

May 14, 2018

REGULAR SESSION

COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in special session on May 14, 2018 at the County Highway Garage Training Room in Winamac, Indiana, at 7:00pm EDST. Those present were Jerry (Jay) Sullivan, Mike Tiede, Thomas J. Roth, Kenneth Boswell, Scott Hinkle, Alexsondra Haschel, Linda Powers, and Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were: Amber Tomlinson, Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Jerry Locke, Kenny Becker, Joe Moyer, Jeff Johnston, Jeff Richwine, Dave Kain, Jessica Rausch, Terry Ruff, Gary Kruger, Samantha Williams, McKenzie Ledley, Mary Welker, Jackie Frain, Francis Czech, Carrie Aaron, and Cody Foust.

IN RE: MATRIX

Kevin Tankersley addressed the board and all in attendance explaining the MATRIX rules as defined by the MATRIX committee (Linda Powers, Scott Hinkle, Kenneth Boswell, Alexsondra Haschel, and Kevin Tankersley). Probation period, longevity, and part-time employee pay were just some of the issues discussed and defined within the new set of MATRIX rules. It was specifically stated that once these rules are adopted changes would not be allowed without going through an amendment process and making the changes in writing. The Auditor was instructed to send these rules to all department heads requesting any feedback be made by Monday, May 21, 2018.

IN RE: AVIATION

Due to a 2018 Budget cut on County Grant Matching funds for aviation, Jim McDaniel requested an additional as follows:

1107-0305 AVIATION/Aviation	
43400 Co Grant Match	7500.00

Kenneth Boswell motioned to approve the additional request for advertising and Scott Hinkle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

Nathan Origer requested to have another person appointed to the Winamac Economic Development Commission to replace Alexsondra Haschel who has been unable to participate on the board. The appointment is made by Council but does not need to be a Council Member. There were no recommendations made.

An Ordinance change to cover Wind Turbines discussed briefly. Origer is considering hiring a consultant to do a study prior to any decisions being made. The CDC has the money in their budget.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Terry Ruff requested an appropriation transfer of \$10,000.00 to cover the cost of hiring a consultant to prepare the Community Crossing Grants application. After a great deal of discussion Alexsondra Haschel motioned to approve the requested transfer and Linda Powers seconded the motion. The vote was 2 – 5 and the motion did not carry. Kenneth Boswell, Thomas J. Roth, Scott Hinkle, and Michael T. Tiede opposed. Michael T. Tiede motioned to approve a transfer of \$2,500 to pay Jessica Rausch a bonus for preparing the Community Crossing Grants application. Scott Hinkle seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 6 to 1 vote. Alexsondra Haschel opposed. Kenneth Boswell stated that although he voted to approve the motion, he is opposed to the bonus.

The approved transfer is as follows:

1176-0531 Motor Vehicle Highway	
From: 22101 Salt	\$2,500.00
To: 11703 Asset Management Services	\$2,500.00

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

Jeff Johnston requested clarification on a previous discussion of part-time pay. At the County Council meeting, dated November 13, 2017 part-time pay was discussed at length. At that meeting, Council members agreed that part-time employees qualified to be raised to \$15.00 per hour after working a total of 630 hours. Auditor Wheeler complied with the agreement even though no official vote was made to authorize her to do so. The Council acted on the premise that both the Employee handbook Policy and the MATRIX were adopted; therefore, no vote was needed. After a Public hearing April 18, 2018 on the Matrix, which confirmed that this was a matter of interpretation, Wheeler denied any further pay raise requests stating that she cannot change pay

amounts without authorization from Council by an official motion and vote. Council chose not to vote on this issue at this time.

The elevator project is progressing and funds are needed for payment. Michael T. Tiede motioned to approve an additional \$100,000 for advertising as follows:

1138-0068 Cumulative Capital Development	
36400 Building and Structure Repair	\$100,000.00

Kenneth Boswell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Sheriff Richwine requested the following transfers to cover pay for additional hours incurred until full time employees are replaced:

1000-0005 County General/Sheriff		
From: 22500 Household Supplies		\$10,000.00
To: 17002 OT Jailers		\$10,000.00

Linda Powers motioned to approve the transfer as requested and Thomas J. Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Richwine commented on part-time pay increasing to \$14.00 per hour causing an added burden on the budget.

Other Justice Center activity discussed briefly.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Michael T. Tiede motioned to approve the following advertised additional and Kenneth Boswell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9120-0000 Community Crossings Fund 45550 Bridge #154	\$250,000.00
1229-0000 LOIT Special Distribution 45550 Bridge #154	\$250,000.00
9130-00531 Community X's MG-HWY 2018 23400 Hot Mix	\$726,750.00
1170-0000 LIT Public Safety - Co Share 36300/0005 Service Contract/Sheriff	\$145,000.00
1175-0000 Misdemeanant 36300 Service Contract/Sheriff	\$15,500.00
1000-0201 County General/Superior Court 14000 Public Defender	\$29,142.75
13600 Pauper Counsel	\$40,000.00
Total Advertised Additional	\$1,456,392.75

Linda Powers motioned to approve the following advertised additional spending for the Pulaski County Library and Thomas J. Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Improvement Reserve Fund	\$80,000.00
Total Additional	\$80,000.00

Michael T. Tiede motioned to approve the following advertised additional requested by the Drug Free Council and Kenneth Boswell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1148-0000 Drug Free Community	
31000 Administration	1,381.05
35400 After Prom EP/WC	1,431.05
36900 Drug Free Act (West Central)	1,331.05
39600 Four County Counseling Center	1,381.05
Total Additional	5,524.20

Michael T. Tiede motioned to approve the following advertised additional requested by Pulaski Memorial Hospital and Thomas J. Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried. Linda Powers abstained from voting.

1136-0000 Cumulative Building	
41200 PMH Building Project	\$96,000.00

Michael T. Tiede motioned to approve the Assessor's following advertised additional and Kenneth Boswell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1000-0008 County General/Assessor	
32100 Postage	\$2,500.00
30899 Cyclical Reassessment	\$3,000.00

Jackie Frain of Pulaski Human Services requested an additional \$10,000.00 to help cover operating expenses incurred for local services provided. Some discussion followed but there were no motions to approve.

Pulaski County Clerk, Christi Hoffa, sent a request for additional funds to help cover the increased wages that the Council approved in an earlier 2018 meeting. Michael T. Tiede motioned to approve the following additional request for advertising and Thomas J. Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1000-0001 County General/Clerk	
10212 First Deputy Wages	\$4,545.00

IN RE: MINUTES

Kenneth Boswell made a motion to approve the April 9, 2018 minutes as presented and Thomas J. Roth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

As there was nothing further to discuss, Michael T. Tiede motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm and Scott Hinkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Signed and dated this 11th day of June, 2018
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

Jerry G. Sullivan

Thomas J. Roth

Alexsondra Haschel

Linda Powers

Michael T. Tiede

Kenneth Boswell

Scott Hinkle

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