

## PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00pm Eastern Time on November 06, 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, Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Carroll Lange, Doug Hoover, Jeff Richwine, Joe Moyer, Jeff Johnston, Cameron Chambers of Keystone Architecture Inc., Judge Shurn, Sara Croft, Dan Murphy, Nathan Origer, Sheila Jamenez, Eric Galbreath, Jeff Larrison of United Consulting and Gene Timm.

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

**IN RE: MAINTENANCE**

Maintenance Director Jeff Johnston and Cameron Chambers explained the elevator project process. Bid advertisements will go out on November 9 and 16, 2017. Interested parties will tour project site on November 20, 2017 and sealed bids will be opened at the Commissioners' meeting on December 4, 2017. The job will be awarded at the Joint Session meeting on December 11, 2017. The actual project will start in early 2018 and is expected to take six months. Commissioners asked to see a similar installed elevator.

**IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT**

Judge Shurn and Sara Croft explained the CASA program. Pulaski County collaborated with LaPorte County on this project in previous years but are now filing to be independent.

Security briefly discussed and the commissioners asked to reconsider taking action.

**IN RE: PROSECUTOR**

Dan Murphy has chosen to retract the previous requested additional of \$9,500.00 for overtime and has instead requested the following appropriation transfers:

**1000-0009 County General/Prosecutor**

From: 16400 Transcripts & Depositions	\$3,000.00
To: 44101 Machinery & Equipment	\$3,000.00

**1000-0009 County General/Prosecutor**

From: 31801 Professional Service	\$200.00
To: 32200 Travel	\$200.00

These transfers are for office equipment (six stand up desk units) and overextended travel from a conference attended by staff members.

Fund transfers for additional help requested as follows:

From: 2500-0000 Pretrial Diversion User Fee Fund	\$5,000.00
To: 2501-0009 Pretrial Diversion Fund	
11500 Part-time help	\$4,000.00
12100 Social Security/Medicare	\$1,000.00

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

**IN RE: CDC**

County revolving loan documents being prepared with new language on expectations. Kenny Becker motioned to freeze County loans until the new documents are completed in December 2017 and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Nathan Origer requested the following conference:

2017 Indiana Economics Development Association (IEDA) Annual Conference 12/14/2017 \$250.00

Kenny Becker moved to approve the conference as requested and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Nathan Origer, Sheila Jamenez, and Eric Galbreath approached the commissioners once again concerning the revolving loan for Tippy's Pizzeria.

Mike McClure motioned to approve the 7-year, \$25,000.00 revolving loan at 3.75% interest rate with proposed collateral offered and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: SURVEYOR**

The Surveyor sent letters requesting transfers as follows:

<b>1000-0006 County General/Surveyor</b>		
From: 22200 Tires and Tubes		\$130.00
To: 32200 Travel		\$130.00
<b>1000-0006 County General/Surveyor</b>		
From: 32500 Schools, Meetings, Seminars		\$100.00
33300 Photo & Blueprinting		\$200.00
To: 24400 Field Supplies		\$300.00

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

**IN RE: HEALTH**

The Health Department sent a request for transfer as follows:

<b>1159-0610 Health/Health Department</b>		
From: 30902 Hepatitis B Vaccine		\$600.00
To: 24600 Medical and Dental Supplies		\$600.00

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

**IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Doug Hoover reported on the Blight project. December 20, 2017 is the deadline for having all paperwork completed.

Kenny Becker motioned to approve a quitclaim deed from County Commissioners to Habitat for Humanity and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER**

Sheriff Richwine explained the duties of a part-time clerk and suggested raising her pay by \$1.00 per hour.

The Sheriff wants to sell old firearms to Starke County and use the proceeds to purchase patrol rifles.

Sheriff Richwine requested the following transfers in order to replace broken washer and dryer for the justice center:

<b>1109-0005 CAGIT Special Legislation/Sheriff</b>		
From: 22300 Other Garage Supplies		\$2,500.00
22400 Janitor Supplies		\$2,900.00
36500 Radio/TV Maintenance		\$3,300.00
38500 Inmate of Institutions		\$3,110.00
44100 Office Machines		\$275.00
To: 44301 Furniture & Fixtures		\$12,085.00

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

**IN RE: COUNTY GARAGE**

Terry Ruff sent a request for transfers as follows:

<b>1176-0531 Motor Vehicle Highway /Maintenance Repair</b>		
From: 25100 Traffic Control		\$30.00
To: 24902 Road Signs		\$30.00
<b>1176-0533 Motor Vehicle Highway /General &amp; Undistributed Expenses</b>		
From: 17017 Assistant Mechanic Overtime		\$600.00
To: 11302 Assistant Mechanic		\$600.00
<b>9120-0000 Community Crossings MG</b>		
From: 23300 Bituminous		\$110.00
To: 23101 Stone		\$110.00

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

Sealed bridge contract bids opened and announced. Among the bidders are:

- Butler Fairman Seufert, Civil Engineers (BF&S)
- CIORBA Group, Consulting Engineers
- Primera Engineers, LTD
- United Consulting
- USI Consultants, Inc.

Jeff Larrison of United Consulting, who is the current consultant with Pulaski County, explained the bid process.

Mike McClure motioned to table the decision for further review and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Jerry Locke motioned to terminate EMS director Nikki Lowry for misappropriation of funds and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Tankersley read a press release concerning the EMS investigation.

**IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST:**

Sheri Gaillard, Introduction to Emergency Management 11/13-15, 2017 Elkhart, IN  
Sheri Gaillard, Comprehensive Emergency Management Planning 11/16-17, 2017 Elkhart, IN

Kenny Becker motioned to approve the conference requests and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gene Timm addressed the commissioners concerning liability Insurance bids.

Each year the County must re-apply for storage tank liability at the airport. Mike McClure motioned to approve the storage tank insurance and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion pursued on a replacement for Nikki Lowry as risk/safety manager.

Mike McClure motioned to appoint Jeff Johnston as Safety Director and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Becker motioned to advertise for an EMS Director and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

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

**IN RE: MINUTES**

Jerry Locke motioned to approve the October 16, 2017 regular meeting minutes; the October 25, 2017 and October 30, 2017 Executive meeting Memorandums. Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

As there was nothing further to discuss, Jerry Locke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Commissioner meeting scheduled for November 20, 2017 @ 8:00am.

**Signed and dated November 20, 2017  
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Kenny Becker, President

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Jerry Locke, Vice President

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Mike McClure

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor