

**PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**MARCH 20, 2017**

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00am Eastern Time on March 20, 2017 in the Commissioners' Hearing room, at the Courthouse in Winamac, Indiana. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Attorney Kevin Tankersley, and Auditor Laura Wheeler. Commissioner Krohn was absent.

Also, present, were Amber Tomlinson, Terry Ruff, Gary Kruger, Jessica Rausch, Nathan Origer, Brad Bonnell, Kyle McTeigue, Megan Clark, Sheri Gaillard, Terri Hansen, Doug Hoover, Jeff Johnston, Jeff Richwine, Stephan Tabler, Ray Franko, Crystal Williams, Chance Blankenship, Mary Perren, Joe Moyer, Eugene McMillan, Krysten Hinkle, and Gene Timm.

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

**IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Terry Ruff and Gary Kruger presented the Commissioners with the 2016 annual Highway Report for approval. Jerry Locke motioned to accept the report as presented and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The salt shed needs repaired and the loader needs advertised. Commissioners said to get quotes on shingles and tin.

There are three upcoming safety meetings:

March 29 at Valparaiso, IN - Underground digging

April 11 at Jasper County REMC

April 13 at Plymouth, IN – Traffic Control

**IN RE: EMS**

Kyle McTeigue reported on the EMS monthly calls and collections; and requested to be allowed to accept credit card payments. Jerry Locke made a motion to allow the EMS to accept credit card payments and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion continued on the need for two more garage bays. Jay Sullivan will advise on garage expansion.

**IN RE: CDC**

Nathan Origer made a public apology to the commissioners for storming out in the last meeting. Apology accepted by both commissioners.

Ordinance 2017-01, disposal of County Rest Home, was presented and discussed. Kenny Becker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-01 and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tourism Advisory Council and tourism online advertising opened for discussion. Kenny Becker made the motion to accept the online advertising at an approximate cost of \$4,000.00 and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION**

Brad Bonnell reported on February 2017 revenues and expenses. He is having the scales re-certified.

**IN RE: ADA COMMITTEE**

March is disability awareness month. Jeff Johnston and Sheri Gaillard representing the ADA committee requested to purchase informational brochures for County Government access. Jerry Locke motioned to proceed and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A request to purchase three basic stair evacuation chairs with a total cost of \$1,299.55 was made. These chairs are needed because the elevators will not accommodate an EMS cot. They will be placed one each in the courthouse, justice center, and annex building. Jerry Locke made a motion to purchase the chairs and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The bathroom ADA compliance renovation is contracted to White Contracting. Kenny Becker made a motion to sign the contract with White Contracting and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Johnston made a request to make a part-time employee full-time. Jerry Locke motioned for Jeff to make one of his part-time employees full-time pending council approval and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Doug Hoover reported issues resulting from a couple who purchased land on contract in the Monterey area and are attempting to set a mobile home. Bishops Joseph and Angela Wilson approached the commissioners and asked for direction in their attempt to set a mobile home. Kevin Tankersley directed the couple to seek legal counseling.

**IN RE: CHILD SERVICES**

Crystal Williams requested to use of the courthouse lawn for child-abuse-awareness-month in April. Kenny Becker motioned to make the courthouse lawn available and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**IN RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT**

The Sheriff reported on the justice center activity.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Heather Pugh is appointed to the Winamac Plan Commission and Jeff Johnston is appointed to the District Planning Committee.

**IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST**

- Stephen Tabler – IN Jail Summit Health Care Bloomington, IN 04/27/17
- Stephen Tabler, Danny Winter, and Kenton Lovely – ISA 04/20, 05/11, 09/07, 10/12, 2017
- Leesa Gayer – US Food Show Indianapolis, IN 03/29/2017
- Sheri Gaillard – FirstNet and the Future of Public Safety Broadband French Lick, IN 05/01 – 05/03/17
- David Kain - FirstNet and the Future of Public Safety Broadband French Lick, IN 05/01 – 05/02/17
- Laura Wheeler, Teresa Bryant, Mardell Retschlag – LOW Software Training South Bend, IN 03/24/2017
- Laura Wheeler – HR conference Indianapolis, IN 04/24 – 04/26/2017 \$500.00

Kenny Becker made motion to approve all conference requests and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**IN RE: MINUTES**

Kenny Becker made a motion to accept the March 6, 2017 minutes and the February 13, 2017 Joint Session minutes as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

Kenny Becker made a motion to approve all claims and payroll as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN**

The commissioners thanked everyone in attendance and opened the meeting for public comment.

Gene McMillian approached the commissioners concerning the private drive where he lives. There are nine families that live there year around who pay taxes and want the county to provide the service. It was suggested to have DeSabatine grade and plow the private lane.

As there was nothing further to discuss, Kenny Becker motioned to adjourn and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

**Signed and dated this 3rd day of April, 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