

June 17, 2019

SPECIAL SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in a special session on June 17, 2019 at 6:00pm EDST at the Pulaski County Highway Garage Training Room, Winamac, IN.

Those present were Jerry (Jay) Sullivan-President, Michael T Tiede-Vice President, Scott Hinkle, Ronald DeSabatine, Brian Young, Kathleen Thompson, Auditor Laura Wheeler, and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Kenneth Boswell was present by telephone.

Also present were Carrol Lange, Jim Gould, Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Nathan Origer, Michael Gallenberger and MacKenzie Ledley.

Jerry Sullivan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The only agenda item was approval of the following Levy Freeze 'Thaw' Ordinance:

**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 Code 6-1.1-18.5-5 (repealed) and allow the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) to apply the maximum assessed value growth quotient factor to the Pulaski County property tax levy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 17th day of June, 2019.

The wording within the ordinance discussed briefly and ultimately decided that it was correct.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gould questioned the Courthouse issue and asked why it isn't being discussed more.

Ronald DeSabatine commented that it doesn't make sense to talk about tax rates prior to making budget cuts. The Homestead Credit was also discussed.

Kathleen Thompson motioned to approve the Levy Tax Thaw Ordinance as presented and Brian Young seconded but with due diligence to keep taxes low. Motion carried 4-2 with Ron DeSabatine and Mike Tiede opposed. Ken Boswell refrained from voting as he was not physically present.

Jerry Sullivan said that they need to look at the Homestead Credit and get in on the agenda.

Ron DeSabatine motioned to adjourn at 6:40pm, Scott Hinkle seconded. Motion carried 5-1 in favor. Ken Boswell unable to vote via phone.

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SPECIAL SESSION (continued)

Signed and approved this 8th day of July 2019.

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

Jerry (Jay) Sullivan

Michael T Tiede

Scott Hinkle

Ronald Desabatine

Brian Young

Kenny Boswell

Kathleen Thompson

ATTEST: _____
Laura M Wheeler, Auditor, Pulaski County