

**PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**DECEMBER 18, 2017**

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00am Eastern Time on December 18, 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 Thomlinson, Nathan Origer, Terry Ruff, Gary Kruger, Brad Bonnell, Doug Hoover, Kyle McTeigue, Jeff Richwine, Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Gene Timm, Dave Blickhahn, Barb Whitaker, and Joe Moyer.

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

**IN RE: COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Terry Ruff announced that INDOT approved and recommended United Consulting for the bridge inspection award. Mike McClure motioned to accept INDOT's recommendation and award United Consulting the bridge inspection bid. Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure motioned to approve a tool allowance for the County garage head mechanic and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure motioned to retract the Central Paving asphalt contract in order to properly advertise the intended asphalt purchase. Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Century Link phone lines are cut while digging for culverts even though locates are done. Century Link is now attempting to charge for the severed lines. The Commissioners suggested negotiating a contract with Century Link that gives them permission to bury lines and in return, they will not bill us for a severed line if a proper locate is done.

**IN RE: EMS**

Kyle McTeigue reported on EMS activity for November 2017 and described the challenge of hiring and retaining staff.

**IN RE: CDC**

Nathan Origer presented the updated loan policy, which requires an appraisal of collateral. Kenny Becker motioned to accept the loan policy as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Abatement review committee discussed briefly.

**IN RE: TRANSFER/RECYCLING**

Brad Bonnell reported on Recycle/Transfer Station activities for November 2017. The pickup truck that sold at Olson auctions brought about \$900.00. The purchase of a transfer station truck discussed briefly. The Commissioners asked that purchase requirements be presented at the next meeting.

**IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Doug Hoover and Nathan Origer presented a Certification of Proposed Changes to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. Several changes throughout the year determined the need for an updated ordinance. Mike McClure motioned to adopt Ordinance 2017-03 as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Doug Hoover reported on activity for the month of November 2017 and gave an update on the Blight project.

**IN RE: EMA**

Sheri Gaillard needed signatures for military vehicle titles going to Fulton County District Task Force. These vehicles will no longer fall under Pulaski County insurance.

Emergency weather procedures: Terry Ruff and Jeff Richwine determine road condition and alert Sheri Gaillard who in turn notifies the County Commissioners. Sheri has authorization to pronounce weather advisory but warnings require written declaration to the state signed by at least one commissioner but preferably by all three and attested by the auditor.

**IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER**

Jeff Richwine discussed Justice Center activity.

**IN RE: INSURANCE**

Gene Timm presented liability renewal quotes from Gregory and Appel (Chubb) Insurance and Bliss McKnight Insurance. Novotny recommends Bliss McKnight because they offer better coverage. The premium is approximately \$5,500.00 more per year and the payments can be made quarterly at no extra charge. Kenny Becker motioned to accept the insurance from Bliss McKnight payable quarterly and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER/OLD BUSINESS**

Snow removal published for bidding.

An Executive session is set for 3:00pm on January 2, 2018 to interview for EMS director position.

**IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST**

Doug Hoover - Indiana Dept of Homeland Security (IDHS) 1/11/2018 South Bend, IN

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

**IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kenny Becker opened the meeting for public comment.

**IN RE: MINUTES**

Mike McClure motioned to accept the December 4, 2017 minutes as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure motioned to approve the October 9, 2017 Joint Session meeting 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 motioned to approve Christi Hoffa bond renewal and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Locke motioned to approve two new funds: #9120 Community Crossings MG – HWY 2017 and #9130 Community Crossings MG – HWY 2018. Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

As there was nothing further to discuss, Kenny Becker motioned to adjourn at 9:45am and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Signed and dated this 2nd day of January, 2018  
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