

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am Eastern Time on September 16, 2019 at the Pulaski County Highway Garage in Winamac, Indiana. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure, Auditor Laura Wheeler and Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Others present were Edward Buswell, Joe Moyer, Brian Young, Anita Goodman, Amber Tomlinson, Douglas Hoover, and Gene Timm.

Commissioner Kenny Becker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR

Doug Hoover requests commissioners support for his department to have a full-time clerk. The building department has doubled their revenue in one year and could do so much more with the help. The Commissioners support this endeavor.

IN RE: KIRPC

Edwin Buswell of the Kankakee Iroquois Regional Planning Commission (KIRPC) is representing the Medaryville Fire Department for a grant application. A public hearing for comments and/or questions conducted for the Medaryville Fire Station project and the application for a \$500,000.00 grant from the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs. The local match will be approximately \$1,069,507.00. The Grant application is due November 22, 2019.

The Fire department cannot apply for the grant and must go through the County. The Fire Department will be the sub-recipients of the grant monies. An environmental review certificate is needed. Kenny Becker motioned to approve and sign the certificate pending legal review and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

An Income Survey letter is also needed and presented for signatures. Kenny Becker motioned to approve income survey and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Another form stating that we do not have enough non-English speaking residents (over 5%) to be required to advertise, which was signed by the Commissioners.

The County is required to have a fair housing ordinance which was presented and needs to be approved by November for the grant application. The ordinance was tabled for legal review.

IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER

Jeff Richwine reported on Justice Center activity. Bliss McKnight will have driving simulator and a fire arm training simulator (FATS) available for county training soon.

Courthouse security discussed further. Jerry Locke motioned to hire Degroot Technology to install security cameras on the main floor of the courthouse and Mike McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioners plan on paying for this from their budget.

Single point entry, armed security, and sewer issues discussed. Judge Welker offered \$10,000.00 from her budget to help pay for lift pump.

County Attorney Kevin Tankersley explained the 2002 Supreme Court order that made security recommendations. A security professional is recommended to tell you what to do and meet certain standards. A scatter shot approach should not be taken. It wouldn't hurt to write letters and make statements about the cost, the size of the County and financial issues to obtain grants or other financial help. Supreme Court ruling only has to do with courts and since Pulaski County has two courts in two separate building, it makes everything incredibly expensive and difficult to provide security.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Kenny Becker approved the sale of the Tippecanoe Township lots to Willie Davis for \$25.00 plus back taxes and Jerry Locke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Tankersley clarified the September 6th incident with the alleged device. It is in the policy book that the President of Board of Commissioners has the authority to order evacuation of all county buildings without a meeting or consensus of the whole board.

Kenny Becker made a motion to approve and sign September 9, 2019 minutes as presented and Mike McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: NEW BUSINESS

Kenny Becker presented two quotes for the lift station: Pelsy Septic and Drain for \$20,000.00 and DeSabatine Brothers for \$18,000.00. The decision tabled for further investigation.

IN RE: CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Payroll and claims tabled for further review. Commissioners had little or no access to the reports because of poor communication on tablets.

Jerry Locke motioned to approve and sign Resolution for Commissioner's Sale and Mike McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Toshiba Guaranteed Maintenance Agreement was presented. Jerry Locke motioned to table for further review with DeGroot Technology. Mike McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: TIME CLOCK

Auditor Laura Wheeler explained the need to replace current time clocks that are costing the county \$27,000.00 per year maintenance and support. If the new clocks are purchased now the county would save approximately \$20,000.00. Mike McClure motioned to approve time clock purchase pending funding from council and Jerry Locke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Special funding for local government projects discussed. A presentation may be available at the October 14, 2019 Joint Session.

As there was nothing further to discuss, Mike McClure motioned to adjourn at 9:43am and Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved and Signed October 7, 2019

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kenneth Becker, President

Jerome Locke, Vice-President

J Michael McClure

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor