

**AUGUST 28, 2018**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
2019 BUDGET HEARING**

The Pulaski County Council met in special session on August 28 and 29, 2018 at the County Highway Garage Training Room in Winamac, Indiana, at 7:00pm EDST. Those present were, President Jerry (Jay) Sullivan, Vice President Mike Tiede, Thomas J. Roth, Kenneth Boswell, Scott Hinkle, Linda Powers, and Auditor Laura Wheeler. Alexsondra Haschel was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear department heads discuss 2019 budget needs.

Jerry (Jay) Sullivan called the meeting to order on August 28, 2018 at 8:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT**

Judge Shurn and Sara Kroft briefly discussed CASA and JDAI Grants. Judge Shurn mentioned the need for Courthouse Security and that he is once again asking for \$100,000.00 in his budget to cover security costs. Council is aware of a Security Project currently being planned by the Pulaski County Commissioners and so denied the \$100,000.00 budget request. The rest of Circuit Court budget accepted as presented.

**IN RE: MAINTENANCE**

Jeff Johnston budget request accepted as presented except for \$2,520.00 reduced on Part-time help. Johnston also asked for more in Fund#1138 Cumulative Capital Development. The original amount requested of \$80,000.00 for Building & Structure Repair might not be enough with the cost of the Justice Center Fire Alarm system looming. Current quote to repair the system is \$39,000.00 and Johnston wants to increase his budget by that amount. After some discussion about where that money should be taken out of, Council decided to keep it in #1138 and approve the additional amount.

**IN RE: MICROFILM/HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Janet Onken and Lynn Morrison presented Microfilm and Historical Society budget, which was accepted without change. Briefly discussed Quonset hut that the Historical Society no longer occupies.

**IN RE: AVIATION**

Jim McDaniel explained the airport's improvement fund and the near future need of runway repairs/upgrades. According to McDaniel, the Winamac Airport was one of nine Indiana airports chosen to receive a new Congressional Grant worth about \$350,000.00.

Council made no changes to Aviation's presented budget.

**IN RE: EXTENSION**

Samantha Williams requested a raise for her part-time summer seasonal help. After some discussion, Michael T. Tiede motioned to raise the seasonal help from \$8.17 to \$9.00 per hour. Linda Powers seconded the motion. All were in favor.

More discussion pursued over Purdue and the increase in costs. The request for a second full-time deputy denied. All other budget line items accepted without change.

**IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR/PLAN COMMISSION**

Doug Hoover's request to make his current part-time secretary/assistant full-time denied. The Building Inspector department was also cut per the following:

Furniture and Fixtures	-1,000.00
Gas, Oil, Etc.	-3,000.00
Professional Services	-3,000.00
Schools, Meetings, & Seminars	-2,000.00
Building Inspector salary reduced to 1% increase.	

The Plan Commission department was cut as per the following:

BZA Members	-3,000.00
Plan Administrator Assistant	-22,000.00
Plan Commission Members	-2,000.00
Plan Director/Zoning Admin reduced to 1% increase	
Schools, Meetings, & Seminars	-3,000.00
Travel	-1,000.00

**IN RE: HEALTH**

Terry Hansen discussed the possibility of another part-time employee. IN 2015 a full-time employee was cut. Additional part-time employee denied. Requested budget accepted with only wages being changed to a 1% increase.

**IN RE: PROBATION/SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT and JUVENILE**

Chris Allen wants to eliminate one part-time secretary and add one full-time secretary. Request denied and County General budget cut by \$35,850.00 the amount for the full-time position. A small adjustment made in Fund # 2100 Supplemental Adult Probation Services for PERF and Social Security. All Probation Officer Salaries determined by the State of Indiana.

**IN RE: SOIL and WATER**

Steve Cotner presented the Soil and Water budget. The full-time position adjusted for a 1% increase. There were no other changes.

**IN RE: CORONER**

John Behny and Jon Frain discussed the needs of the Coroner's office. Their requested budget subsequently cut as follows:

Autopsy Fees	-15,000.00
Bio- Hazard Disposal	-1,500.00
Equipment Repair	-4,000.00
Gas, Oil, Etc	-1,500.00
Lab Supplies (Needles)	-500.00
Laboratory Fees	-4,000.00
Medical & Dental	-3,000.00
Office Supplies	-2,500.00
Uniforms	-500.00
Salaries adjusted to a 1% raise over 2018 salary/wage ordinance.	

Discussion pursued on steps needed to prepare the move to the new location on Franklin St.

**IN RE: CDC**

Nathan Origer attended to defend his budget requests. Salaries were discussed briefly and were cut to the 1% increase over 2018. Social Security and PERF cut to match salaries.

**IN RE: IT**

Matt Voltz answered questions pertaining to IT budget requests. Part-time help requested and approved but limited to 11,000.00. In fund #1168 Cumulative Capital Development, Computer systems decreased by 25,000.00.

**IN RE: AUDITOR**

Laura Wheeler requested an additional full-time deputy because prior payroll clerk's position was never filled. Denied full-time but increased part-time to allow for more hours on the part-time position. All wages adjusted for 1% increase.

**IN RE: COMMISSIONERS/VETERANS**

The Commissioners' budget in County General cut as follows:

Crisis Center	-8,000.00
Fair Board	-6,000.00
Fair Premiums and Expenses	-3,600.00
Professional Services	-20,000.00

Adjustments made on PERF and Social Security to match 1% increase in salaries.

Council agreed to give themselves and Commissioners a 1% increase rounded to the nearest 100.

Funds 1112 LIT Economic Development for Jail Lease, 1136 Cumulative Building for Pulaski Memorial Hospital, 1185 Jail Lease Rental, 1217 Co Elected Officials Training, and 1222 Statewide 9-1-1 for EMA radio service contract all accepted as presented.

Property Tax Relief Credit discussed briefly. Michael T. Tiede motioned to cut the credit all together and Thomas J. Roth seconded the motion. 3 to 2 in favor. The PTR Credit was discussed at length on the 29<sup>th</sup> and Council ultimately decided to wait for further review and a full board to reconsider.

**IN RE: CLERK/ELECTION BOARD**

Christi Hoffa discussed the Clerk's office and Election board budgets. Council cut \$1,000.00 requested for Telephone stating that IT could cover the equipment cost of the phones. Salaries adjusted for 1% increase.

**IN RE: PROSECUTOR**

Dan Murphy Sharon DeMoss and Kelly Gaumer chief deputy requested an additional full-time secretary but Council denied an additional hire. A new car for the Investigator discussed.

County Grant Match decreased - \$15,000.00  
Motor vehicle decreased - \$25,000.00  
Victim Assistance Advocate cut - \$33,330.00  
Wages adjusted for 1% increase. SS/Med and PERF adjusted accordingly.

**August 29, 2018 meeting started at 8:30am.**

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

Per the State of Indiana, Highway had to cut their budget by 300,000.00 therefore, HOT MIX in fund # 1176 cut by that amount. All wages adjusted for 1% increase. Fund# 1169 Local Road and Street increased request for Bituminous \$140,000.00 and Stone, Gravel, Agg. \$38,500.00

**IN RE: SURVEYOR**

Part-time help increased by \$3,000.00 and equipment decreased by \$850.00. Drainage board increased from \$63.00 to \$65.00 per attended meeting. Attorney increased.

**IN RE: RECORDER**

Wages adjusted for 1% increase and no other changes made.

**IN RE: TREASURER**

Wages adjusted for 1% increase and no other changes made.

**IN RE: SHERIFF**

The Sheriff and Carrie Aaron addressed Council concerning the Justice Center budget. Requested profit sharing of \$102,000.00 in lieu of the 1% wage increase denied. Wages adjusted for 1% increase.

**IN RE: EMA**

Part-time allowed but limited to \$10,000.00 and discussion pursued on other part-time employees being interested in training and working for EMA as well as current position.

**IN RE: RECYCLING**

Brad Bonnell requested a second full-time laborer but Council denied an additional hire. Wages adjusted for 1% increase.

**IN RE: SUPERIOR COURT**

Witness fees decreased by \$1,500.00 and wages adjusted to 1% increase.

**IN RE: EMS**

Bryan Corn explains staffing issues and the fact that part-time pay has taken a toll on the budget. He now asks for transfers and additional to get through the rest of the year. All wages adjusted to 1% increase over 2018 salary/wage ordinance.

**IN RE: ASSESSOR**

Holly VanDerAA was not in attendance but the assessor's budget reviewed and cut as follows:

- County General Cyclical Reassessment - \$100,000.00
- Consultant - \$40,000.00
- Part-time Help - \$10,000.00
- Schools, Meetings & Seminars - \$1,500.00
- Travel - \$5,000.00

\$20,000.00 of Consultant moved to Computer Software.

As there was nothing further to discuss, meeting adjourned at 3:37pm and Kenneth Boswell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Signed and dated this 8th day of October 2018.

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Jerry G. Sullivan

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Thomas J. Roth

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Alexsondra Haschel

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Linda Powers

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Michael T. Tiede

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Kenneth Boswell

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Scott Hinkle

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura M. Wheeler, Auditor, Pulaski County