

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00am EDST on April 16, 2018 at the Pulaski County Highway Garage in the Conference room, 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, Jeff Richwine, Jeff Johnston, Bryan Corn, Nathan Origer, Doug Hoover, Joe Moyer, Cory Planck, Wayne Haselby, Ed and Patti Gudas, Tyler Gutwein, Gary Culp, Laura Bailey, Tony Ruff, Gary Kruger, Kathy Miller, Darin Gudeman, and Gene Timm.

IN RE: HIGHWAY GARAGE

Terry Ruff with Jeff Larrison of United Consulting explained the Bridge Inspection process and stated that if approved, 80% of the cost is paid by the Federal Government. Larrison presented an INDOT draft agreement and requested permission to continue the bridge inspection process. Mike McClure questioned if culverts were included in the contract. Bridges are considered anything 20' or longer. Anything less than 20' is considered a small structure. Mike McClure motioned to continue the Bridge Inspection paperwork process. Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Bridge Inspection work begins in September.

IN RE: EMS

Bryan Corn reported on EMS activity for March. The ambulance sent to Iowa for repair is expected back next week. Things are going well.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

The Justice Center battery backup system repaired Sunday night at 2:30am. The \$27,400.00 cost for equipment replacement and installation is shared between the Sheriff's department and the Maintenance department.

Johnston reported on the courthouse elevator project and some construction/agreement issues.

IN RE: ELECTION BOARD

Laura Bailey requested two parking places at the Justice Center be reserved for voters. Kenny Becker motioned to post reserve signs on two parking spaces for early voters and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners granted permission for Bailey to use their projector for Primary election to post results as they come in.

IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER

Jeff Richwine discussed the new system installed earlier this morning. Because the situation was an emergency and did not get prior approval, Mike McClure motioned to approve the system repair/upgrade and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners requested Richwine to store some of the excess vehicles at the County Garage until the Courthouse construction is complete. The Courthouse and Justice Center need the parking space.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting opened for public comment.

Wind turbines discussed at length. Several Pulaski County residents expressed their concerns. The Zoning Board and Planning Commission meet on May 29 to vote on Ordinance changes. Currently the County is in the information gathering stage.

Jerry Locke motioned to hire an attorney recommended by Kevin Tankersley to review the Wind Turbine Ordinance language. Mike McClure would prefer an engineer review the information rather than an attorney and suggested waiting until after the Zoning/Planning Commission meet. The motion died for lack of second.

A private meeting scheduled with Wind Turbine Companies and a number of County officials including Jerry Locke, Michael T. Tiede, Jim Thompson, Nathan Origer, Doug Hoover, Kevin Tankersley, and CDC President Gregg Malott, the Francesville Town attorney, and a Francesville Board member or Clerk/Treasurer.

Jerry Locke made a second motion to hire outside legal counsel for review and suggestions of proposed ordinance and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

Nathan Origer reported on school-coordinated programs and continues to work in that direction with the Justice Center work release program.

Jasper County CDC director is attempting to rebuild relations with neighboring counties and invited Origer on a field trip to Bowling Green. The only cost is an overnight hotel stay. Mike McClure motioned to approve the trip and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST:

Conference requests submitted as follows:

Laura Wheeler - Fundamentals to Real Property Appraisal by DLGF 04/30 - 05/04, 2018 Indy
Laura Wheeler - USAP by DLGF 05/08 - 05/10, 2018 Valparaiso
Jason Woodruff - NIBRS Training 04/23 - 24, 2018 Michigan City, IN

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

IN RE: MINUTES

Jerry Locke motioned to approve the April 2, 2018 regular meeting minutes and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CLAIMS & PAYROLL

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

As there was nothing further to discuss, Mike McClure motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:00am and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approved and Signed May 7, 2018
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Kenny Becker, President

Jerry Locke, Vice President

Mike McClure

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor