

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
May 1, 2017

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00pm Eastern Time on May 1, 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 First Deputy Auditor Mary Mays. Commissioner Krohn and Auditor Laura Wheeler were absent.

Also, present, were Amber Tomlinson, Terry Ruff, Gary Kruger, Carroll Lange, Jeff Johnston, JoLynn Johnston, Jeff Richwine, Ray Franko, Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Christi Hoffa, Judge Doug Morton, Joe Moyer, Alan McCloskey, Michael Bowditch, Brian Young, Brian Whitaker, and Jeff Richwine.

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

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

Jeff Johnston gave an update on the elevator replacement cost and process. Jerry Locke made a motion to move forward with the process and to approach council for funding. Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Mike Shurn, Judge Doug Morton from Rochester, Dan Murphy, and Christi Hoffa approached the Commissioners on the court software system. CSI is the current system, but Odyssey is the state approved system. With e-filing expected to be mandated by 2018, Pulaski County will need to have a system in place that is capable of this process. Christi Hoffa instructed to research the start-up cost.

IN RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Terry Ruff and Gary Kruger recommended the 821 Case Loader from RPM Machinery for \$179,225.00 as it carried the better service agreement. Kenny Becker made a motion to approve the purchase of the 821 Case Loader and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: PULASKI COUNTY HOSPITAL

Greg Malott requested approval of a resolution that will authorize him to negotiate and take certain other actions in developing a Rural Health Clinic in the Francesville area. Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the resolution and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER

Jeff Richwine gave an update on the Justice Center and the vehicle loan process. The Sheriff's department was authorized to purchase two vehicles earlier in the year and is currently in the process of obtaining the loan. Kenny Becker motioned to allow Jeff Richwine permission to access the bank information regarding the loan and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was determined that Commission President Kenny Becker will sign off on the loan.

IN RE: IT

The Commissioners received a job description for the Information Technology Manager's position, which will be advertised in the newspapers for two weeks.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

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

IN RE: APPOINTMENTS

Nathan Origer submitted Ben Scheiner and Brenda Walters as nominations for the Northwest Indiana Workforce Board. Kenny Becker made a motion to appoint Ben Scheiner and Brenda Walters to the Northwest Indiana Workforce Board and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alan McCloskey and Michael Bowditch of Consolidated Union Insurance asked if any decision had been made on the Health Insurance carrier for 2017/2018. The issue has been tabled and waiting for further information.

Barb Whitaker of Novotny Insurance requested the Commissions to have an executive session in order to review the claims and policies. The Commissioners directed her to contact Auditor Laura Wheeler to set this up.

IN RE: MINUTES

Kenny Becker made a motion to accept the April 17, 2017 minutes with the addition of the County Garage loader quote information 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.

The commissioners thanked everyone in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm with a motion made by Jerry Locke and seconded by Kenny Becker.

The next meeting will be at 8:00am on Monday, May 15, 2017.

**Signed and dated this 15th 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