

**AUGUST 26 & 27, 2019**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
2020 BUDGET HEARING**

The Pulaski County Council met in special session on August 26 and 27, 2019 at the County Highway Training Room in Winamac, Indiana at 8:00am each day. Those present were President Jerry (Jay) Sullivan, Vice President Mike Tiede, Kenneth Boswell, Scott Hinkle, Ron DeSabatine, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young and Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also in attendance were J M L Keller, Eric Hulmes, Ken Redlin, Arnold Brandt, Tim Overmyer, Bob Keller, Jerome Keller, Joe Moyer, Michael Gallenberger, Courtney Poor, Jerry Locke, Jenny Keller, Nathan Origer, Virginia Kennedy, Mackenzie Ledley, Terry Ruff, Nora Chambers, Dave Chambers, Janet Onken, Lyn Morris, Mia Salyers, Jessica Rausch, Gary Kruger, Scott ?, Jackie Frain, Betty Stinemetz, Don Franklin, Kathy Franklin, Sheri Gaillard, Brandon DeLorenzo, JoLynn Behny, John Behny, Karla Pemberton and Doug Hoover.

The purpose of the Special Session is to hear financial report from Jeff Peters followed by department heads' 2020 budget needs.

Jerry Sullivan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: FINANCIALS**

Jeff Peters presented a review of his previous financial report. The Special Income Tax is expiring in 2020. In June 2019 the Council thawed the tax levy. Changing the income tax rate and how needs to be considered in early September 2019 with a Public hearing by the end of October. The County can pursue special legislation but will need to show the State that cuts were made and all income capabilities exhausted. This process can be shifted to 2020, if it does not get done this year

**IN RE: BUDGETS**

CDC activity discussed briefly and ultimately summer part-time help, overtime, travel by \$250.00, and Schools/meetings by \$500.00 cut bringing the total budget down to \$228,657.00

Extension Office asked to cut part-time back to \$30,000.00 and to cut another \$2500.00 from the budget.

Historical Society needs \$4500.00 for insurance.

Microfilm agreed to cut the number of hours worked.

Assessor and Reassessment budget discussed at length. Reassessment levy is at \$148,000.00 which will be enough if \$33,100.00 of software contract moved to IT. Part-time help moved to reassessment.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:15am and reconvened at 12:30pm.

The Surveyor's budget cut by \$2,500.00 in gasoline, \$5,000.00 in part-time help, \$150.00 in tires, and \$1,000.00 furniture. Petty cash and postage eliminated. Drainage board member fees cut to \$60.00 per meeting. Final Surveyor 2020 budget is \$123,398.00 and Drainage Board budget is \$10,960.00.

The Recorder's Image Redaction fund has been budgeted at \$1,825.00 for years. Postage and official records eliminated and overtime cut by \$500.00. Recorder's final budget is \$75,733.00

County maintenance discussed at length. Ground Maintenance reduced to \$5,000.00, part-time cut to \$65,000.00; overtime reduced to \$500.00 and Schools/meetings reduced to \$1,500.00. Final maintenance budget is \$217,867.00

Courthouse issues that should be put on hold due to pending remodeling discussed further. Some issues are ceiling tiles, sidewalks and front doors not locking in Justice Center. Building & Structures allowed for \$250,000.00 in Cum Cap Development fund.

Pulaski County Highway department discussed at length. Specifically, wages and take home vehicles. No changes made to the Highway budget.

Recycle agrees to drop overtime for another full-time position. Part-time reduced to \$85,000.00 and \$31,368.00 added for a full-time position.

Airport manager is considered full-time and currently makes \$12.70/hour.

No one present for the Soil and Water Department.

The Veterans' Office budget for 2020 is the same as 2019. The newly appointed Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) pay discussed briefly. IT, part-time pay, and postage eliminated and wages reduced to \$15,000.00 as he will not work more than 1,000 hours.

The Treasurer's budget reduced in postage and part-time help for a total budget of \$91,827.00.

No one was present for Four County & Peak Community.

Pulaski County Human Services presented a \$30,000.00 request for the County's 2020 budget.

Kathi Thompson motioned to recess until Tuesday, August 27 at 8:00am and Kenny Boswell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Session resumed 8:00 AM August 27, 2019.

**IN RE: BUDGET’S (continued)**

Circuit Court’s pauper counsel expense as well as other court room issues discussed. Eliminated postage, equipment, and IT.

Total Superior Court 2020 budget is \$345,186.00 with no suggested changes.

Probation budget had no changes as full-time wages are determined by the state. Supplemental Adult Probation budget had \$1,000.00 cut from postage, making that budget \$56,775.00.

The Prosecutor’s wages, number of employees, and grants discussed. After some cuts the Final budget for County General/Prosecutor is \$175,025.00, County General/Title IV-D is \$33,268.00, and VOCA grant is \$73,600.00.

The Sheriff’s Department has two primary funds and five total budgets. Discussion pursued on EMA being absorbed by the Sheriff’s Department. \$1,000.00 cut from postage.

The County Clerk has three budgets; County General/Clerk, County Election Board, and the Clerk’s Perpetuation fund. Official records reduced by \$500.00 and postage cut \$6,000.00.

EMA budget and grant reimbursement discussed. Half of her salary and overtime and one-fourth of part-time wages paid by a grant. Part-time cut back to \$10,000.00 and overtime reduced to \$4,500.00, leaving total budget at \$65,154.00.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has two budgets – County General and Public Safety. Total for the two is \$927,000.00.

Coroner’s budget had postage eliminated and tires reduced to \$1,250.00, and equipment reduced to \$5,000.00 leaving a total budget of \$78,701.00.

The Building Inspector and Planning Commission budgets discussed with no changes determined.

The Health Department has three budgets and no changes were made to any of them.

The Commissioners’ budget discussed at length with no suggested changes.

Information Technology reviewed for contractor 40,000, new software \$181,000.00, cell phones \$26,000.00, land line phones \$62,000.00, internet \$13,000.00, copier contracts and maintenance 40,000.00 providing for a \$614,500.00 IT budget.

The Auditor’s budget part-time reduced to \$15,000.00, 4<sup>th</sup> Deputy removed, and postage eliminated leaving a total budget \$163,843.

**IN RE: MATRIX**

The 2020 MATRIX discussed at length but the general consensus was to keep all pay where it is for now.

Kenny Boswell made a motion to adjourn, Ron DeSabatine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Signed and dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura M Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor