

August 12, 2019

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met for a regular session on August 12, 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, Kenneth Boswell and Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were Mia Salyers, Rudy Anderson, Judge Crystal Kocher, Kelly Gaumer, Terry Ruff, Gary Kruger, Holly VanDerAa, Nathan Origer, Kent Kroft, and Sheriff Richwine.

Jerry Sullivan opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

IN RE: SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Crystal Kocher requested additional appropriation for pauper counsel as follows:

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| 1000-0201 County General/Superior Court | | |
| 13600 Pauper Counsel | | \$30,000.00 |

This clears out the remaining conflicting hourly public defender cases appointed prior to the contracts that started January 2019. These cases are dwindling down and she hopes this will get them through the end of the year.

Kenneth Boswell motioned to advertise the additional appropriation and Kathleen Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Circuit/Superior Courts budgets discussed briefly as they have more than doubled in the last 4 years. Both courts have addressed the issues and hope that their budgets will be lower in future.

IN RE: CDC

Nathan Origer requested a transfer of \$6,000.00 for marketing as follows:

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| 1112-0700 LIT – Economic Development/CDC | | | |
| From: 31801 Professional Services | | \$6,000.00 | |
| To: 33500 Marketing | | | \$6,000.00 |

This is the fifth year for marketing and data is now available to know what works and what doesn't.

Kenneth Boswell motioned to approve the transfer as requested, Brian Young seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Terry Ruff requested the following transfer to cover the fuel tax refund service provided my Malcon, Inc:

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| 1176-0531 Motor Vehicle highway/Maintenance and Repair | | | |
| From: 22101 Salt | | \$2000.00 | |
| To: 36300 Services & Maintenance | | | \$2000.00 |

A fuel tax refund of \$10,328.00 is expected. Kenneth Boswell motioned to approve the transfer, and Scott Hinkle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Seasonal part-time help discussed again. Kathleen Thompson motioned to pay \$15.00 per hour for the two Highway part-time seasonal employees, retroactive to their spring start dates and Ronald DeSabatine seconded. Further discussion followed. The vote was 5 to 1 in favor. Kenneth Boswell opposed.

IN RE: PROSECUTOR

Kelly Gaumer, the newly appointed Prosecutor, introduced herself to the Council and presented the following consent document for approval.

CONSENT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Prosecuting Attorney of the 59th Judicial Circuit which includes Pulaski County, desires to elect to devote the Prosecuting Attorney’s full professional time to the duties of the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney; and

WHEREAS the 59th Judicial Circuit is a judicial circuit of the sixth through ninth class; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the county council consents to the election of the Prosecuting Attorney to become a full-time Prosecuting Attorney;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That a majority of the county council consents to the election of the Prosecuting Attorney for the 59th Judicial Circuit to become a full-time Prosecuting Attorney.

That a copy of this consent be filed with the notice of election to full-time status with the Circuit Court of the 59th Judicial Circuit and with the State Court Administrator, pursuant to Indiana Code 33-39-6-6

Dated 12th day of August, 2019

Michael T. Tiede motioned to approve the consent agreement as presented and Kenneth Boswell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Director, Mia Salyers presented the following list of things that did not get completed on the West Annex building last year with the \$20,000.00 that was allotted for renovations:

1. Windows: \$7750.00 Contracted
 2. Fencing to Secure Generators: \$1000.00 Maintenance
 3. Landscaping: \$2000.00 Maintenance
 4. EMA: awning \$375.00 Maintenance
 5. Gutters: \$3500.00 Maintenance
 6. HVAC Repairs: \$623.00 Maintenance
 7. Shower Install: \$1933.00 Contracted
- Maintenance will do finish work on shower.

Three windows, fencing around the new generators, awnings, and gutters were all supposed to be installed.

Kathleen Thompson motioned to approve numbers 2, 5, 6, and 7. Brian Young seconded the motion but there was some disagreement. The vote was 2 in favor and 4 against, motion failed. Scott Hinkle, Kenneth Boswell, Michael T. Tiede, and Ronald DeSabatine opposed.

Kenneth Boswell motioned to approve 2, 6, and 7 and for maintenance to report back when they are done. Scott Hinkle seconded the motion. The vote was 5 to 1. Michael T. Tiede opposed. Motion passed.

Kenneth Boswell then motioned to approve \$3,556.00 additional for advertising to cover the cost of the approved repairs as follows:

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| 1191-0161 Riverboat/Maintenance | |
| 4800 Building | \$ 3,556.00 |

Kathleen Thompson seconded. The vote was 5 to 1 with Michael T. Tiede opposed. Motion carried.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Jeff Richwine presented the following transfers for approval:

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| 1000-0005 County General/Sheriff | | | |
| From: 33100 | Other Printing | \$1,000.00 | |
| To: 10100 | Elected Official Salary | | \$1,000.00 |
| From: 36300 | Service Contracts | \$7,000.00 | |
| From: 22500 | Household Supplies | \$10,000.00 | |
| To: 36100 | Equipment Repair | | \$17,000.00 |

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| 1114-0005 LIT – Special Purpose/Sheriff | | | |
| From: 36500 | Radio and TV Maintenance | \$1,000.00 | |
| To: 32600 | Transport of Inmates | | \$ 1,000.00 |

Michael T. Tiede made a motion to approve the transfers as requested, Ronald DeSabatine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Richwine then requested the following additional in the misdemeanor fund.

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| 1175-0005 Misdemeanant/ Sheriff | 36100 Equipment Repair | 998.75 | |
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Scott Hinkle motioned to approve the requested additional for advertising and Michael T. Tiede seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Holly VanDerAa reported on the property tax appeal process and how most issues are resolved without problems, but she currently has one that has not been resolved and a commercial appraisal needs to be done. She is requesting an additional \$6,700.00 as follows to cover the cost of the appraisal.

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| 1000-0008 County General/Assessor | | | |
| 31101 Consultant | | 6700.00 | |

Kenneth Boswell motioned to approve the additional request for advertising, Kathleen Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Prosecutor and Treasurer sent the following transfer requests:

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| 1000-0003 County General/Treasurer | | | |
| From: 10200 Full-time Deputy | | \$1,000.00 | |
| To: 11500 Part-time Help | | | \$1,000.00 |
| 1000-0009 County General/Prosecutor | | | |
| From: 31100 Training | | \$400.00 | |
| To: 12100 SS/Med | | | \$400.00 |

Kathleen Thompson motioned to approve the requested transfers and Brian Young seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was announced that Jeff Peters would be at the August 26, 2019 budget hearings at 5:00pm to discuss the financial plan.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Rudy Anderson moved to Winamac a year ago and this is the second month in a row that he has attended the meetings, but public comment had not been offered at the last meeting. Mr. Anderson made several comments about the area and his desire to stay in the Pulaski County Community.

Kent Kroft from Medaryville who is also the Chief Information Officer in Tippecanoe County commented on Information Technology (IT) issues and his concerns with Pulaski County's banned IT department.

Ken made a motion at 8:33pm to adjourn, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Signed and dated this 9th day of September 2019.

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

Jerry Sullivan

Michael T Tiede

Scott Hinkle

Kenneth Boswell

Ronald DeSabatine

Briand Young

Kathleen Thompson

ATTEST: _____
Laura M Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor, IN