

**PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 AM EST Monday, March 18, 2019 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at the Court House in Winamac, IN. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure, Auditor Laura Wheeler and Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Bradley Bonnell, Samantha Williams, Linda Murphy, Holly Van Der Aa, Ayn Engle, Cindy Hickle, Brian Ditmire, Kathy Thompson, Lyn Morrison, Teresa Bryant, Sharon McKinley, Crystal Kocher, Jacki Frain, Jeff Richwine, Mia Salyers, Matt Voltz, Kate Ingall, Scott Fritz, Terry Ruff, Nathan Origer, Parker Woodward, Wyatt Good, Alex Dickman and John Harmley.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: FINANCE BOARD**

Mike McClure opened the meeting of the Board of Finance. Teresa Bryant discussed bids and recommended First National Bank of Monterey to continue with the case management account and to approve the Board of Finance minutes from the last meeting.

Mike McClure motioned to remain with First National Bank of Monterey; Jerry Locke seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Becker motioned to approve the February 19, 2019 Board of Finance minutes, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Kenny Becker motioned to close the Board of Finance meeting and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: MAINTENANCE**

The one and only ash tree removal bid was opened. The \$2,000.00 bid came from Leroy's Tree service. Commissioners asked if the highway department could take down the ash tree. Terry Ruff did not know, but said he would have his crew look at it. Mike McClure motioned to table and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance director Mia Salyers advised to re-evaluate lawn care and snow removal before renewing the contract. Commissioners asked if maintenance could keep up with the snow removal. Mia confirmed and in her opinion, the County could hire another person for the same amount spent on the contract. Mike McClure added that there have been complaints regarding this company as well. Kenny Becker motioned to turn snow removal over to the maintenance department, Mike McClure seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Zero turn mower currently stored at the Recycling building discussed briefly. Commissioners asked for a quote from Gilsinger's on repair or purchase of a new one. Jerry Locke motioned to table this issue for further information and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: HUMAN SERVICES**

Jacki Frain requested the county spend \$7,000.00 to cover the remaining cost of a new van. Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Committee (KIRPC) pays for the majority. The new van holds eight people and two chairs. Human Services statistics presented for the month of December with the rest of 2018 summarized. Two Human Resource vehicles parked for most of the year as one has the air conditioning out, no one knows how to fix it, and the other has multiple issues. Mike McClure motioned to approve a \$7,000.00 contribution to Human Services pending Council's approval and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: SOLID WASTE**

Brad Bonnell wants to make a transfer for full-time help as follows:

1000-0506 County General/Part-time help	
From: 11500 Part-time help	\$25,000.00
To: 10309 Laborer	\$25,000.00

Jerry Locke motioned to approve the transfer as requested and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

Summer hours 6:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday (four, 10-hour days) on April 21, 2019 and go until mid-October discussed. Mike McClure motioned for the 4-10s to start the week after Memorial Day and end the week before Labor Day. Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ruff requested to send Jessica Rausch and Gary Kruger to the Pazer training in Lowell, IN on March 28, 2019. The training is information on rating road condition. Kenny Becker motioned to approve the training request and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Terry Ruff presented two bids on a new ditch bank rotary cutter —

New Holland	\$12,500
Bane Welker Equipment.	\$11,750

Mike McClure motioned to purchase the Bane-Welker mower and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Selling snowplow auger discussed briefly. Kenny Becker motioned to sell the snowplow auger to Bob Young, but the motion died for lack of second and the decision tabled for further information.

**IN RE: CDC**

Nathan Origer says there have been small tweaks to the rules on the revolving loan program. It will be available next month, after Kevin Tankersley reviews.

Tourism marketing discussed at length. Chicago market is our best target area and advertising through WBBM-TV (CBS Chicago) is the best way that we know to cover County tourism. The advertising will cover television, digital, and includes two airings during the 2019 academy of Country Music Awards for \$25,000.00. Origer has the money for this in his budget.

Jerry Locke motioned to approve the \$25,000.00 expenditure on advertisement through WBBM-TV and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: GOOD OIL**

Parker Woodward and Wyatt Good from Good Oil appeared before the commissioners to bring attention that they would like to bid on all fuel sales. Other counties are doing this by sending emails two days in advance. Mike McClure suggested a monthly basis. Lynn Morrison explained the way it was done when she and Kenny Becker managed the County Highway department.

Mike McClure motioned that department heads get competitive fuel bids on a load-by-load basis and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **IN RE: IT**

Kevin Tankersley reviewed the Golden Tech contract for new email setup. Jerry Locke motioned to approve the Golden Tech contract and Mike McClure seconded and motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Voltz discussed replacing the Commissioners' tablets. The current tablets need plugged in all the time.

## **IN RE: EXTENSION OFFICE**

Samantha Williams requested to renew the postage machine contract. Mike McClure motioned to approve the contract renewal and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **IN RE: INSURANCE**

Alex Dickman and John Harmley of ONI Risk Partners came forward to discuss liability insurance. They are an independent insurance agency located in Plainfield, IN with a focus on government agencies. They use a "Hands On" approach and will go through current insurance coverages and then recommend a provider or possible self-insurance. The Commissioners felt this worthy of investigation. The process will include face-to-face meetings with each department head. They analyze losses, Workmen's Compensation (WC), and property and loss control. Bliss McKnight is good but are they the right carrier? Mike McClure motioned to allow ONI Risk Partners proceed with an analysis and Kenny Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **IN RE: ASSESSOR**

Kate Ingall, Sharon McKinley, and Scott Fritz all representing Pulaski Health Foundation, Inc. discussed the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement. The three representatives explained the low-income housing restrictions and needs for Riverwood Commons Apartments located behind the Dobson Ford business. The Pulaski Health Foundation owns two nursing homes and the assisted living project on the north side of town. The PILOT agreement started at the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) level and when the PTABOA disallowed the exemption it went to the state, but is now back at the county level. Kevin Tankersley drafted and approved the document. The Pulaski Health Foundation agrees to pay Pulaski County \$2,700.00 per year for the next 10 years. Mike McClure motioned to approve the following ordinance and the payment in lieu of tax agreement. Kenny Becker seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE No.**

#### **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County under Ind. Code 36-1-8-14.2 has the authority to enter into a PILOT agreement with the Pulaski Health Foundation, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners accepts and adopts the PILOT Agreement with Pulaski Health Foundation, Inc. which is attached to this ordinance and made a part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the PILOT agreement attached hereto shall govern the property tax assessments for the designated real estate so long as it remains in force and effect.

Effective Date. Passed adopted by the Board of Pulaski County Commissioners this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

Approved, Adopted, and Signed 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

## **IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER**

Jeff Richwine reported that the inmate with cancer is now gone and will not have those bills again. Neighborhood watch program is having their third meeting in Star City with the Pastor of the Methodist church.

**IN RE: CONFERENCE**

The following conference requests presented for approval:

Chris Allen-Management Institute & Chief Probation Officer Summit, 4/11-12/2019, Indianapolis, IN  
Chris Allen/Sandra Lucas-Juvenile Case Planning Training, 4/23-24/2019, New Castle, IN  
Stephen Tabler-American Jail Assoc Conference, 5/17-21/2019, Louisville, KY  
Stephen Tabler-Public Agency Training Supervision & Management Skills, 4/3-5/2019, Indianapolis, IN  
Sherri Gaillard/Deputy Director-WTH User Conference, 5/2-3/2019, Indianapolis, IN  
Michelle Mitchell-American Jail Assoc Conference, 5/17-21/2019, Louisville, KY  
Shianne Wagner-SRI User Conference, 5/22/2019, Indianapolis, IN  
Shianne Wagner-WTH User Conference, 5/2-3/2019, Indianapolis, IN

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

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Jerry Locke motioned to approve minutes from March 04, 2019 and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure motioned to adjourn at 9:58 am. Jerry Locke seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

**Approved and Signed April 1, 2019  
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Kenneth Becker, President

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Jerome Locke, Vice-President

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**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor