

July 8, 2019

SPECIAL SESSION

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Council met in Special Session Monday July 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM EST at the Pulaski County Highway Garage Training Room, Winamac, IN 46996.

Present for the Council were Jerry (Jay) Sullivan, President; Michael T Tiede, Vice President; Scott Hinkle; Ronald DeSabatine; Kathleen Thompson and Auditor Laura Wheeler. Brian Young and Kenny Boswell came around 6:15pm.

The purpose of the meeting is a work shop to hear 2020 department budget request.

Jerry Sullivan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: ASSESSOR**

Holly VanDerAa presented the Assessors proposed 2020 budget. Cyclical reassessment discussed and duties explained as: field work, establish land values, help with the ratio studies that have to be approved every year and offer free legal advice from their Attorney, which she has used 3-4 times on appeals from businesses. Larger counties pay for this service. Reassessment levy brings in approximately \$116,000.00 but Nexus is contracted at \$125,000.00 so the difference comes from County General. Other line items were discussed and VanDerAa asked to include Information Technology (IT) line item in her 2020 budget.

Part-time employees attach pictures to the property card for the hard copy file. The Assessor's 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy does all of the splits and fills in for Assessor when absent, the 2<sup>nd</sup> deputy does the transfers and the 3<sup>rd</sup> deputy does the personal property and sales disclosures. They are all cross trained except for splits.

Ronald DeSabatine questioned the number of part-time employees as it seems high for a county of our size. Part time has worked 103 hours so far in 2019.

Jay Sullivan suggested 10% cut from the 2019 budget. All Council members were invited to stop by the office to see what they do.

**IN RE: CDC**

Nathan Origer presented Community Development Commission (CDC) 2020 budget. Origer explained IT needs for CDC. With a 10% raise in wages, the 2020 budget request is \$265,999.00 which is down from \$288,257.00 in 2019. There has been \$50,000.00 in Land Acquisitions for several years but was pulled for 2020 budget as it is no longer needed. Jay Sullivan thought another \$6,000.00 would need to be cut from the CDC 2020 budget and Origer stated it could be taken from advertising.

Kathleen Thompson explained a questionnaire she wanted to send to every department head. Some of the questions being asked "Do you plan to spend all of your money this year, with an explanation?" "Do you plan on making a major purchase in 2020, with an explanation?" "Do you plan on any encumbrances?" "Who in your department has a cell phone and explain the need?" "Who in your department has access to a county owned vehicle, takes it home and where do they live."

Ron DeSabatine made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 pm. Kenny Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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SPECIAL SESSION (continued)

Signed and dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.

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Michael T Tiede

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Ronald DeSabatine

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Kathleen Thompson

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