

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 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, and Auditor Laura Wheeler. Commissioner Bud Krohn Jr. was absent. Also, present, were Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Teresa Bryant, Robert & Chris Smith, John Crist, Ryan Harrison, Nathan Origer, Dan Vanaman, Raymond Franko, Terry Ruff, Jeff & JoLynn Johnston, George Seabot, John Sholes, Joe Moyer, Scott Hankla, Josh Wilder, Holly VanDerAA, Cindy Hickle, Gene Timm, Krysten Hinkle, and Sheriff Jeff Richwine.

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

IN RE: FINANCE BOARD

In Bud Krohn, Jr's absence, Kenny Becker opened the meeting for the Board of Finance. Teresa Bryant presented the minutes from the February 21, 2017 meeting. Kenny Becker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Teresa Bryant asked the board which bank they wanted to use for cash management. After some discussion over interest rates and service fees, Jerry Locke made a motion to accept the bid from First National Bank of Monterey and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Jerry Locke made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. All were in favor.

IN RE: LOG CABIN (HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

Chris Smith on behalf of Indiana Power from the Past and Ryan Harrison acting on behalf of the Pulaski County Historical Society requested use of the land behind the Annex building where the Log Cabin sits. Kenny Becker made a motion to approve a resolution that will allow the Indiana Power of the Past to have use/access of the land for 50 years and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

Nathan Origer announced the upcoming Economic Development Summit on March 14, 2017 at the Medaryville Methodist Church Annex. Meeting starts at 6:00pm with meal to follow at 6:30pm.

Discussion continued with the commercial marketing strategy. Nathan presented less expensive options and some advertising statistics. The commissioners received comments from the public but chose not to make a confirmed decision. Jerry Locke made a motion to table the marketing plan until the next meeting on March 20, 2017 and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The commissioners gave approval to Terry Ruff to hire another full-time laborer instead of filling the road supervisor position. The County Garage finished hauling scrap, which brought in approximately \$7,400.00. The Highway Department also needs a new pay loader.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

Jeff Johnston gave an update on the basement restroom renovation project, which he expects to complete in another week. He thinks that the best way to make the restrooms ADA compliant is to have four separate unisex bathrooms. The commissioners gave their approval on moving forward.

IN RE: GEORGE SEABOT

A local resident, George Seabot requested 2 miles of road on 700 S west of SR 39 be paved with asphalt. There are currently nine residences on that road and a petition presented. Blacktopping cost about \$45,000.00 per mile plus future maintenance costs. The commissioners said that they would take it under advisement.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Sheriff presented the commissioners with a list of vehicles that he is interested in sharing with district 2 (Fulton County) and a Blazer that he wants to transfer to the Pulaski County ReAct Team. Kenny Becker made a motion to accept Sheriff Richwine's proposal on the vehicles and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Sheriff wants to have a second K-9 deputy. The dog, training, and vehicles to support this will cost approximately 50,000.00 with the funds coming out of the commissary funds.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

The commissioners chose to have a special meeting on March 20, 2017 at 1:30pm to hear health insurance presentations.

Winamac Plan Commission appointee tabled until further notice.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

Stephen Tabler and 3 other officers – Cell Extraction training, South Bend, IN 05/22 – 05/24/2017

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

IN RE: CLAIMS

Jerry Locke moved to approve claims and payroll. Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: MINUTES

Kenny Becker moved to accept the minutes from February 21 regular meeting and from February 21 executive meeting. Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS & ADJOURN

No comments were made from the audience.

As there was nothing further to discuss, Jerry Locke made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

**Signed and dated this 20th 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