

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00am EDST on May 21, 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, and Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also, present, were Amber Tomlinson, Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Jeff Richwine, Bryan Corn, Nathan Origer, Doug Hoover, Karla Kreamer, Joe Moyer, Tyler Gutwein, Terry Ruff, Gary Kruger, Kathy Miller, Karen Hill, Carroll Lange, Jenny Keller, and Colleen Denham.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: ROADWAYS

Karen Hill requested roadways be completed in the Whipple Crest Division asking: Who is responsible for these roadways? Commissioners deemed the property belongs to her and therefore; she is responsible and will need to absorb the cost to have it cleared if that is what she is wanting. Commissioners suggested that she hire an attorney to pursue other options.

IN RE: EMS

Bryan Corn reported on EMS activity for April 2018.

One of the ambulances is leaking diesel fuel because the tank has rusted out. Labor and material to repair is estimated at \$2,770.25. Jerry Locke motioned to approve the repair and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Is the truck running ok other than the tank damage? This is the oldest truck and used primarily when there are extenuating circumstances. Injector replaced three or four times. It gets used just not as often as the others do.

A new paramedic hired on 'A' shift and another paramedic to start in June. Only full-time opening is for a paramedic position that is currently occupied by an employee on Workmen's Compensation who is scheduled for a second back surgery. Corn does not know recovery period.

Outsourced billing is going well.

EMS week is celebrated nationwide. It is a week to promote EMS careers.

Bryan Corn recently been informed that Pulaski County is the beneficiary of an estate by a couple that have passed away. The fire station, police, and EMS are expecting to receive approximately \$28,000.00 each. Corn is not sure when the money will be received but has EMS's share earmarked for equipment.

IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR

Doug Hoover is still working on the Blight project. The Town of Medaryville put a lien on the Blight property of \$190.50 for sewer services and there is \$214.91 in taxes due. Hoover is asking that the county absorb both costs totaling \$405.41. Mike McClure motioned to waive the taxes due on the Blight property and pay the amount due to Medaryville and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Audit documentation was seamless except for the tax issue. The property was not left as clean as it should be and dirt needs spread on the lot. There were several issues with the contractor during this process.

IN RE: HIGHWAY GARAGE

Terry Ruff presented a petition to blacktop County Road 1150 W. There are other roads with more houses than what is on 1150 W that are not blacktopped. Blacktopping is much more expensive than most realize and if homeowners would be willing to pay half then maybe the county would do it. No action taken.

The Highway annual report presented for signatures. Kenny Becker motioned to sign annual report and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

June 12, 2018 is the public hearing for final changes to ordinance. Wind Companies will see what the rules are and then determine if they still are interested in pursuing wind turbines in Pulaski County. There are still two consultants to review and discuss the situation. There is still much to do and Commissioners have nodded their heads with an ok for pursuing consultants. No vote made.

IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER

Sheriff Richwine reported that the new jail door system is ready for installation, which will take approximately two weeks to complete.

Type 4 vests are not being used and another County is interested in purchasing them with an agreed upon price. Said County has already taken possession of the vests for a trial period. Kenny Becker motioned to sell vests and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old animal control truck, S10 Ford Pickup and the old Coroners Mini Van are vehicles in the parking lot that can be disposed. Commissioners said to sell them and to check for any other vehicles that can go.

Two military vehicles in the Sheriff's Department requested by the Pulaski County REACT Team. Mike McClure motioned to give vehicles to REACT and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting opens for comments from the public.

IN RE: MINUTES

Jerry Locke motioned to approve the May 7, 2018 minutes and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Kenny Becker motioned to approve all payroll and claims and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Mike McClure motioned to have a public hearing on June 11, 2018 at 5:30pm to announce and give pertinent information about the Commissioners' Deed sale. Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Becker motioned to appoint Jerry Locke, Kenneth Boswell, Kevin Tankersley, and Dave Bennett to a County Insurance committee and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Per a request from Pulaski County Library Director, MacKenzie Ledley, Mike McClure motioned to appoint Jim Connor to serve another 4-year term on the Pulaski County Public Library Board and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Becker motioned for Jerry Locke and Mike McClure to serve as alternates on the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District Board of Directors and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10am and Jerry Locke seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approved and Signed June 4, 2018
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Kenny Becker, President

Jerry Locke, Vice President

Mike McClure

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor