

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00am Eastern Time on February 21, 2017 in the Commissioners' Hearing room, at the Courthouse in Winamac, Indiana. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Bud Krohn Jr., Attorney Kevin Tankersley, and Auditor Laura Wheeler. Also, present, were Teresa Bryant, Terry Ruff, Gary Kruger, Nathan Origer, Brad Bonnell, Nikki Lowry, Sheri Gaillard, Terri Hansen, Doug Hoover, Jeff Johnston, Jeff Richwine, Mary Mays, Samantha Williams, Ray Franko, Jason Bungler, Mary Perren, Joe Moyer, John Kocher, Christi Hoffa, Brian Young, and Stephen Tabler.

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

IN RE: FINANCIAL BOARD

Teresa Bryant appeared before the commissioners for the Financial Board meeting. In the absence of President Bud Krohn, Jr., Kenny Becker called the meeting to order. The minutes from the January 17, 2017 Financial Board meeting were presented for review. Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Pulaski County Investment policy was discussed and no changes were needed at this time. Kenny Becker made a motion to accept the investment policy as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids for cash management are as follows: 1st Source Bank, Lake City Bank, and First National Bank of Monterey (FNB). FNB fund rates are .58, Lake City Bank gave no rates (which might mean the rates are flexible), and 1st Source Bank has a rate per month. Jerry Locke made a motion to table the decision for further review until the next regular Commissioners' meeting on March 6, 2017 and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Becker made a motion to adjourn the Financial Board meeting and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department purchased one used mower for \$2,700.00 and have a new mower for \$8,400.00 on order. He said that scrap had been sold for \$3,600.00.

IN RE: EMA

Sheri Gaillard reported that she had done a radio inventory and will have to add radios to the Emergency Radio Service maintenance agreement.

Sheri has applied for a salary re-imbusement grant; and currently has an open trailer grant that needs an online approval.

Terry Hansen, EMA Advisor Board president stated that Sheri Gaillard is on call 24/7 and request that she get time and a half pay for all call outs. Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion to pay a minimum of 2 hours for call outs and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Jerry Locke made a motion to pay time and a half for all call outs and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR

Doug Hoover stated that the process to accept Credit Card payments is up and going.

The Advisory Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals are coordinating meetings to be on the same day. One held immediately after the other.

Bud Krohn, Jr. made motion to add Doug McKinley on the Board of Zoning Appeals as an alternate board member and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners agreed to honor previous Commissioner Terry Young's letter, which allowed the building inspector to have a key to the courthouse and the commissioners' meeting room.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

Jeff Johnston stated that the basement bathroom accessibility issues could be addressed now for less than \$2,000.00. He and his staff will do most or all of the work. Jerry Locke motioned to proceed with the project and Kenny Becker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION –

Brad Bonnell reported that January 2017 revenues were above average. He has a forklift at Logansport for repair.

IN RE: EMS

Nikki Lowry reported on the EMS billing policy and stated that Murphy's Law Office is used for collections. A mutual aid agreement is in force with Fulton County. This agreement allows liability to be placed on the individual agency.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Jeff Richwine asked permission to sell excess miscellaneous inventory on E-bay. Kenny Becker made a motion to allow the Sheriff to sell excess miscellaneous inventory and Bud Krohn, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Sherriff's department is planning a breakfast fundraiser to raise money for a Law Enforcement Scholarship. Commissioners agreed on pancake breakfast plan.

IN RE: CDC

Nathan Origer announced that the Economic Development Luncheon is March 14, 2017 at the Medaryville Christian Church Annex. Meeting begins at 6:00pm and Dinner is to follow.

Discussion pursued on the sale of the County Home. Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion to put Kevin Tankersley in charge of the County Home sale process and Jerry Locke

Seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bud Krohn, Jr. made motion to hire Duane Davis as broker subject to council approval. Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion continued on the West Side Industrial Park but nothing was decided at this point.

After more debate on TV advertising for Pulaski County tourism, Kenny Becker made a motion to spend half of the \$22,000.00 originally requested but the motion died for lack of second.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Winamac Plan Commission appointment will stay vacant until a suitable appointee is found.

A letter from State Representative Doug Gutwein was read. Representative Gutwein chairs the committee on government reduction and asks the local county officials to suggest ways that the government can reduce expenditures.

Commissioners addressed bereavement time off and a 15-day no-pay time off request. They referred it to the Personnel committee.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

Sue Fox, Annual Recorder's Conference

Teresa Bryant and Mardell Retschlag – Indiana County Treasurer's Assoc Indy 03/09/17

Doug Hoover - WTH Mapping Conference for one day only on 03/03/2017.

Terry Ruff and Gary Kruger - Road School on 03/07 – 03/08/ 2017.

Jerry Locke made motion to approve all conference request. Bud Krohn, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

IN RE: MINUTES

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

IN RE: CLAIMS & PAYROLL

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

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, Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:04am.

**Signed and dated this 6th day of March, 2017
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Kenny Becker, President

Jerry Locke, Vice President

Bud Krohn, Jr.

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor