

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00pm EDST on February 5, 2018 in the Commissioners' Hearing room, at the Courthouse in Winamac, Indiana. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure, and Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also, present, were Amber Tomlinson, Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Jeff Richwine, Terry Ruff, Jeff Larrison, Jeff Johnston, JoLynn Johnston, Brian Corn, Mike Fort, Jason Fort, Dr. Carrie Caldwell, Linda Webb, Emily Bailey, David Wegner, Judge Shurn, Judge Kocher, Dan Murphy, Brian Ditmire, Sherry McKinney, Mike and Jennie Tetzloff, Wayne Haselby, Steve Haselby, Evan Criswell, and Gene Timm.

IN RE: FOUR COUNTY COUNSELING

Dr. Carrie Caldwell, CEO of Four County Counseling Center as of January 2018 addressed the Commissioners explaining available services to the County and introduced Linda Webb as President Elect of the Four County Counseling Board. After some questions and discussion, Dr. Caldwell stated that she would attend the Commissioners' meeting a couple times per year to give an annual report and explain what they do with County funds.

IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Shurn and Dave Wegner discussed the Pulaski County Advisory Board and the need for appointments within the next few months.

Judge Shurn requested permission to hire part-time help until the overload of Superior Court cases transferred to Circuit Court are eliminated. The current court reporter works 10 hours per day and most weekends. Jerry Locke motioned to approve hiring part-time help for Circuit Court and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

Jeff Johnston presented a letter from Keystone Architecture, Inc. recommending T.L. Kincaid Contracting, Inc. for the elevator replacement project. Jerry Locke motioned to accept the recommendation as presented by Keystone Architecture, Inc. and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There were seven sealed bids received for lawn care/snow removal. Kenny Becker motioned to table the opening of the bids and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

Nathan Origer has a CDC meeting tomorrow to discuss tourism marketing and options to pursue. He also has a strategic committee meeting tomorrow which will discuss prioritizing office time. A Pulaski County Facebook page discussed briefly.

Nathan Origer is the 2018 KIRPC Chairperson. Jerry Locke motioned to remove himself as the Pulaski County KIRPC appointee and appoint Nathan Origer instead. Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Plans for a Tax Abatements Oversight Committee discussed briefly and Nathan shared some ideas on better ways of addressing and awarding abatements.

Nathan requested to attend the Indiana Economic Development Assoc. conference 03/08 - 09 Fishers, IN

Kenny Becker motioned to approve the conference request and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: EMS

Brian Corn reported on wrecked ambulance and EVOC classes for employees. Pulaski Memorial Hospital (PMH) and the EMS department met with transfers being high on the list of discussion topics. A paramedic is required to accompany these transfers but EMS is limited on staff. The commissioners agree that if there is only one paramedic on duty they should stay in Pulaski County

The EMS garage discussed but no decisions made.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Terry Ruff and Jeff Larrison explained some of the Bridge #154 project process. A preconstruction meeting with JCI held and determined a begin date of March 1, 2018 weather permitting. Plans to discuss rerouting school buses with the schools intended since the road will be closed.

IN RE: CORONER

John Behny reported on respond calls and presented a proposed ordinance for assessing fees. Behny stated that some counties charge as much as \$300.00 and others only \$10.00 or \$15.00. The Coroner's department requested office space.

John Behny requested to attend a Medicolegal Investigation of Death Seminar 05/16 – 05/18, 2018 in Dearborn, MI. Mike McClure motioned to approve the requested training and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER

Jeff Richwine presented commissary reports and gave an update on Justice Center activity. Sheriff's retirement fund questioned.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting opened for public comment. Wayne Haselby brought forth information on wind turbines, which were briefly discussed.

Kevin Tankersley presented an Opioid Addiction Class Action Suit initiated by the Cohen & Malad, LLP firm. The lawsuit is against pharmaceuticals to recover damages brought on and adhered by communities through opioid abuse. This is at no cost to the county. Mike McClure motioned to join the class action lawsuit and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter from Northwest Indiana Solid Waste requesting confirmation on 2018 appointments. Kenny Becker motioned to reappoint Mike Tiede and Kenny Becker to serve on the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District Board of Directors and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure suggested moving Circuit Court to the Justice Center so the Judiciary Departments are all under one roof. More discussion on this in future meetings.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST:

Conference request submitted as follows:

- Tanner Prentice, Advanced Vehicle Contraband concealment 06/25-26 - Lafayette, IN
- Aaron Heims, Informant Best Practices PATC 02/26-27 – Indy
- Dan Murphy, (2) attending 2018 IPAC Conferences, various dates and locations in IN

Jerry Locke motioned to approve the conference request as presented and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: MINUTES

Kenny Becker motioned to approve the January 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Mike McClure motioned to approve all claims and payroll as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

As there was nothing further to discuss, Jerry Locke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Joint Session meeting February 12, 2018 @ 6:00pm EDST.
The next regular Commissioner meeting scheduled for February 20, 2018 @ 8:00am.

**Approved and Signed February 20, 2018
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Kenny Becker, President

Jerry Locke, Vice President

Mike McClure

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor