

COUNTY COUNCIL/COMMISSIONER

JOINT SESSION

February 12, 2018

The Pulaski County Council and County Commissioners met in joint session on February 12, 2018 in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse in Winamac, Indiana, at 6:00pm. Eastern Standard Time. Those present were Commissioners Kenny Becker, Mike McClure, and Jerry Locke; Council members present were Jay Sullivan, Scott Hinkle, Kenneth Boswell, Thomas J. Roth, Michael T. Tiede, Linda Powers, Alexsondra Haschel, and Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also, present were Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Amber Tomlinson, Terry Ruff, Nathan Origer, Jeff Richwine, Judge Kocher, Judge Shurn, Doug Hoover, Bryan Corn, Brian Young, Jeff Gibson of Cohen and Malad Law firm, and Jim Stradling.

Commissioner Kenny Becker called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: OPIOID CLASS ACTION

Jeff Gibson of Cohen and Malad Law Firm explained the opioid class action lawsuit filed on behalf of counties and communities who have suffered from the opioid epidemic.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

An agreement between Pulaski County and JCI Bridge Group, Inc. for the Complete Rehabilitation of Bridge# 154 presented for signatures.

Terry Ruff requested the following additional funding:

9120-0000 Community Crossings Fund	
45550 Bridge #154	\$250,000.00
1229-0000 LOIT Special Distribution	
45550 Bridge #154	\$250,000.00
9130-00531 Community X's MG-HWY 2018	
23400 Hot Mix	\$726,750.00

Terry Ruff requested permission for himself and Gary Kruger to attend Road School March 6 and 7, 2018 in Lafayette, IN. Ruff stated that the rooms would cost 249 per night per person. It was determined that more reasonable rates could be found. Kenny Becker motioned to approve attendance to Road School but the room rate cannot exceed 150.00 per night. Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A second conference request made for Jessica Rausch to attend a one-day training seminar in Lafayette March 15, 2018. Jerry Locke motioned to approve the requested conference and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Highway department wishes to purchase a used tractor from Greenmark for \$34,750.00 + a 7600 model tractor as trade-in. The purchased tractor has low hours and two-wheel drive. Jerry (Jay) Sullivan interjected with information on grant monies available for low emissions type vehicles. Mike McClure motioned to approve the purchase from Greenmark and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN: EMS

Bryan Corn reported on the ambulance garage and the need for a bigger facility. After much discussion, it was decided to look at previously created drawings to determine what could be done. Paramedic retention debate followed. Bryan Corn is working with Kevin Tankersley on developing an employee/schooling agreement where the County pays for the classes if the employee agrees to serve the County for a specific length of time.

IN RE: Doug Hoover

Doug Hoover explained the Board of Zoning Appeals and the need for two alternate appointees. Michael T. Tiede motioned to appoint Drew Anspach as an alternate board member for Pam Chumley and Thomas J. Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure motioned to appoint Leeann Will as an alternate member for Matt Kelsey and Derrick Stalbaum. Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: SKILL UP PROGRAM

Jim Stradling of Indian Trails addressed the boards about the matching grant for the Skill-Up Program. He does not know why but he did not receive the anticipated matching grant; therefore, the County has the choice of taking back the contributed \$30,000.00 or donating said money anyway. Without vote, the County Council and Commissioners decided to make the donation - payable to Twin Lakes School Corporation.

IN RE: SUPREME COURT

Judge Kocher explained the cost of pauper counsel and the need to contract with a public defender. To cover these costs, Judge Kocher is asking for additional as follows:

1000-0201 County General/Superior Court	
14000 Public Defender	\$29,142.75
13600 Pauper Counsel	\$40,000.00

Mike McClure motioned to approve the requested additional and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Mike McClure motioned to approve the December 11, 2017 Joint Session minutes and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Locke motioned to approve the cash rent contract with Tim and Sue Alexander. Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

As there was nothing further to discuss, Mike McClure motioned to adjourn the Joint Session meeting for the Commissioners at 7:30pm and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Thomas J. Roth motioned to adjourn the Joint Session meeting for the Council at 7:30pm and Linda Powers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Signed and dated
April 09, 2018

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

Jerry G. Sullivan

Thomas J. Roth

Alexsondra Haschel

Linda Powers

Michael T. Tiede

Scott Hinkle

Kenneth Boswell

Signed and dated
April 09, 2018

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Kenny Becker

Jerry Locke

Mike McClure

ATTEST: _____
Laura M. Wheeler, Auditor, Pulaski County