

JUNE 03, 2019

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 06:00pm EDST on June 03, 2019 at the Pulaski County Highway Garage in Winamac, IN 46996. Commissioners present were Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke and Mike McClure along with Laura Wheeler, Auditor and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Others present were Joe Moyer, Crystal Weaver, JoAnn Weaver, John Weaver, Al Kosior, Jack Jones, Mary Mays, Gene Timm, Wayne Marcel, Karen Shuman, Jim Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Tonya Keller-Martinez, Jerome Keller, Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Dianna Wilder, Kenneth Swayze, Cletha Swartzell, Jim Swartzell, Kathi Thompson, Junior Campbell, Douglas Hoover, MacKenzie Ledley, Judge Crystal Kocher, Judge Mary Welker, and Jeff Richwine.

Commissioners Kenny Becker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kenny began the meeting with a statement that any public comment would be limited to 5 minutes and disruptions will not be tolerated.

IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER

Jeff Richwine reported justice center activity. Critical Incident Training in Boone County discussed and the following personnel requested to attend: Marie Roth, Aaron Heims and Phillip Foerg. The cost will be paid out of the commissary fund. Kenny Becker made a motion to approve the Boone County training request, Mike McClure second and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Several residents from Swayze Camp voiced complaints about the unofficial closing of their road by a neighbor. The situation appears to be that over the years the road has drifted to the east side and is now on the land owned by a Mr. Vanderhoff. Sometime in the past Mr. Vanderhoff had the road surveyed and determined that it was on his property and he did not want anyone on his property so he blocked the road, saying the Port Edwards Road is what should be used.

Since the road had been used for over 50 years, the residents believed that they should have a prescriptive easement. Attorney Kevin Tankersely advised that the County does not issue prescriptive easements and that the request would have to go to through the court. The other option is to shift the road back to the original easement.

The road has been plowed by the Pulaski County highway department since the 70's and the residents are having to go through the grass to get to their homes.

After much deliberation on the issue Kenny Swayze offered to put the road on his land if the Pulaski County Highway would do the work for the new road.

Mike McClure made a motion that the County put in a road through Kenny Swayze's land that matches the surveys presented and Jerry Locke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tonya Keller-Martinez complained about the Culver School bus turn around that they have claimed is an easement with a legal right of way. Karen Shuman, Superintendent of Culver Community School cited IC code 8-20-1-15 stating that this is a Utility and Transportation Easement. After further argument, Kenny requested that both Tonya and Karen furnish Kevin Tankersley with documentation on the issue.

Jerry Locke motioned to table the issue for further review, Kenny Becker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Kenny Becker made a motion to approve the payroll and claims as presented and Jerry Locke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure made a motion to approve the May 20, 2019 Commissioners' minutes as presented and Jerry Locke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

**Teresa Bryant -- Indiana Treasurers Association Annual Conference August 7 – 9, 2019, Indianapolis, IN
Kathleen Thompson – “online budget” AIC Institute Budget & Finance II**

Mike McClure motioned to approve the conference request as presented and Jerry Locke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Kenny Becker made a motion to appoint Clint Kauffman, MD to Pulaski Memorial Hospital's Board of Trustees, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure made a motion to appoint Erica Richwine and Brittany Bailey to the Pulaski County Public Library Board of Trustees, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve and sign the Condition of School Funds report, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Employee discipline discussed briefly. An Executive Session will be scheduled to discuss further discipline issues.

Jerry Locke made a motion to adjourn at 6:52pm and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approved and Signed June 17, 2019
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Kenneth Becker, President

Jerome Locke, Vice-President

J Michael McClure

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor