

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 17, 2017

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00am Eastern Time on April 17, 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, Carroll Lange, Nikky Lowry, Nathan Origer, Brad Bonnell, Kyle McTeigue, Doug Hoover, Jeff Johnston, Jeff Richwine, Ray Franko, Chance Blankenship, Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Roy Peters of RPM Machinery, and Gene Timm.

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

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Terry Ruff and Gary Kruger requested to purchase a used pickup truck with an estimated value of \$10,500.00.

There were three bids for the salt shed roof. Button Construction quoted a metal roof for \$3,983.00 and a shingle roof for \$4,240.00; Boardman Construction quoted a metal roof for \$4,090.00 and a shingle roof for \$5,800.00; Whites General Contracting quoted a shingle roof only for \$8,960.00. Kenny Becker made a motion to approve Button Construction for the job and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bids for a loader tractor presented as follows:

Rudd Equipment Co, Volvo L110H – \$223,198.00
Casey Equipment, JCB 457ht Wheel Loader – \$199,122.10
RPM Machinery, 921G Wheel Loader - \$189,199.00
RPM Machinery, 821G Wheel Loader – \$179,225.00
Ronson Equipment Co, Doosan DL300-5 Wheel Loader – \$166,750.00
Casey Equipment, JCB 437ht Wheel Loader – \$145,836.00

The commissioners tabled the decision until the next meeting in order to have time to review the quotes.

IN RE: EMS

Kyle McTeigue and Nikki Lowry reported on the EMS monthly calls and collections.

Kevin Tankersley provided the information that a part-time person cannot average more than 28 hours per week in a given year or they would be considered full time and meet the qualifications for benefits. EMS was instructed to fill in the empty position with part-timers or hire a full time person that will not be on a temporary basis.

The commissioners were briefed on the EMS building expansion and ambulance accidents.

IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR

Doug Hoover and Chance Blankenship requested to have a vehicle (Dodge Charger) transferred from the Sheriff's department. Jerry Locke made a motion for the vehicle to be transferred to the building inspector and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The commissioners were asked to sign an agreement to purchase a condemned house in Medaryville for the Blight project. The Blight grant will pay the cost of tearing the house down and clean up. Then the lot will go to Habitat for Humanity for new construction. Kenny Becker made a motion to sign the agreement and acquire bids. Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

Nathan Origer gave an update on the potential west side industrial park. Kenny Becker, Jerry (Jay) Sullivan, and Nathan will meet with all potential tenants.

Nathan Origer also gave an update on the educational programs that he is working with.

IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION

Brad Bonnell reported on March 2017 revenues and expenses. The Recycling/Transfer station needs a shed beside the scales to create a better flow at the transfer station.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

Jeff Johnston has asked Keystone Architects to analyze the courthouse for location and design to install an elevator.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

Nathan Origer - 2017 Indiana Economic Development Association, Ft Wayne 06/21- 06/23/2017 (\$563.00).
Cody Foust and Aaron Heims- HITS Contraband Training, Lafayette, IN 05/22 5 05/23/2017 (\$250.00).
LeeAnn Pearce and Chris Allen – The Annual Probation Officers Conference 05/16 – 05/17/2017 (\$650.00 each).
Christi Hoffa - State Board of Accounts Annual Conference for Clerks 06/13 -06/15/2017 (\$850.00).

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

IN RE: MINUTES

Kenny Becker made a motion to accept the April 3, 2017 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.

Kevin Tankersley and Willie DeGroot are preparing an advertisement for IT position.

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 motioned to adjourn and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

**Signed and dated this 1st day of May, 2017
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Kenny Becker, President

Jerry Locke, Vice President

Bud Krohn, Jr.

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor