

JOINT SESSION

June 10, 2019

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners and the Pulaski County Council met for a Joint Session at 6:00 PM on June 10, 2019 at the County Highway Garage, Winamac, IN. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure and present for the Council were Jerry (Jay) Sullivan, Scott Hinkle, Ronald DeSabatine, Brian Young, Kathleen Thompson, Kenneth Boswell plus Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Michael T Tiede was absent.

Also in attendance were Michael Gallenberger, Joe Moyer, Matt Steely, Virginia Kennedy, Sean McGill, Terry Ruff, Nathan Origer, Alan McCloskey and Steven Stranz.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Terry Ruff presented the annual Highway Report for approval and signatures. Ronald DeSabatine questioned why the Highway Department was resealing a road by West Central School where it was just done last year. The hard winter caused cracking in the roads. Jerry Locke made a motion to approve and sign the Highway Report, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: PROPERTY TAX SALE

A Tax Sale Services Support Addendum and Tax Sale Work Plan from SRI in which the fee is being increased from \$75.00 per parcel to \$100.00 per parcel presented for approval. The \$100.00 is included in the fees paid when someone purchases property at a tax sale. Mike McClure made a motion to sign the addendum and work plan, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously. The next tax sale is at the end of August 2019.

IN RE: HEALTH INSURANCE

The Commissioners were questioned about how they want to proceed with the Health Insurance Request for Proposal (RFP) responses. After some discussion, Kenny Becker motioned to have the Auditor contact possible insurance consultants to review the bids and make recommendations, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously. Due to timing, Auditor Wheeler said hiring a consultant needs to be approved at the July 1st 2019 meeting unless they choose to renew with the current carrier and consider the RFP bids at a later date.

Bids were then opened:

Consolidated Union of Logansport:

Alan McCloskey answered questions on behalf of Consolidated Union, Logansport, IN. Consolidated Union is in the same network as our current carrier and includes Self-funded (return of premium). A plan without return of premium would be 20-30% higher in premium. The County's claims are up 47% over last year so there will not be as much money back this year as in previous years. McCloskey stated that premiums are broke down into fixed costs (administration, commission) and accumulation factor (money to pay claims). Fixed costs should be as low as possible because the County does not have the opportunity to get any of that money back.

Apex Benefits of Indianapolis: There was no representative present.

R & R Benefits of South Bend: Steven Strantz answered questions on behalf of R & R Benefits, South Bend, IN.

Shepherd Insurance, Inc of Carmel: There was no representative present.

Mike McClure made a motion to take the bids under advisement, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Kathleen Thompson had a correction to the April 29, 2019 Special Joint Session minutes. Instead of holding budget hearings “a minimum of two days in June and July”, she corrected to “meet with all department heads in June and July”.

Jerry (Jay) Sullivan made to motion for the Council to approve the April 29, 2019 Special Joint Session minutes with correction, Kenny Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure made a motion for the Commissioners to approve the April 29, 2019 Special Joint Session minutes with correction, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kenneth Boswell made a motion for Council to approve May 13th 2019 Special Joint Session minutes as presented, Scott Hinkle seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure made a motion for Commissioners to approve May 13th 2019 Special Joint Session minutes, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

There was no public comment.

Mike McClure made a motion for the Commissioners at 7:04 pm to adjourn, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kenneth Boswell made a motion for council at 7:04 PM to adjourn, Kathleen Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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Kenny Becker

Michael T Tiede

Jerry Locke

Scott Hinkle

Mike McClure

Kenneth Boswell

Ronald DeSabatine

Kathleen Thompson

Attest: _____

Laura W Wheeler, Auditor, Pulaski County, IN