

JUNE 10, 2019

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met for a regular session at 07:00 pm EDST on June 10, 2019 at the Pulaski County Highway Garage, Winamac, IN. Present were Jerry (Jay) Sullivan, Scott Hinkle, Ronald DeSabatine, Brian Young, Kathleen Thompson, Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Michael T Tiede was absent

Also present were Michael Gallenberger, Joe Moyer, Gary Kruger, Sean McGill, Ron Fox, Dave Olds, Eric Walsh, MacKenzie Ledley, Nathan Origer and Jeff Richwine.

RE: SHERIFF

Jeff Richwine presented data on jailer overtime for federal transports. For 2018, there were a total of 504 transport hours. Jailers make \$14.00-\$15.00/hr. and when in overtime make \$22.00-\$23.00/hr. Federal only reimburses \$18.00/hr. so there is a \$4.00-\$5.00/hr. difference that the County has to pay. Not all jailers want to do the federal transport as they have to be armed.

RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Advertised additional appropriations presented for approval as follows:

1000-0005 County General/Sheriff	
44200 Vehicles	\$30,000.00
1193-0005 County General/Sheriff	
12400 Pension	\$14,483.50
1000-0201 County General/Superior Court	
13600 Pauper Counsel	\$20,000.00
1107-0305 County General/Aviation	
36100 Equipment Repair	\$1,000.00
36701 Grounds Maintenance	\$4,000.00
4020-0361 DRMO/EMA	
44601 Communication Equipment	---
34801 Equipment Repair	\$1,410.85
9106-0361 MHMP/EMA	
31801 Professional Services	\$1,738.03

Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve the additional appropriations as presented, Kenny Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously.

RE: TRANSFERS

Transfers were presented for approval as follows:

1159-0610 Health Fund/Health Dept.		
From: 30902 Hepatitis B Vaccine	\$1,000.00	
TO: 24600 Medical & Dental Supplies		\$1,000.00
1000-0161 County General/Maintenance		
From: 32500 Schools, Meetings, Seminars	\$360.00	
To: 31400 Pest Control		\$360.00

Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve the transfers, Kenneth Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously.

RE: LEVY FREEZE

A Levy Freeze lift ordinance presented and Pulaski County's Levy Freeze status discussed at length. The deadline to lift or 'thaw' the freeze is June 30, 2019 in order for it to be effective in pay year 2020. The status of levy freeze prevents the county from receiving any rate increases that are set by the State. The 'thaw' will raise the tax rate to .0189% which is approximately a \$6.07 increase on a \$150,000.00 mortgage homestead assessed value dwelling.

The Ordinance reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE FOR MODIFYING PROPERTY TAX LEVY FREEZE  
ORDINANCE # 2019-04**

Comes now the Pulaski County Council a civil taxing unit with their authority under Ind. Code 6-1.1-18.5 and effectuates a change to the status of the current applicable local property tax assessed value growth quotient for Pulaski County, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Ind. Code 6-1.1-18.5-2 sets the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy based on the assessed value growth quotient, and Pulaski County desires to increase their tax levy to the maximum permissible amount; and

**WHEREAS**, under Ind. Code 6-1.1-18.5 Pulaski County Council desires to “thaw” the property tax levy freeze that was put in place under Ind. Code 6-1.1-18.5-5 (repealed) and allow the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) to apply the maximum assessed value growth quotient factor to the Pulaski County property tax levy for the year 2019 and each year thereafter; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the civil taxing unit of Pulaski County, Indiana, being the Pulaski County Council, that the previous county property tax levy freeze shall be “thawed” and the maximum assessed value growth quotient will be applied for property tax levies for the year 2019 and thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Passed and adopted by the Board of the Pulaski County Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

Nathan Origer was asked to comment on the ordinance. He stated that he would not be considered to interpret the law but said “If you do not thaw the levy freeze and raise the maximum levy, you do not deserve to represent the people of Pulaski County”.

Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve the first reading of the Levy Freeze Ordinance, Kenny Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The second reading will be June 17, 2019 with an official vote on approval at that time.

Pulaski County has \$24,000.00 in billable hours with Peters Municipal Consultants, LTD. Continuation with this consulting service discussed briefly. It was determined that CDC funds were available to cover the cost. Kathi Thompson made a motion to use CDC funds to continue working with Peters Municipal Consultants, LTD with a \$10,000.00 maximum expenditure. Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**RE: BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Pulaski County Public Library requested for Pat Bawcum be reappointed to its board. Kathi Thompson motioned to appoint Patricia Bawcum to the Pulaski County Public Library Board as requested and Brian Young seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve the May 13, 2019 Council minutes, Kenneth Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Budget hearings discussed further. Kathleen Thompson motioned to proceed with the meetings as outlined in the Auditor’s email with additional meetings in July if needed.

Nathan Origer suggested they appoint a Budget Committee to meet with department heads and then report back to the full Council.

Ms. Thompson amended her motion to set up first round meetings on the 5 Mondays between now and August 22nd. Ronald DeSabatine seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1

Scott Hinkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm, Kenneth Boswell seconded and motion carried.

Signed and dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Brian Young

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Kathleen Thompson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura M Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor