

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

Also present, other than those who are on the agenda, were: Amber Tomlinson, Amber Tomlinson, Tyler Maffitt Anita Goodan, Jason Bunger, Henry Crosby, Kendra Craft, Scott Hinkle, Bob Powers, Luke Anspach, Terry Ruff, Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Albert (Butch) Sehstedt, Mackenzie Ledley, Gary Kruger, Art Hoffman, Mick Tiede and Pat Tiede.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Commissioners Meeting of January 5, 2015 were 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: December 20, 2015 – January 2, 2016) were received, considered and action taken thereon as shown on the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket they were paid on January 15, 2016.

Regular Claims & Allowance Docket dated January 19, 2016 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, Superintendent Highway, said they have 2 dump trucks out at the Highway and we want to sell them. We will try to sell them out in front of County Highway first. (1982 & 1984 dump trucks) Motion made by Larry L. Brady to sell the trucks. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion Carried.

Concrete cutter, it was used for cutting roads, do we advertise it to sell, 2 old lawn mowers we will take to the auction, 2 fuel tanks out there need to be gotten rid of. Ordinance on selling of military equipment. We need to make sure the Sheriff and EMA department give their approval to sell.

We are through with the trailer we used for the bridge crew. Motion by Larry L. Brady to sell the items as you see fit. Set a date for sealed bids, and set a reserve bid so we don't take a loss. We will advertise for the sale. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion Carried.

Bud Krohn, Jr. said he is hearing about old snow blows and you don't use them. Terry Ruff said we had V-blows that we haven't used in years. We could advertise and put out front, or add them to the list for the auction.

IN RE: EMS REPORT

Comes now, Nikki Lowry, EMS Director to give her report. She reported the call value for 2015, also tracking the fire standbys, PR events (like blood pressure clinic). Larry L. Brady asks how many transfers were out of county, transfers. Nikki Lowry said she is keeping track of call offs and schedules transfers and she can pull off the computer some of the tracking's. She asks if there was anything else they would like to add to the report. Larry L. Brady brought up hearing Lutheran Hospital is asking about Starke and Pulaski County; Nikki said they have already bought Starke, but that they are asking they can provide better coverage. Nikki Lowry said she has not been approached by Lutheran Hospital. We had a safety meeting this morning, I was nominated (Nikki Lowry) for Chairman, my 1st goal – be more specific regarding tornado evacuation procedures. The next meeting February 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., then meet every other month. Put the message out county employees need to be CPR-ADP certified. Maybe offer once a year to all county employees.

ADJOURN FOR FINANCIAL MEETING at 6:23 pm. Motion made by Larry L. Brady, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion Carried. 

RECONVENED at 6:28 pm. Motion made by Larry L. Brady, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: CDC REPORT

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

1. Student-business plan competition. Our five judge's reviewed the eight plans over winter break. The winning team proposed a bowling alley in Winamac, while the second-place business was a much-needed hotel in town.
2. CTE RA-Tech program. Last month, I reported that I'd been able to piece together enough additional local money so that, with the budget modification and timeline extension that the State provided, everything had fallen into place. Last week, the outside instructor who was going to be helping us to roll out this program had to back out because of health concerns. So, we've gone from having an instructor and no money to having salary and no one to earn it. I have a couple of leads, and the on-faculty teacher at West Central who ultimately will be in charge of this program has expressed more confidence than he previously had, but we've still been set back a stop or two.
3. KIRPC brownfields grant. As you may already have been informed, KIRPC will be holding project update meetings the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at K-IRPC. These meetings will offer the opportunity to learn of the latest progress and to engage in discussion with the consultant team. The first such meeting will occur on February 4.
4. Hometown Collaboration Initiative. At our mid-December meeting, after almost a year of surveys, tours of the county, numerous meetings and multiple coaches, we finally arrived at project that we all support that ties place making and tourism together. Due to the nature of the project, I need to get your blessing before we move forward. What we propose to do is to work with County Highway and KIRPC (or another consultant if their traffic-counting team is not available) to come up with a list of the county roads that offer the best combination of connectivity, construction quality, and safety/lower traffic levels so that we can build network of bike routes across the county, like the one between the Winamac Town Park and Monterey. Whenever possible, the routes will connect with each other, our towns and villages, other notable places, and the Panhandle. Motion made by Larry L. Brady, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried for their support.
5. Annual Summit/20th – anniversary celebration at the Winamac Event Center. On Tuesday, March 1, 2016 after a short business meeting, the CDC will host its annual Economic Development Summit. OCRA Executive Director Bill Konyha will be our keynote speaker. We'll also be celebrating the CDC's twentieth anniversary. Sent VIP letters to members.

6. Pulaski County Human Resources group. On Friday, I'll be hosting a lunch meeting for a number of human-resources professionals from local companies as we work toward establishing a formal HR group that will allow for them to network, to consult each other for advice, and to hear from guest speakers on relevant HR topics.

7. in early February, we'll be convening the steering committee for Leadership Pulaski County, a new program, using a Purdue Extension curriculum, that the CDC and Extension are sponsoring.

8. BZA appointment. We are asking that the Commissioners appoint Derrick Stalbaum to serve a four-year term on the Pulaski County board of Zoning Appeals. Derrick has previously served as vice-president and president of the Medaryville Town Council and as a member of the CDC. He'd be replacing Jim Kuiper, who is also from the Medaryville area.

9. Revolving Loan Fund. I'm working with first probable borrower under the new, more secure protocol that involves financial administration services performed by the Regional Development Company. This loan should be in front of the CDC for review at our February meeting, and then I'll bring it to the Commissioners at my February appointment for final consideration.

Terry L. Young ask if any nominees for the torch. Nathan Origer said yes, several.

IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION REPORT

Comes now, Brad Bonnell, Manager, we finished up on the transfer station, because of the weather. We squared up with the cardboard, my inventory is down.

Larry L. Brady want's to clarify last month regarding Brad, receiving plastic from a specific vendor we are still receiving house hold plastic.

Annual Report over all, the difference was the cardboard in the amount from 2014 to 2015 is because of the Town of Winamac. We no longer do business with the Town of Winamac.

By changing vendors for the cardboard, we went from \$55.00 per ton on the cardboard to \$80.00 per ton with the current vendor.

We had a price increase at the land fill, and we tried to weigh the bags to help with the difference. Want to do a price increase on the bags, it had been approve in 2013 but was not implemented. For the smaller white bags .50, the larger black, blue, yellow bags a .75. Transfer station is being charged for the weight that goes to the land fill. Sometimes the bags that are coming in small could weight a lot. If there are 6 bags or more should be weighted on the scale. Motion made by Larry L. Brady to start charging .50 for small bags, and .75 for larger bags. Then do a reevaluate in December 2016, giving us 9 months of data. This would start March 1, 2016. Bud Krohn, Jr., has mixed feelings we should go higher. Re-Motion was made by Larry L. Brady to charge Small .50, Med 1.00, Large 1.50. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. We will re-evaluate in December 2016. Motion Carried. Effective March 1, 2016

Mack Truck, had some issues had to put in a rear end. The seconded rear end is also going to need attention and catch it in the next year. I did look at a pickup truck, if the one I have goes down, I have nothing else. I can use the money from Northwest Solid Waste District. Motion made by Larry L. Brady to purchase a pickup from Fred Allen \$9,500.00, a 2003 pickup truck. Money comes from Northwest Solid Waste District that the Commissioners have to approve, comes from the tipping fees. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion Carried. We have used the new cardboard truck and it is working well. The furnace is 30 years old and having problem, Motion made by Larry L. Brady to purchase a replace a new furnace. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion Carried. Want to do a replacement hire for General Labor foreman, I need to advertise. Motion made by Larry L. Brady to advertise the hiring of a general foreman at Recycling. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

I did make contact with one of the representatives from the Closed Loop funding for some grant money to do a little remodeling out there. I am still gather data for him. Motion made by Larry L. Brady to give support from Commissioners for moving forward Closed Loop grant process, for Recycling and Transfer Station. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: SOIL & WATER EMPLOYEE

Comes now, Steve Cotner, President of the Board for Soil & Water. Ashley Brucker was granted a contract to do federal work, pilot program and gain additional funds acquired through partnership work with NRCS. They would like to use these funds for Vera Gilliam, Soil & Water Coordinator. The board would like to use those funds to pay a few extra hours a week to Vera Gillum and they would be paid from the Federal cost sharing by SWCD. Motion made by Larry L. Brady, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: EMA REPORT

Comes now, Sheri Gaillard, Director to give EMA report. Jen Tobey from Elkhart County contracted me they want district II to be deployed on January 28 - February 5, 2016 for 1 week in Dubois County. The state will do a salary reimbursement. Larry Hoover & Mr. Avery will be stay back here if anything in our county should arise. Motion made by Larry L. Brady to go to Dubois County with District II. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried. Economic disaster they have to destroy 250,000 turkeys

We are having our 1st ADA meeting next meeting. Motion made by Larry L. Brady to approve ADA Committee seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion Carried. February 8, 2016 at 2:30 this board will meet. The Board Members are Terry Young, Emily Hizer, Theresa Calloway, David Broad, Jeff Johnston, Brad Zellers, Melanie Berger, Linda Bennett, Judy Harwood, Tim Alexander, Sue Alexander. They will be on this board till they resign, and they will be Commissioner Appointed.

