

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 06, 2017**

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00pm Eastern Time on February 6, 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 Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Dan Vanaman, Raymond Franko, Terry Ruff, Gary Kruger, Jodi Coblentz, Joe Moyer, and Sheriff Jeff Richwine.

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

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

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Terry Ruff presented a list of items to sell at the next Olson's Auction and requested permission to purchase a used mower costing \$2,700.00. He has a line item for mower in this year's budget for \$10,000.00. He estimated the cost of a new mower to be about \$8,000.00, so thinks that this used mower will do the job and save money. Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion to buy the ditch bank mower for \$2,700.00 and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. All were in favor. Terry was told to advertise the items for sale before taking them to auction.

Terry also stated that the County Garage hours would change to four, ten-hour days from April 23, 2017 to October 21, 2017. The employee handbook has this policy in place so no motion was necessary.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Richwine reported that the reserve deputy program has four good candidates who will complete the 40-hour pre-basic course and begin riding with the deputies.

There is need for kitchen help and there have been some new part-time jailers hired.

Two purchased vehicles are here and are being modified for use.

The 911 center is expected to be completed by late February or early March.

There were questions on hospital charges from services provided to detainees. Attorney Kevin Tankersley explained the hospital contract regarding when the county is required to pay for hospital services for those who have been arrested. There are many different scenarios and the situation will determine who pays. The county can be reimbursed if there is a conviction.

Bud Krohn, Jr. commented that the deputies are more visible than they have been in the past.

Jerry Locke questioned the Sheriff on a conference request located in Orlando, FL. The Sheriff believes this is a worthwhile conference because of the content and stated that the cost will be paid from the commissary fund.

IN RE: ISSURANCE

Laura Wheeler requested the commissioners to set a time and date to hear several health insurance proposals. Kevin Tankersley stated that there is a bidding process because it is a significant contract and asked that setting a time and date be postponed until the next meeting on February 21, so that he could research the proper procedures.

The commissioners agreed to have a courthouse preservationist present to a joint Council/Commissioner meeting if it could be scheduled.

IN RE: Jodi Coblentz

Jodi Coblentz of DLZ, a company out of Fort Wayne that specializes in courthouse renovations, spoke briefly to the commissioners about the company and the type of work they do. She stated that DLZ is doing the Starke County courthouse renovations. They also help with ADA transition plans as well as engineering/construction on roads and bridges.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

Daniel Murphy – Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
JoLynn Johnston, Sheri Gaillard, & David Kain – WTH Software User Training
Sheri Gaillard - Jurisdictional Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment
David Kain – NENA Center Manager Certification Program March 13 -17 Greenfield
Teresa Bryant and Mardell Retschlag – Indiana County Treasurers Assoc. State Called Annual Conference
Stephen Tabler – 2017 American Jail Assoc. Conference, Orlando FL April 9-12
Stephen Tabler, Kenton Lovely, Bryan McKinney, Ben Beers – Cell extrication procedures May 22 – 24 South Bend
Phil Foerg – Field Training Officer School March 20, Lafayette
Fred Rogers, Jason Woodruff – IDEA annual training conference, Indy Feb 22 – 24
Jeff Richwine, Jason Woodruff – 2017 Legislative Conference, Indy Jan 31 – Feb 1
Christi Hoffa and 1st Deputy – Clerks Northern District, Fair Oaks March 9.
Laura Wheeler – Right Stuff Time Keeping training March 7-8, Columbus, OH

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

It was discovered after Jerry Locke was appointed to the Winamac Plan Commission that a democrat must fill the seat. The appointment was tabled until the next meeting on February 21, 2017.

The commissioners continued discussion of the CDC request for money for TV advertising. Kenny Becker felt the money could be used in better types of advertising than TV. Bud Krohn, Jr. made a motion to table the request until the next commissioners meeting and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. All were in favor.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

Kenny Becker explained the reason for changing meeting times on the 3rd Monday of the month.

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 6:53pm.

**Signed and dated this 21st day of February, 2017
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Kenny Becker, President

Jerry Locke, Vice President

Bud Krohn, Jr.

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor