

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met for a regular session on July 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM EDST at the Pulaski County Highway Garage Training room, Winamac, IN 46996.

Councilmembers present were Jerry (Jay) Sullivan, Michael T Tiede, Scott Hinkle, Ronald DeSabatine, Kathleen Thompson, Brian Young, Ken Boswell and Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were Judge Mary Welker, Joe Moyer, Deb DeSchepper, Virginia Kennedy, Richard Mynark, Rita Carpenter, Mia Salyers, Rudy Anderson, Chris Schramm, Judge Crystal Kocher, Justin Schramm, Terry Ruff, Nathan Origer, Sean McGill, Michael Gallenberger, Ryan Fettel, MacKenzie Ledley, Brian Ledley, Jerry Locke.

Jerry Sullivan opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

IN RE: SUPERIOR COURT

Superior Court was able to secure computers provided by the State for the Odyssey transition at no cost and Judge Kocher requested a transfer of funds to pay DeGroot Technology for the installation.

<b>1000-0201 County General/Superior Court</b>		
From: 18000 Interpreters	\$1,500.00	
To: 44100 Office Equipment		\$1,500.00

Mike Tiede made a motion to approve the transfer as presented, Kenny Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Attorney Justin Schramm appeared for the Pulaski County Library regarding bond issuance necessitated by lead dust and asbestos contamination. Sean McGill of Baker-Tilly was present to explain the financial aspects. County Council approval is required as Indiana does not allow appointed boards to make any decisions on issuance of new bonds. This will be at no additional cost to taxpayers. Current bond was issued in 2007 for \$2,000,000. and payment is \$185,000. paid semi-annually and will end January 1, 2023. Current tax rate supporting this debt is 2.55 cents. Library has a current total bond capacity of \$4.3 million less outstanding principal on current bonds of \$590,000. Asking to borrow \$1,750,000. of which \$1,450,000. is for construction cost. This will be paid over 19 years and 4 months. Total interest will be \$960,000. Interest rate is figured at 1% higher than current going rate. Estimate annual payment on new bonds will be \$160,000. Current tax rate is 2.55 cents and asking for maximum of 2.20 cents which is a reduction.

Library Director MacKenzie Ledley said the majority of the \$1,750,000.00 will be spent in cleaning up the lead and asbestos dust that has been released and in duct works due to a construction error. Also want to remodel the Carnegie building to include a public meeting room which will necessitate moving the current offices elsewhere. She said this work is out of necessity, not luxury. Kenny Boswell made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, pending approval of County Attorney, Kathi Thompson seconded and motion carried with a 6 to 1 vote Mike Tiede dissenting.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

Mia Salyers said that her temporary employee had been hired for ten weeks and her time ran out Friday. With the extra employee, they worked on the Circuit Court floor, done preventative maintenance on several systems, additional days cleaning at County Highway Garage due to County's meetings being held there, plus 4-H dogs require more extensive cleaning. With the temporary employee, the full-time maintenance tech has been able to devote entire day to the jail. Maintenance has started a work order system.

Maintenance currently has \$11,000.00 in lawn care for the balance of the year, which is enough to hire a part-time employee but not enough to buy a new mower. The zero turn mower blew up and the other mower leaks oil. Kenneth Boswell stated that by all indications outsourcing will save money. Salyers requested \$10,200.00 for an additional part-time employee.

Mike Tiede made a motion to transfer \$10,200.00 from Lawn Care Contractor to part-time employee, Kathi Thompson seconded and motion carried with a 6 to 1 vote. Kenny Boswell dissenting.

**IN RE: CDC**

Nathan Origer requested the following transfer to pay for continued services of Peters Municipal Consultants per June 10, 2019 County Council action, as follows:

<b>1112-0700 LIT – Economic Development</b>			
From: 41000 Land Acquisition		\$12,000.00	
To: 31801 Professional Services			\$12,000.00

Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve transfer, Kenny Boswell second and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

Terry Ruff, Superintendent appeared to discuss seasonal part-time pay. Seasonal is only 460 hours per year while part-time is 28 hours/week. He was told last year to put experienced seasonal part-time help in his budget up to \$15.00/hour. Auditor Wheeler said it is in the minutes that he was to come before the Council for approval.

Kathi Thompson made a motion to change the MATRIX to include County Highway seasonal part-time help at \$15.00/hour. Brian Young seconded. Jay said that the Council has been advised by the County Attorney not to make individual pay changes at meetings. Expectations for part-time and seasonal part-time are the same at the Highway department. Kathi amended her decision to pay seasonal part-time and part-time employees at the County Highway on the MATRIX at \$14.00/hr.

Kenny Boswell cited the MATRIX guidelines and the motion was rescinded. Mike Tiede motioned to table this issue, Kenny Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: SHERIFF**

Chris Schramm appearing for Sheriff Jeff Richwine reported that a drone was purchased from commissary funds.

The following transfers were presented for approval:

<b>1000-0005 County General/Sheriff</b>			
From: 10402	Deputy Salary	\$10,000.00	
From: 11504	Part Time Dispatch Salary	\$17,000.00	
To: 17004	Deputy OT		\$27,000.00
<b>1114-0005 LIT – Special Purpose/Sheriff</b>			
From: 10902	Dispatch Salary	\$2,800.00	
From: 10800	Chief Dispatch Salary	\$1,200.00	
To: 17000	Dispatch OT		\$ 4,000.00

Scott Hinkle made a motion to approve the transfers as requested, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Kathy Thompson made a motion to approve all minutes as presented, Kenny Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Information Technology (IT) discussed briefly but no decisions made.

Kathy Thompson made a motion that IT and finances be put on the next meeting agenda, Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Boswell said he has received a preliminary document from Peters and will email to council members.

Auditor Wheeler said that she has been asked for a copy of Peters financial report from individuals outside of the boards. Kathy Thompson made a motion to release the report to the public, Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Ron DeSabatine made a motion to adjourn at 8:15PM, Scott Hinkle seconded and motion carried unanimously. Kathleen Thompson then motioned to rescind for public comment and Ronald DeSabatine seconded. All were in favor.

**IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Recycling/Transfer station fees discussed briefly. If fees were raised by a penny a pound, it would bring in an extra \$50,000.00. EMS rates were increased as well.

Ron DeSabatine then made a motion at 8:17pm to adjourn, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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

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Jerry Sullivan

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Michael T Tiede

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Scott Hinkle

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Kenneth Boswell

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Kathleen Thompson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Laura M Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor, IN