EMA Building that will house all my equipment in a central location. Sheri presented an EMA Building Plan – for a building that is 40' x 60; pole structure on a concrete slab. Larry L. Brady asked if she had a place in mind. Sheri Gaillard commented out at the Highway dept. Funding is with CAGIT – LOIT Public Safety money. Motion made by Larry L. Brady to give you support, on the building plan, work with Jeff Johnston to get help. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. to proceed with this. Motion Carried.

EMA Vehicle, I have the top 3 (three). Pickup truck, ¾ ton, 4-door, Silverado 2500HD Crew Cab. Ford Super Duty F-250 XLT, GMC Sierra 2500HD Crew Cab. Motion made by Larry L. Brady to give his support to purchase one of them and move forward. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion Carried. Bud Krohn, Jr., did not vote.

Sheri Gaillard will be on vacation from February 15-19, 2016. While I am gone I don't know who you want to take my place if needed. Larry L. Brady said he would cover for Sheri Gaillard while she is gone.

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Weather spotting training is March 8, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at the highway garage. Need to register prior to the meeting. You will have to register at the door.

IN RE: POSTAGE METER & MICROVOTE UPDATES

Comes now, Christi Hoffa, Clerk annual Microvote updates, the price changed from one agreement to another. Did work with Microvote and the changed the amount from \$9,500.00 to \$12,000.00. Microvote did change the cost back to 9,500.00 knowing that in 2017 the cost will be 12,000.00. We are going to voter centers that will be less money for the election. Motion made by Larry L. Brady, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried. The town of Francesville & Winamac's election will be the same time as the counties election. The town of Monterey didn't get aboard in time hopefully they will be for election 2018.

Postage meter, quoting the cost Pitney Bose \$3,800.00, and using Stamps.com they require you to pay with credit card. After 3 months they would pull from one of our bank accounts. Multiple offices use this postage meter. Motion made by Larry L. Brady approve agreement for postage meter.. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion Carried.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Comes now, Jeff Richwine, Sheriff, Larry L. Brady ask if he had heard anything on the snow blower, Jeff said no.

IN RE: IT DEPARTMENT

RB Walters, IT Director talked with Larry L Brady, RB would like to purchase items, Inventory program, anti-software, data drive Motion made by Larry L. Brady to purchase said items needed. he is in need for a quick turn around to purchase items. Terry L. Young thinks up to \$3,000.00 that RB should have as an amount that he can spend without approval. Anything over \$3,000.00 that he would need to go before us for approval. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

Talking about RB's wage and find out how we can have pay for his hours from County General and Justice Center.

IN RE: CONFERENCES

Motion made by Larry L. Brady to approve request from Daniel P. Murphy for overnight stay as needed for 2016 IPSC Board Meeting and Conference Schedule. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

Motion made by Larry L. Brady to approve request, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr., for RB Walters to attend WTH User Conference in Indianapolis IN on March 10 & 11, 2016. Shelia Garling request for Cathy Elston & JoLynn Behny to attend WTH User Conference on March 10 & 11, 2016 in Indianapolis IN.

Motion made by Bud Krohn, Jr., to approve Larry L. Brady to attend Legislative Conference on January 26 & 27, 2016 in Indianapolis IN. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

Motion made by Larry L. Brady for Shelia Garling & Michelle Grostefon to attend FLMA meeting on January 21, 2016 in Indianapolis IN. Also approved was they could stay the night only if weather became an issue. Seconded by Terry L. Young. Motion carried.

IN RE: SIGN COMMISSIONERS STATEMENT OF WAGES & COMPENSATON 2015

Motion made by Larry L. Brady to sign Statement of Wages & Compensation for 2015. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: SIGN CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT FOR NWISWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Motion was made on January 4th, 2016 by Terry L. Young on who to appoint, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried. At that meeting no document to sign. The Commissioners signed document for the NWISWD Board of Directors.

IN RE: ARROW HEAD COUNTRY APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Motion made by Larry L. Brady for Terry L. Young to sign the Application for funding for Arrow Head Country. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: DLZ BRIDGE REHABILITATION

Acknowledgment of the Early Coordination request, Bridge Rehabilitation – SR 39 Over Harp Ditch #3.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUEST

Motion made by Larry L. Brady to request an Executive Session regarding interviewing for the Building Inspector position on Friday January 29, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT TO BZA BOARD

Motion made by Larry L. Brady to appoint Derrick Stalbaum to the BZA Board since Jim Kuiper resigned, seconded by Bud Krohn, Jr. Motion carried.

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 February 1, 2015 in the Commissioners Room, in the Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Signed and dated this 16th day of February, 2016
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Terry L. Young, President

Larry L. Brady, Vice-President

Bud Krohn, Jr.

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