

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00pm EST on September 03, 2019 at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke and Mike McClure with Auditor Laura Wheeler. Attorney Kevin Tankersley was absent.

Others present were Joan Vernon, Willie Davis III, Kathi Thompson, Michael Gallenberger, Brian Young, Carroll Lange, Gary Kruger, Judge Mary Welker, Brandon DeLorenzo, Ken Boswell, William McBee, Jeff Richwine.

Commissioner President Kenny Becker opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Gary Kruger, acting Highway Superintendent, presented information on a 2018 Case Cx80 excavator he wants to purchase using Cum Bridge funds that are already in 2020 budget. Having been rented since May 2019 @ \$3,825.00 per month of which 80% goes towards the purchase price. There were 230 hours on it when they got it and have since put another 230 hours on it in five months. The January 1, 2020 purchase price would be approximately \$77,020.00. The consensus is to rent until the end of the year. Kenny Becker motioned to table the decision until second meeting in November and Jerry Locke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: MONTEREY PROPERTIES

Mr. Willie Davis is requesting to buy eight lots of the Monterey properties. The Commissioners can sell these lots if back taxes (per lot) are under \$1000.00. The cost is the amount of back taxes plus \$25 per lot. Mr. Davis advised to see the Auditor during regular business hours.

Mr. William McBee who lives in the Monterey area is concerned about four RV campers parked on lots near him and he wants to know if this is an authorized camping area. Per County Attorney, Kevin Tankersley there is no ordinance in place regulating this and there is nothing the Commissioners can do at this time; however, it may concern the Health Department if they are dumping waste.

Mr. McBee is also interested in purchasing four lots owned by the Commissioners and advised to see the Auditor during regular business hours.

IN RE: EMS

Brandon DeLorenzo presented the final State approved building plans. Approval from the Commissioners is needed to proceed. Mike McClure motioned to bid out the EMS expansion building and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER

Jeff Richwine explained new department policies and hopes that our insurance carrier Bliss McKnight will help with training and cost.

Richwine reported that a prisoner tripped, fell on stairs, and busted kneecap, requiring surgery. There was no horseplay involved, but he only has the funds to cover half of the cost.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) spent the weekend policing the city park and river traffic, making 25 arrests for minor consumption and marijuana possession.

Courthouse Security discussed once again with no decision.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Circuit Court's restrooms are not working properly and need to be fixed. There is another issue with the sewer lines connecting to the town's waste lines. A lift station is needed and maintenance has received quotes as follows: DeSabatine quoted a 2HP for \$12,000.00 and 5 HP at \$16,000.00, including labor.

Carroll Lange commented on his experience as a stroke victim having to wait 2 ½ hours to be transferred and believes that the County should address EMS issues.

Council member Kenneth Boswell discussed revenue and cost over the County's financial issues. Solar power and property tax increase suggested but cuts still need to be made. Before going to the State for help, we have to show as governing bodies that we have done everything we can do to cut expenses.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Ken Becker motioned to approve and sign payroll and claims as presented, Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ken Becker motioned to approve the August 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: MEDARYVILLE FIRE DEPT

The Medaryville Fire Department is applying for a grant and needs a signed letter stating that Kankakee Iroquois Regional Planning Commission (KIRPC) is an authorized representative of Pulaski County for the Section 106 historic review process regarding the Medaryville Fire Station project. Mike McClure made a motion to approve and sign the letter, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Locke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm and Mike McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approved and Signed October 07, 2019
PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Kenneth Becker, President

Jerome Locke, Vice President

J. Mike McClure

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor