

JULY 1, 2019

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session on July 1, 2019 at 6:00 pm EDT at the Pulaski County Highway Department Training Room. Those present were Commissioners Kenny Becker and Jerry Locke, County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Mike McClure was absent.

Also in attendance were Gene Timm, Kathi Thompson, Cheryl DeGroot, JoLynn Behny, Jeff Johnston, Tom White, Alan McCloskey, Michael Gallenberger, Theresa Calloway, Karen Shuman, Brandon DeLorenzo, Joe Moyer, Steve Gregory, Chris Schramm, Phillip Foerg, Judge Crystal Kocher and Judge Mary Welker.

Kenny Becker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: EMS

Brandon Delorenzo presented bulk diesel fuel bids from Good Oil and Ceres Solutions. As of June 28, 2019, Good Oil's price is \$2.869 and Ceres Solutions' price is \$3.125, a difference of \$.345 per gallon. This price is not guaranteed for any time period and EMS fills up tanks about once a month. Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the purchase from Good Oil and Kenny Becker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Delorenzo discussed commercial insurance carriers which reimburse at higher rates than what EMS is charging. Currently at \$12.75/mile and these companies are reimbursing at \$16.00/mile. This is not Medicare nor Medicaid as they are only reimbursing at \$4.25/mile. This would impact less than 30% of EMS billing. BLS (Basic Life Support) rate increase also recommended. Currently EMS bills \$500.00 for in county residents and \$600.00 for out of county residents. The going rate is \$750.00. Medicare/Medicaid has their own rate.

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve rate increases on mileage and BLS as recommended, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

On-call pay discussed briefly. The third truck consumes a large amount of their payroll budget and there are not enough calls to off-set the cost. Kevin Tankersley advised that this would require a revision to the County Policy Manual. The commissioners requested that Kevin and Brandon work out the details and bring it back before the Commissioners. The matter tabled for further review and an ordinance created.

IN RE: RYAN HARRISON

Ryan Harrison sent a verbal request to put 2nd Annual Rib Fest banners on the Court House lawn. Kenny Becker motioned to approve, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: VETERAN'S OFFICER

Indiana State Veteran's Affairs Officer, Tom White was present to give his recommendation for the Pulaski County Veteran's Officer. The decision tabled until Mike McClure present.

IN RE: CIRCUIT/SUPREME COURT

Judges Mary Welker and Crystal Kocher presented the 2019-2020 JDAI Grant for approval. Several complaints were made over the grant process. Welker requested that the Commissioners authorize her office to sign the grant.

Kenny Becker made a motion to approve the JDAI grant, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CARDINAL COPIERS

Michael Smith appeared to solicit the copier business of the County. Smith promises a maximum four-hour response time but estimates an average of 2 hours with his top tech living in Logansport. Many repairs can be done remotely and he deals with RICOH copiers.

The Commissioners determined that any Information Technology (IT) decisions would wait until all three Commissioners are present.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Chris Schramm appeared on behalf of Sheriff Richwine and presented the following transfer requests:

1000-0005 County General/Sheriff

From: 10402	Deputy Salary	\$10,000.00	
From: 11504	Part time Dispatch Salary	\$17,000.00	
To: 17004	Deputy OT		\$17,000.00
From: 10902	Dispatch Salary	\$ 2,800.00	
From: 10800	Chief Dispatch Salary	\$ 1,200.00	
To: 1700	Dispatch OT		\$ 4,000.00

Schramm reported that a drone was purchased with Commissary funds. Deputies Rogers, Hartley, and Woodruff are licensed pilots.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Pulaski County Clerk, JoLynn Behny reported that the Clerk’s Office has received new computers at no cost to the County but will have installation costs. Since there is no Information Technology (IT) Director in place, Behny asked to have DeGroot Technology do the installation with money from her perpetuation fund. Commissioner agreed as long as her budget can cover the cost.

Other individuals made complaints about the IT issue.

Kenny Becker motioned that all departments cover their own IT expenses until something is worked out, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Karen Shuman Culver School superintendent addressed the board about a tabled issue on handicap access and asked where the Board was with it. Kevin Tankersley sent her a letter with the County’s position that the easement can be used for the bus stop.

Kathy Thompson commented on training at the Indiana Council Association meeting.

IN RE: CORONER

John Behny sent an estimate from Action Plumbing and Heating to relocate stool and install shower at the Coroner’s building in the amount of \$1,933.00.

Kenny Becker made a motion to table this issue for further investigation, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HEALTH INSURANCE

Jerry Locke said at a prior meeting, a motion had been passed to hire an outside consultant to look at the health insurance quotes and he wanted to rescind that motion due to the research that had been done making it unnecessary.

Kenny Becker made a motion to rescind, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried.

Alan McCloskey of Consolidated Union explained a short contract (12/12). Current contract has run-out coverage so if there are claims presented after expiration that have a date of service prior to expiration date, they will be paid for a certain number of months afterwards.

Steve Gregory and Theresa Calloway of Bennett & Shepherd Insurance Agency explained other health insurance options and the County’s Health Insurance plan discussed further.

Jerry Locke made a motion to renew the contract for one year with Bennett & Shepherd (CIGNA), Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: SWAYZEE CAMP AGREEMENT

Swayzee roadway issues discussed at length. Jerry Locke was out to the lane in question June 28, 2019 with Kevin Tankersley, Mr. Swayze and Terry Ruff, Highway Superintendent. Kevin explained that forever and a day there has been a lane going back to Swayze Camp but Mr. Vanderhoff, who owns the land to the east of the land, had a survey which shows that through the years, the lane has meandered onto his property. He was preventing them from using the lane as they were coming onto his property. Mr. Vanderhoff and Mr. Swayzee both agree to acquiesce the property in question to the County so existing lane will be adopted and maintained in the County roadway system.

Kenny Becker made a motion to approve the Swayzee Camp Roadway agreement, Jerry Locke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

The following conference request submitted for approval:

Celinda Briney: ISDH IVRA Fall Conference, 10/16-18/2019, Lafayette, IN

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the conference request, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll as presented, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously

Kenny Becker made a motion to approve and sign the two Executive Memoranda from April 3, 2019, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Becker made a motion to approve and sign the June 3 and June 17, 2019 regular session minutes, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: MOWING

Maintenance issues with the Lawn Care contractor discussed briefly. Commissioner Locke reported that mowing has not been done per the contract and Maintenance Director Mia Salyers wants to take it over.

Kenny Becker made a motion for the maintenance department to take over the mowing and cancel the TK Lawn Care contract, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Becker made a motion to adjourn at 7:22pm, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and Signed August 05, 2019

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kenneth Becker, President

Jerome Locke, Vice-President

J Michael McClure

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor