

COUNTY COUNCIL/COMMISSIONER

JOINT SESSION

December 11, 2017

The Pulaski County Council and County Commissioners met in joint session on December 11, 2017 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, and Auditor Laura Wheeler. Alexsondra Haschel was absent.

Also, present were Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Terry Ruff, Gary Kruger, Nathan Origer, Matt Voltz, Jeff Richwine, Dave Broad, Kyle McTeigue, Matt Voltz, Lisa Labuda, Brad Bonnell, Judge Kochoer, Judge Shurn, Don Street Superintendent of West Central, and Joe Moyer.

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

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

Jeff Johnston gave an update on the elevator project. The bidding dates have been moved and are as follows:

January 15th at 8:00am – Sealed bids must be received by this date and time, they will be opened and read aloud.

February 5th - The Commissioners will announce the successful bidder.

The construction start date remains March 1 with a completion date of September 1.

Kevin Tankersley made note that whenever the dates change a new agreement has to be written by opposing council in the Hizer Case, so we should not change the dates unless absolutely necessary. They will not change again.

IN RE: SKILL UP PROGRAM

Jim Stradling of Indian Trails addressed the boards about the matching grant for the Skill Up Program with the participation deadline Friday, December 15, 2017. He is asking for \$100,000.00 contribution from each of the five Counties, but will accept anything that is offered. The money will help to upgrade facilities, and provide new equipment such as a Plasma cutter, welders, and hospital beds. Don Street, West Central Superintendent and Nathan Origer both spoke on behalf of the program. There were many questions and a great deal of discussion. Mike McClure motioned contribute \$30,000.00 to the program and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael T. Tiede motioned to fund the \$30,000.00 contribution to the Skill Up Program through the LIT – Economic Development Fund #1112 and Scott Hinkle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Stradling proposed making the check payable to Pulaski County Community Foundation so they can benefit by the transaction. The Foundation will then write a check to Indian Trails Coop.

IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Shurn reported on the CASA program and stated that he will purchase laptop and printer through his budget. IT is working on a County mobile phone by December 15.

JDAI Grant applications in progress for the 3rd year and is in need of a landline phone.

Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections Program Board will be expanded and the Commissioners will need to approve some appointees in the near future.

Security still an issue. The Justice Center basement was suggested for a courtroom or possibly other offices if renovated properly. Judge Shurn opposed this suggestion for the record.

IN: EMS

Kyle McTeigue reported on EMS issues and suggested eliminating one of the transfer trucks as well as several other options. All suggestions tabled until a permanent EMS director appointed.

IN RE: IT

Matt Voltz presented quotes for backup systems. Mike McClure motioned to purchase the recommended back up system from CDW-G for \$31,900.00 and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. This purchase will be out of the 2018 budget.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Terry Ruff and Gary Kruger asked to give their head mechanic a \$1.50 per hour raise to keep him from taking a job elsewhere. He is worth it and that is why we are asking for more. Much discussion pursued. Having a mechanic department to cover all County owned vehicles was suggested. Mike McClure motioned to approve a tool allowance of \$3,120.00 annually payable through payroll at \$120.00 per pay period pending a state board of accounts review but the decision tabled for further investigation.

Laura Wheeler asked for that the Commissioners absorb some extended costs to end the year in compliance with the State Board of Accounts.

14100 Attorney	11,100.00
32500 Schools, Meetings, & Seminars	10,000.00
34100 Official Bonds	2,500.00
34301 Attorney Retainer fee	6,050.00
34800 Miscellaneous Services & Charges	1,000.00
35100 Electric Water & Gas	15,000.00
36300 Service & Maintenance Cont	17,000.00
37900 Examination of Records	11,000.00
38100 Soldier Burial	500.00
38201 Inmates in Institutions	20,000.00
38501 Tax Refunds	20,000.00
39100 Dues & Subscriptions	1,620.00
44301 Equipment	400.00
36700 Computer/Server/Network Maint	14,000.00
11500 Part-time Help	15,000.00
36400 Building & Structure	30,000.00

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

Kenny Becker motioned to approve the online W-2 fees to LOW Associates and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Locke motioned to approve bond renewals for Laura Wheeler, John Behny and Brad Bonnell. Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

As there was nothing further to discuss, Kenny Becker motioned to adjourn the meeting for the Commissioners at 8:00pm and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael T. Tiede motioned to adjourn the meeting for the Council at 8:00pm and Scott Hinkle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Signed and dated
January 08, 2017

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

Jerry G. Sullivan

Thomas J. Roth

Alexsondra Haschel

Linda Powers

Michael T. Tiede

Scott Hinkle

Kenneth Boswell

Signed and dated
January 08, 2017

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Kenny Becker

Jerry Locke

Mike McClure

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