

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00am Eastern Time on November 20, 2017 in the Commissioners' Hearing room, at the Courthouse in Winamac, Indiana. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure, Auditor Laura Wheeler, and Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also, present, were Amber Tomlinson, Terry Ruff, Jeff Larrison, Gary Kruger, Brad Bonnell, Jeff Johnston, Holly Van Der AA, Doug Hoover, Kyle McTeigue, Jeff Richwine, Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Laura Bailey, Gene Timm, Matt Voltz, and Joe Moyer.

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

IN RE: COUNTY HIGHWAY

Terry Ruff and Jeff Larrison were present to see Bridge Rehabilitation Project #154 bids opened. Those providing bids are as follows:

Grand River Construction, Inc.	676,934.62
JCI Bridge Group, Inc.	479,776.67
Reith-Riley Construction Co., Inc.	718,208.27
LaPorte Construction Company, Inc. and New Regime, LLC	509,493.45

Kenny Becker motioned to table the Bridge Project award for further review and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: EMS

Kyle McTeigue reported on EMS activity for October 2017.

Ceres Solutions Fertilizer Plant has offered to install a diesel fuel tank at their Francesville site for EMS use.

Outsourced Billing discussed briefly. Mike McClure motioned to outsource EMS billing to Ambulance Billing Services, Inc. (ABS) and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

An Amended Agreement for Supervising Hospital Services with Pulaski County EMS Medical Services presented. Mike McClure motioned to approve the amendment as presented and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A full-time paramedic opening has been advertised and is currently being covered by part-time employees, which may cause extra overtime.

Kenny Becker motioned to close the EMS bank account and all receipts will now go through the Treasurer's office. Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: TRANSFER/RECYCLING

Brad Bonnell reported on Recycle/Transfer Station activities for October 2017 and has asked for the following transfers:

1000-0506 County General/Solid Waste	
From: 22100 Gas, Oil, Etc...	\$7,500.00
To: 31701 Hauling of Trash	\$6,000.00
To: 35100 Electric, Water, & Gas	\$1,000.00
To: 35200 NIPSCO (Fuel)	\$500.00

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

Brad submitted an invoice and asked for approval to purchase a used 2004 Chevrolet pickup truck from Brian Roberts for \$8,000.00. Jerry Locke motioned to approve the pickup purchase and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Solid Waste department has an older pickup truck to be sold on consignment at Olson auctions.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

Jeff Johnston reported that the heating system in the courthouse went out; that a bid package for mowing has been created and waiting Kevin Tankersley's review; and that there are plans for cleaning the Justice Center basement.

Maintenance department transfers requested as follows:

1000-0161 County General/Court House	
From: 17000 Overtime	\$1,700.00
32500 Schools, Meetings & Seminars	\$1,800.00
To: 33400 Building & Structure Repair	\$3,500.00

Kenny Becker motioned to approve the transfers as requested and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR

Doug Hoover reported on the Blight house project. Freedom First Excavating & Demo, LLC, who did the demolition, is asking for \$1,800.00 more to cover asbestos disposal. The commissioners want to know what landfill the materials went to and to see a receipt that shows asbestos materials.

Mr. Hoover requested the purchase of a new desk for his part-time help. Mike McClure motioned to approve the purchase of a new desk if there is not an unused desk available from another department. Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: IT

Matt Voltz presented a quote from Advanced Imaging Solutions for the Sheriff's office to replace the existing printer on lease from Copiers Plus. The lease has expired. Advanced Imaging Solutions agreed to pay the buy-out and send the old printer back. The new lease and maintenance agreement may be a little higher.

Mr. Voltz also made a recommendation for a new backup system and presented a quote from CDW-G for \$31,900.00. This covers \$25,000.00 in hardware and \$6,900.00 for annual maintenance. The system is expected to last 3 – 5 years.

The Commissioners tabled the decisions and requested Matt to get more quotes.

IN RE: ASSESSOR

Holly VanDerAA presented a sealed bid for the reassessment contract. NEXUS GROUP bid \$104,750 per year and was the only bid received. The current in-house field person is retiring, the State adds more requirements, and it is difficult to find staff with the necessary skills willing to work the needed hours. The Commissioners tabled approval for the next meeting to allow Kevin Tankersley time to review the contract.

IN RE: ELECTION BOARD

Laura Bailey explained the pros and cons of the use of the Pulaski County Library as the voting site for early voters. Because of the issues, she presented the Commissioners with a resolution to decommission the Pulaski County Library as a vote center and a resolution to commission the Sheriff's office as a vote center. Mike McClure motioned to approve the resolution to remove Pulaski County Library as a voting center and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Becker motioned to approve the resolution to establish the Justice Center as a voting center and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Locke motioned to approve the resolution to designate Pulaski County Justice Center as an annex to the Pulaski County Clerk's office and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER

Jeff Richwine explained sex offender fees and discussed the possibility of giving part-time clerical position a \$1.00 per hour raise.

Firearms sold to Starke County.

IN RE: SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Kocher requested the following transfer:

1000-0201 County General/Superior Court

From: 13500 Petit Jurors	\$750.00
To: 18000 Interpreter	\$750.00

Kenny Becker motioned to approve the requested transfer and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: INSURANCE

Gene Timm presented an application for a renewal quote from Gregory and Appel (Chubb) Insurance and an application from Bliss McKnight for an automotive comparison quote.

Kenny Becker motioned to approve the applications and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Quotes will be brought before the commissioners once they are all received.

IN RE: EXTENSION

Samantha Williams sent a request for transfers as follows:

1000-0011 County General/County Extension Service

From: 37300 Rents/Leases	\$324.11
To: 20600 Computer Supplies	\$323.19
32200 Travel	.92

Kenny Becker motioned to approve requested transfers and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: AVIATION

Jim McDaniel sent a request for transfers as follows:

1107-0305 County General/Aviation

From: 36801 Snow Removal	\$1,873.18
To: 36100 Equipment Repair	\$1,873.18
From: 39502 Certifications	\$171.23
To: 44301 Equipment	\$171.23

Kenny Becker motioned to approve the requested transfers and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER/OLD BUSINESS

Kenny Becker motioned to approve the NACO membership for payment of \$450.00 and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

Holly VanDerAA & 3 deputies, Northwest District meeting 11/30/2017 South Bend, IN

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

Terry Ruff verbally requested for approval for him and Gary Kruger to attend the Association of Indiana Counties for one day. Kenny Becker motioned to approve the one-day attendance and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: MINUTES

Mike McClure motioned to accept the November 6, 2017 minutes as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CLAIMS & PAYROLL

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

Kenny Becker opened the meeting for public comment.

As there was nothing further to discuss, Jerry Locke motioned to adjourn at 9:25am and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Signed and dated this 4th day of December, 2017
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Kenny Becker, President

Jerry Locke, Vice President

Mike McClure

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor