

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL SESSION  
JANUARY 17, 2017**

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00pm Eastern Time on January 17, 2017 in the Commissioners' Hearing room, at the Courthouse in Winamac, Indiana. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bud Krohn Jr., Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Attorney Kevin Tankersley, and Auditor Laura Wheeler. Also, present, other than those on the agenda, were Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Sheri Gaillard-EMA Director, Jeff Larrison, Councilman Kenneth Boswell, Nikki Lowry – EMS Director, Joe Moyer, Carroll Lange, Jim Lesh, Dan Vanaman, Anthony Pesaresi, Bill Webb, and Gary Kruger.

Commissioner Kenny Becker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: BOARD OF FINANCE**

Teresa Bryant, Pulaski County Treasurer, asked for a Board of Finance meeting. Bud Krohn, President of the Board of Finance called the meeting to order. Jerry Locke made a motion for Bud Krohn, Jr. to be President and Kenny Becker seconded said motion. Motion carried unanimously. Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion for Teresa Bryant to be Secretary and Kenny Becker seconded said motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The treasurer reported current investments as of 01/01/2017 are \$4,250,000.00 and the interest earned for 2016 is \$34,478.85.

The treasurer presented a certificate of outstanding warrants to be receipted back into their various funds. Kenny Becker made a motion to accept the outstanding warrants as presented and Bud Krohn, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Teresa gave the board a copy of the current investment policy of record for their perusal. It will be discussed at their next meeting.

The treasurer explained that every 2 years the Cash Management is advertised for bid that she will have in the papers this week. The next meeting will be at the second commissioner meeting in February to review applicants and the decision to accept the bid will be made at one of the March 2017 meetings. The floor opened for questions.

Kenny Becker made a motion to adjourn and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:09pm.

**IN RE: EMS**

Nikki Lowry reported that the Emergency Medical Services received \$643,136.96 for services in 2016. At this time, the trucks are running well. She stated that something would eventually need to be done with the parking lot and ambulance bay doors. Nikki chairs the safety committee and invites the commissioners to attend the next meeting on February 14, 2017 @ 10:00am.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Terry Ruff and Gary Kruger brought Jeff Larrison and Jim Lesh, P.E. of United Consulting to address the commissioners. United Consulting has a 4-year contract with Pulaski County to inspect and report on all bridges that will end at the end of 2017. Jim Lesh reported that there are 74 bridges in Pulaski County and presented the commissioners with the result of their inspections. Pulaski is in fair standing in comparison to the rest of Indiana Counties. The average number of bridges in each county is 142 and so we have less than most counties to maintain. Currently bridge #154 is targeted as in need of repair/replacement, as well as, #151 and #152 but the latter two have less traffic.

**IN RE: CDC**

Nathan Origer reports that at the end of last year there were changes to the zoning ordinance and, along with Building Inspector Doug Hoover, has prepared flash drives containing packets of information on these ordinances.

Nathan is updating the County Web site with ordinances, resolutions, board and commission membership, leadership rosters, and meeting schedules. He is looking at the possibility of a new web site host and at a new microsite for Pulaski County Water and Soil.

Nathan reported that the Council suggested he report at the next Council/Commissioner joint session meeting to discuss the West-side Industrial Park.

He is working with the Pulaski County Human Resource Group on developing comprehensive, cross-sector wage and benefit data to provide to local community employers; establishing a Pulaski County Industrial Leadership Certificate in partnership with Ivy Tech; progressing with the already established Pulaski County Repair and Maintenance Technology Program at West Central; and planning for the 2017 recreation season.

Nathan asked the commissioners for \$22,022.45 for marketing that is included in the 2017 budget. The money will be used to advertise in targeted geographic areas over a 10-week period on 10 television channels. He was asked how this would affect local businesses and if they would consider sharing the cost. The first commercial is set to air in April, which would make it necessary to be approved in March. Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion to table the request and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

**IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION**

Brad Bonnell reported that the recycle/transfer station took in \$181,165.60 during 2016 with landfill fees of \$60,566.49. Net income less expenses for 2016 is \$120,599.11. That is 8.7% increase over 2015 net income. Brad explained that when fuel prices rise plastic prices go up.

There is a forklift issue because they do not have Pneumatic tires and would like to trade it off if possible. Brad will report with cost and trade price at the next meeting.

**IN RE: KANKAKEE IROQUOIS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Ed Buswell and Emily Albaugh explained the work of the Kankakee Iroquois Regional Planning Commission and how it works with INDOT to provide a countywide transportation plan. There is no charge to the county – all funds are received from INDOT. Emily Albaugh is a planner who is putting together a steering committee for Pulaski County and needs to have 10 -12 people from the community. The group will meet about every 2 – 3 weeks for information gathering to create a comprehensive plan with a final meeting to review the draft. The plan must be completed by July 2017 and it will take 2-3 months to gather the information and complete.

**IN RE: ELECTION BOARD**

Christi Hoffa requested the commissioners to approve the Microvote contract, which has a 4-year term. Microvote will supply voting equipment, software, etc. for Pulaski County at a cost of \$12,000.00 per year. Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion to approve the Microvote contract as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**IN RE: DEBRA O'NEIL**

Debra O'Neil requested to buy approximately 120 parcels of land in the Monterey Resort area that is owned by the county. She intends to open a campground. Kevin Tankersley commented that the area is in a flood plain and will need to be researched.

**IN RE: MICROFILM/SCAN DEPARTMENT**

Janet Onken provided a report detailing the work involved in the Microfilm/Scan department.

**IN RE: JUDGE SHURN**

Judge Shurn appeared before the commissioners to explain the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Indiana Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative grant. Natalie Daily Federer was hired as a contractor to file this grant, which provides alternatives to Juvenile detention.

**IN RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Sheriff Jeff Richwine reported some issues with the 911center payment and with juvenile retention detainees.

He will be loaning one of his deputies to the FBI who is concentrating efforts on a statewide theft ring. The FBI will pay all of the deputy's overtime.

The whole sheriff's office is doing online training with the reserve program. It is an expensive program to begin but believes it will save money in the long term because it will provide a staff to fill in for absent employees rather than pay overtime to the full-time staff.

Approximately seventy-five percent of all alarm calls are false. The first response to these calls are free but a return call from the same residence will be charged a fee. This can be costly and the Sheriff asked about an ordinance. The Town of Winamac makes up for about 25% of these calls. Monterey has agreed to help with the cost from that area.

**IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST**

Two to attend the Association of Indiana Counties Conference from the Assessor's office and one from the Auditor's office. Doug Hoover asked to attend a Blight Grant conference. All commissioners requested to attend the Legislative conference in Indianapolis on January 31 and February 1, 2017. Jerry Locke made a motion to approve all conference attendance requests and Bud Krohn seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Auditor Laura Wheeler presented the commissioners with Bonds for approval. Bud Krohn made a motion to approve the requested bonds and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: MINUTES**

Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion to accept minutes as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion to accept the executive session minutes and joint session minutes as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

Bud Krohn Jr. made a motion to approve all claims and payroll as presented and KB seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: WAGE & COMPENSATION STATEMENT**

Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion to accept the 2016 Wage & Compensation Statement as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: DRUG TESTING AFTER ACCIDENTS**

Kevin Tankersley asked the commissioners if they would want to have a more disciplined set of rules for drug testing. It is currently at the discretion of the department head. Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion to have Kevin Tankersley move forward in drafting more complete and comprehensive rules and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Appointments were made as follows:

- Alcoholic Beverage Board – Carroll Lange reappointed
- Arrowhead R.C. & D. – Jerry Locke appointed
- Aviation Board – Quentin Blount reappointed and the empty seat was tabled for further discussion
- Board of Health – Chad Watts and Tim Murray reappointed
- Community Development Commission – Laura Wheeler appointed
- Emergency Management Agency Advisory Board – Teresa Hansen reappointed and Kenny Becker appointed.
- Flood Plain Management Commission – Doug Hoover and Jerry (Jay) Sullivan reappointed. Terry Ruff appointed.
- Industrial Park Advisory Board – Brad Bonnell reappointed and empty seat was tabled for further discussion.
- Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission – Bud Krohn, Jr. and Nathan Origer reappointed.
- Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Board – Gary Kruger reappointed and Kenny Becker appointed.
- Workforce Innovation Local Elected officials Board – Kenny Becker appointed.
- Workforce Innovation Investment Board – tabled in anticipation of Chamber Nominees.
- L.E.P.C. – Jerry Locke appointed
- Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District Board of Directors – Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, and Bud Krohn, Jr. appointed. Empty seat tabled in anticipation of Medaryville recommendation.
- Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District – Citizens Advisory Board – Michael H. Weldon and Kenny Becker appointed.
- Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals – David Schambers and Stanley Boehning reappointed
- Welfare Child Protection Team – Kenny Becker appointed
- Winamac Plan Commission – Jerry Locke appointed (will need to be rescinded because the slot is for a democrat).
- Pulaski County Community Planning Commission – Matthew Rausch and Darrin Wagner reappointed. Jerry Locke appointed.
- Pulaski County Integrated Public Safety Commission, 800MHz Radio Network – Terri Hansen, Tim Wuethrich, Doug Klausing, Deb McDonald, and Howard Connor reappointed. Kenny Becker appointed.
- Francesville-Salem Township Public Library Board – Brenda Finnegan reappointed.
- Pulaski County Public Defender Board – Sharolyn Beach reappointed.
- ADA Committee – Emily Hizer reappointed and Bud Krohn, Jr. appointed.
- District Planning Council – Jerry Locke appointed.

Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion to approve the appointments as stated and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bud Krohn, Jr. motioned to approve the 2017 Pay schedule and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bud Krohn, Jr. motioned to accept the regular meeting schedule and the joint session meeting schedule as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: 2017 COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Commissioners' have set their 2017 regularly scheduled meetings as follows:

February 6	May 15	September 5
February 21	June 5	September 18
March 6	June 19	October 2
March 20	July 3 8:00am	October 16
April 3	July 17	November 6
April 17	August 7	November 20
May 1	August 21	December 4
		December 18

The Pulaski County Council and the Pulaski Board of Commissioners will meet in Joint Session, starting at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time in the Commissioner's Room at the Courthouse, 112 East Main Street, Winamac, Indiana on the Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Monday every other month or the next workday after a County Approved Holiday during the year 2017.

February 13	June 12	October 9
April 10	August 14	December 11

**IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

The commissioners thanked everyone in attendance and opened the meeting for public comment. As there was nothing further to discuss, Jerry Locke made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bud Krohn, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

**Signed and dated this 17th day of January, 2017  
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Kenny Becker, President

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Jerry Locke, Vice President

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Bud Krohn, Jr.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor