30, 2015.

IN RE: CORRECTION TO COUNCIL AND JOINT MINUTES

Corrections were made to the following minutes: August 18, 2015 Budget Workshop minutes in the first paragraph the wrong date of July 29, 2014 was there should have been August 18, 2015, corrected. The joint session on September 2, 2015 a motion made by Michael T. Tiede was made for the LOIT tax. Linda Powers came in late, abstained from the vote, corrected. August 10, 2015 joint session minutes, two entries with the same sentence was made under 2 different headings, corrected.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. upon a motion by Roger Querry. Seconded by Douglas Roth. Motion carried. The next County Council meeting will be Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Room at the Courthouse in Winamac IN 46996.

Signed and dated this 12th day of October, 2015
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

Jerry G. Sullivan, President

Roger Querry, Vice-President

Thomas J. Roth

Douglas Roth

Alexsondra Haschel

Linda Powers

Michael T. Tiede

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