

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in Special Session on Monday September 23, 2019 at 7:00pm EST at the Pulaski County Highway Garage Training Room, Winamac, IN. Council members present were Michael Tiede, Scott Hinkle, Kenneth Boswell, Ronald DeSabatine, Brian Young, Kathleen Thompson and Auditor Laura Wheeler. Jerry Sullivan, President, was not present and meeting was conducted by Vice-President Michael Tiede.

Also present were Judge Mary Welker, Marcie Perry, Deb DeSchepper, Terri Hansen, Celinda Briney, Jerry Locke, Jeff Johnston, Sheri Gaillard, Colleen Denham, John Masterson, Ken Becker, Gary Kruger, Mike McClure, RB Walters, Marsha Tetzloff, Sue Fox, Jenny Keller, JoLynn Behny, Teresa Bryant, Joe Moyer, Krysten Hinkle, Michael Gallenberger, Amy Nelson, Samantha Williams, Harold DePoy, Renita Potthoff, Virginia Kennedy, Courtney Poor, Chris Larkin, Michael Sehstedt, Niki Clemons, McKenzie Ledley, Kelly Gaumer, June Keller, Jim Keller, Doug Hoover, Mike Haschel, Kyle Sefchic, Emily Haschel, Judge Crystal Kocher, Sandy Lucas, Doug Gutwein, John Behny, Rudy Anderson, J Dehnary.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2020 County budget, Local Income Tax (LIT) distribution and time clock purchase.

IN RE: LOCAL INCOME TAX (LIT)

Nathan Origer, CDC, presented a spreadsheet with two options for making adjustments to the structure of our LIT rate and to the structure of our property tax relief credit rate based on information provided by Consultant Jeff Peters. The 3.38% income tax rate and the 1.18% property tax relief credit that subsidizes part the real estate tax bill was discussed.

A proposed ordinance regarding changes was presented and it was pointed out that a public hearing was needed before adoption of the ordinance.

The timing of the process was discussed briefly. Council will meet September 30th to make a determination on proceeding to the next step, the ordinance and notice of public hearing will be published the week of October 7 to qualify for the ten-day notice prior to the public hearing on October 21, 2019.

Kathi Thompson made a motion to schedule meetings for September 30, 2019 and October 21, 2019, Ken Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously. Both meetings will be at 7:00pm.

IN RE: TIME CLOCK

Auditor Wheeler explained the need for a new time clock system and the current discount being offered. Although Council supported this move at last year's budget, they did not agree with the purchase this year.

IN RE: 2020 BUDGET

Discussion continued on the 2020 Budget. Some issues involving Commissioners input are Ag exemption on building permits, EMA department, Townships contributing to ambulance services, and service contracts.

Clerk's office final budget \$168,653.00
 Auditor's office part time cut from \$20,000.00 to \$15,000.00 and overtime cut from \$2,000.00 to \$1500.00. Final budget \$163,343.00
 Treasurer's office final budget \$91,827.00
 Recorder's office part-time and over-time eliminated. Final budget \$75,733.00
 Sheriff's department had no cuts but 10% was proposed. Total budget for all funds within the Sheriff's department is about 3,000,000.00.
 Surveyor's office offered to cut field supplies and part-time help. Final budget \$121,198.00.
 Coroner's office cut equipment to \$2,500.00. Final budget \$76,201.00
 Assessor's office moved a part-time position to the reassessment fund. Final Budget \$154,505.00
 Prosecutor's office had proposed cut of one secretary and overtime to \$6,000.00 but not confirmed. Final budget \$175,025.00.
 Extension submitted extra cuts. Final budget \$146,571.00
 Veteran's Office had no change.
 Election Board had no changes due to Presidential election in 2020. Budget at \$70,100.00
 Drainage Board Final budget \$10,960.00
 Commissioners' budget had \$110,000.00 added for security. Final budget is at \$2,768,536.
 Information Technology (IT) consultant dropped from \$120,000.00 to \$83,000.00 which is enough to pay an IT director \$65,000.00/yr. + benefits. Cell phones cut to \$20,000.00. Final budget not determined.

Circuit Court Final budget \$633,328.00
Probation Final Budget \$191,611.00
Records/Microfilm's office under discussion for elimination but no decision made. Final budget \$20,025.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR Final budget of \$65,316.
EMA cut overtime to \$2,500.00, gas to \$1,000.00, equipment repair to \$1,000.00 and training to \$1,600.00. Final budget \$57,054.00
Solid Waste discussed taking out one part-time position and overtime and adding one full-time position. No decision made.
Animal Control Final Budget \$26,300.00
4D Program Final budget \$33,268.00
Sheriff's LIT SPECIAL PURPOSE Final budget is \$1,265,905.00
CDC office Final budget \$228,657.00

The following departments were discussed with no changes made: Planning Commission, COURTHOUSE, HISTORICAL Society, SUPERIOR COURT, EMS, Aviation, Soil & Water, and Health.

With no other business, Michael T. Tiede motioned to adjourned at 10:08pm and Ronald DeSabatine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Signed and dated this 12th day of November 2019.

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Jerry Sullivan

Michael T Tiede

Scott Hinkle

Kenneth Boswell

Ronald DeSabatine

Brian Young

Kathleen Thompson

ATTEST:

Laura M Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor