

**APRIL 1, 2019**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00pm EST Monday, April 1, 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 Gene Timm, Terry Hansen, Natalie Federer, Brandon DeLorenzo, Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Fred Kasten, Mary Welker, Judge Kocher, Terry Ruff, JoLynn Behny, Patti Sullivan, Jeff Richwine, and Kathi Thompson.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: EMS**

Brandon Delorenzo presented March statistics, which were about average. Three transfers denied last month of which two were out of county. The full-time position is filled. They are ready to start on the building addition and asked permission to have the property surveyed and start the bidding process. Jerry Locke made a motion to approve a property survey and start the bidding process, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Terry Hansen requested attendance for the following:

Andrea Keller, Nurse's Conference, May 8 & 9, Carmel, IN

Celinda Briney, Vital record's Conference, April 11 & 12, 2019, Ft Wayne

Mike McClure made a motion to approve the conference requests, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Terry also requested permission to put pinwheels on the Court House and County Building lawns, as April is National Childhood Abuse Awareness month. The Pulaski County Library will host this year's program. Permission granted.

**IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT/SUPERIOR COURT**

Natalie Federer and Judge Mary Welker requested permission to apply for Indiana Office of Court Services grants for Veterans Court and Pulaski County Family Reunification Court. Neither requires the County to pay anything. These are problem-solving courts. Kenny Becker made a motion to give permission to apply for these grants, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

## **IN RE: HIGHWAY**

Terry Ruff presented Community Crossing agreement for signatures. Commissioners reviewed the following asphalt bids:

<b>Central Paving, Inc. Logansport</b>	<b>\$1,202,103.30</b>
<b>Milestone Contractors, LP Lafayette</b>	<b>\$1,321,000.00</b>
<b>E &amp; B Paving, Inc. Rochester</b>	<b>\$1,236,709.25</b>
<b>Town &amp; Country Paving Inc. DeMotte</b>	<b>\$1,175,786.00</b>

Town and Country did satisfying work last year on 200 South by Lawton. Mike McClure made a motion to accept Town & County Paving bid, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Ruff made the following conference request:

**Curt Daugherty, Trent Shorter, Lane Blackman, Jason Elliott-Traffic Control Class, April 17, 2019, Fair Oaks**

Mike McClure made motion to approve conference request, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Employee performance discussed briefly.

## **IN: ELECTION BOARD**

JoLynn Behny and Patty Sullivan presented a resolution stating that Pulaski County will not be holding a primary election in 2019. There are only two municipalities affected by the 2019 election—Town of Medaryville with no contested races and Town of Monterey which will hold a convention. There is no need to incur the cost of a 2019 primary, which will save approximately \$11,600.00 from the 2019 budget.

The Town of Medaryville is going on a one-year cycle this year so in 2020 they can get on the county's election cycle so there will be no additional cost. Monterey will do the same thing but cannot do so until 2023. The Towns of Francesville and Winamac have already done this.

## **IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER**

Jeff Richwine said the Release of Body Camera Video program was going well. County Attorney Kevin Tankersley has written up the ordinance that answers questions of who gets and has access to the police videos. The fee is \$150 per video, as it takes a lot of work to prepare the videos for release. Some of the footage requires redaction, which means that someone needs to watch the videos at least 3 times and involves a lot of time. On a slow day there are probably 30 videos, but if not needed, are deleted after 190 days. Richwine thinks this shows transparency on the part of the county.

The skylights are leaking and maintenance will check on warranty along with several other needed repairs.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

The new email system discussed briefly but there has been no progress.

Fred Kasten appeared representing the Panhandle Pathway. This not-for-profit group is asking for support to help them get funds through a grant and they need a Letter of Support from County officials. They currently have letters from the local hospital and school. Mike McClure was concerned about doing so if there were landowners against the pathway. Commissioners tabled for further consideration.

Kenny Becker stated that the County Highway department was concerned about liability issues in removing the ash tree from the County Building. Becker motioned to accept Leroy's Tree Service bid of \$2,000.00 to remove the tree and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure motioned to approve March 18, 2019 minutes and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mike McClure motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approved and Signed May 6, 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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J. Mike McClure

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

Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor