

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

REGULAR SESSION

COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session on February 11, 2019 in the Commissioners' Room at the Courthouse in Winamac, Indiana, at 7:00pm EST. Those present were, Jerry (Jay) Sullivan, Michael T. Tiede, Scott Hinkle, Ronald DeSabatine, Brian Young, Kathleen Thompson, and Auditor Laura Wheeler. Kenneth Boswell absent.

Also, present, were Amber Tomlinson, Michael Gallenberger of WKVI, Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure, Holly VanDerAa, Virginia Kennedy, Mackenzie Ledley, Gary Kruger, Dan Murphy, Nathan Origer, Mary Welker, John Behny, JoLynn Behny, Mia Salyers, Crystal Kocher, Brandon DeLorenzo, and Jeff Richwine.

IN RE: PROSECUTOR

Dan Murphy had originally asked to have VOCA Grant position taken out of the MATRIX system. He is now asking that the position remain in the MATRIX but a new scale be established to accommodate the move from secretary to supervisor and receive 100% of the allotted salary proposed by the Grant.

Kathleen Thompson motioned to approve establishing another MATRIX position with a job description available to support the change pending review by the MATRIX committee. Brian Young seconded the motion. Michael T. Tiede wanted to discuss the issue further and stated that he prefer this Grant position be taken completely out of the MATRIX. It was determined that the MATRIX Committee would define that position. The vote was 5 to 1 in favor. Michael T. Tiede opposed.

Dan Murphy further requested an additional secretarial slot be added to his office. After more discussion about the number of cases being filed and the amount of time to do the work, Kathleen Thompson motioned to approve another position in the prosecutor's office and that we advertise for an additional appropriation to cover the cost. Brian Young seconded the motion. The vote was 3 (Kathleen Thompson, Brian Young, Michael T. Tiede) in favor and 3 (Jerry (Jay) Sullivan, Scott Hinkle, Ronald DeSabatine) opposed. The motion did not pass and Jerry (Jay) Sullivan commented that he would like to hear from the commissioners concerning this additional pay slot.

IN RE: EMS

Brandon DeLorenzo requested a MATRIX position be re-established for an assistant director and proposed that this position be paid \$1.50 per hour more than the selected employee's base rate. The assistant director will have responsibilities in line with the position and be expected to be involved with the day-to-day operations of the EMS. Kathleen Thompson motioned to defer the EMS Assistant Director position decision to the MATRIX committee. Michael T. Tiede seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DeLorenzo also requested that 'on call' pay be added back to the MATRIX at a rate of \$2.25 per hour. Kathleen Thompson motioned once again to defer to the MATRIX committee and Michael T. Tiede seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions asked about the number of slots allotted for part-time employees. In the past, Council did not care how many part-time employee positions were open as long as the payroll stayed within the limits of the budget. This allows EMS to have a larger number of part-time employees to call when needed.

IN RE: COUNTY GARAGE

Terry Ruff and Gary Kruger requested an additional to cover the replacement costs of Bridge 257 as follows:

1135-0531 Cumulative Bridge Fund/Maintenance & Repair	
75802 Bridge #257 400 E 235 S	100,000.00

Michael T. Tiede motioned to approve the additional request for advertising and Kathleen Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER

Sheriff Richwine explained the benefits of a Wellness program currently being used in Boone County and requests support for doing this program on a trial basis. Richwine said he would fund the trial program and if it works, would like to add it to the budget for future years.

Richwine discussed the police retirement program and stated that his budget would be short about \$28,000.00 with the approved increase over last year.

Richwine commented about 'on call' status and wants the Sheriff's department to be included in the MATRIX for this also.

Several questions asked about federal inmates and inmate health issues.

New trucks discussed briefly.

Kathleen Thompson opened discussion about courthouse issues. Brian Young voiced complaints about Pulaski County boards list, posted minutes, and posted agenda notices.

Michael T. Tiede motioned to approve the January 14, 2019 minutes as presented and Scott Hinkle seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Hinkle motioned to approve the following wage revision ordinance and Kathleen Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was 5 to 1. Michael T. Tiede opposed.

	REVISION FROM	REVISION TO	Effective Date
Per hour wage change to MATRIX			
As follows:			
1000-0007 County General/Coroner 10202 Jon Frain (annual)	\$1,790.00	\$8,078.00	02/01/2019
Status Change:			
1000-0005 County General/Auditor 10300 Shianne Wagner (PT to FT)	\$ 14.00	\$ 16.81	02/10/2019

Ronald DeSabatine questioned the possibility of reviewing the county health insurance plan and at looking for other insurance agent/carriers.

Scott Hinkle motioned to adjourn at 8:36pm and Ronald DeSabatine seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Signed and dated this 11th day of March 2019.

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

Jerry G. Sullivan

Michael T. Tiede

Scott Hinkle

Kenneth Boswell

Ronald DeSabatine

Brian Young

Kathleen Thompson

ATTEST: _____

Laura M. Wheeler, Auditor, Pulaski County