

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

JUNE 17, 2019

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am Eastern Time on June 17, 2017 at the Pulaski County Highway Garage in Winamac, Indiana. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Auditor Laura Wheeler, and Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Mike McClure was absent.

Also present were Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Nathan Origer, Brian Young, Kathi Thompson, Trish Whitcomb, Gene Timm, Kyle Conrad, Carroll Lange, Brandon DeLorenzo, Joe Moyer, Missy Culp, Matt Voltz and Jeff Richwine

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

IN RE: EMS

Brandon DeLorenzo reported that the building expansion requires a design release which requires architecture plans. He met with an engineer last week but pricing was a little higher than he anticipated calling for further investigation.

IN RE: CDC

Nathan Origer explained IBC Thermoplastics' request for a partial forbearance of the loan to continue paying interest-only for up to one more year. Several issues occurred since their endeavor in relocating their manufacturing facility and have had an extra \$30-35,000. in unexpected capital expenditures.

Jerry Locke motioned to approve the partial forbearance and Kenny Becker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Origer gave an update on the Courthouse tour which included three Rowland representatives. Kathi Thompson, Jerry Locke, Teresa Bryant and President of Indiana Landmarks joined them later for an hour's worth of discussion on the big issues, including security. A drone was used for pictures of the Courthouse roof.

Based on conversations with Judge Welker and observations, Rowland noted that the plans drawn late last year did not have adequate room for the Circuit Court in the Justice Center.

The courthouse has several problems with big costs, such as, not being built with cavity walls and while the insulation is ok the window seals are bad. Also the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) is not central air and the system needs replaced.

Rowland estimated a report within two months. They will also put costs to the first plan from December 2018 so there is something to compare it to.

IN RE: IT

Matt Voltz presented quotes from Cardinal, Van Ausdale, and Advance Imaging for EMS printer/copiers that are up for renewal/replacement. Voltz recommends Advance Imaging as they have the lowest cost. They are also the only company that came in and went to each EMS base to check what is used and determine what is needed for replacement before quoting.

Kenny Becker commented on IT budget issues and the commissioners collectively determined that the IT department needs to be dissolved because it is too costly to maintain. An inventory and password list requested. Jerry Locke motioned to disband the IT Department as of July 1, 2019 and to contract out for IT services. Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Miss Culp, representing the Community Foundation, asked for permission to stake a 12' feather flag in the Courthouse lawn to advertise the Gift 7 Match. The Flag will be removed when they have reached their goal and they are already at 90%. Kenny Becker made a motion to allow for the flag to be placed in the Courthouse lawn, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER

Jeff Richwine reported on Justice Center activity. New vehicles discussed briefly.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

Trish Whitcomb with Bondry Management Consultants based in Indianapolis appeared before the commissioners to discuss the health insurance process for municipalities and counties. She and her partner have extensive background in government. They provide management consulting and financial advising. Also licensed to deal with bonds.

Whitcomb reviewed the Health Insurance RFP posted by the County and commented that it is very well written and comprehensive. However, the RFP is the most restrictive form of gathering information. RFP's work well when doing construction projects but when working with an insurance broker, who will represent you with a lot of different companies, the RFP is very restrictive and does not allow for creativity and creates a liability as anyone of the firms who do not win can challenge you. A less restrictive method is an RFQ which is a Request for Qualifications and allows for applicants to be interviewed. There is also an RFI which is a Request for Information.

After several questions, Ms. Whitcomb offered to evaluate the RFPs that the County has on hand and also look at the current carrier to see how things are done. This would cost around \$5000. In her opinion it is best to say you are not going to make a decision right now and that will sever the liability.

Other questions raised: What are your goals? Wellness? Retaining good employees?

Her rate is \$300/hour and they can do a "Not to Exceed" contract.

Kenny Becker motioned to table the decision of Health Insurance carrier for further review and discussion with the Council. Jerry Locke seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CLAIMS & PAYROLL

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

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST:

Andrea Jackson, Probation Dept., Case Management Training, June 26-27, Indianapolis

Kenny Becker made a motion to approve the Conference Request and Jerry Locke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

The current lawn care contract discussed briefly as they are not in compliance with the contract. Kevin Tankersley asked review the contract and advise on what can be done.

As there was nothing further to discuss, Kenny Becker motioned to adjourn at 9:14am and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Signed and dated this 1st day of July, 2019
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Kenny Becker, President

Jerry Locke, Vice President

Mike McClure

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor