

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met for a regular session on September 09, 2019 (with a late start due to extended special session meeting) at 7:30pm EDST at the Pulaski County Highway Garage Training room, Winamac, IN 46996.

Council members present were Jerry (Jay) Sullivan, Michael T Tiede, Scott Hinkle, Ronald DeSabatine, Kathleen Thompson, Brian Young, and Auditor Laura Wheeler. Kenneth Boswell absent.

Also present were Steve Cotner, Heather Rogers, Michael Gallenberger, Virginia Kennedy, Dave Olds, John Masterson, Joe Moyer, Courtney Poor, Brian Young, Krysten Hinkle, Rocco Hinkle, Holly VanDerAa, Jerry Locke, Judge Mary Welker, Kenny Becker, Mia Salyers, Todd Samuelson, Nathan Origer, Douglas Hoover, JoLynn Behny, Judge Crystal Kocher, Rudy Anderson, McKenzie Lesley, Jack Cooper, Judy Heater, Jason Woodruff, Gary Kruger, Jeff Richwine.

IN RE: COUNTY HIGHWAY

Gary Kruger requested a transfer to pay for the rental of a 2018 Case Cx80 mini-excavator, as follows:

From: 34801	Bridge Repair	\$25,000.00	
To: 44101	Equipment		\$25,000.00

Ronald DeSabatine motioned to approve the transfer as presented and Mike Tiede seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: SPEED LIMIT

Jack Cooper requested the speed limit on 400N from 1400W to US 421 be lowered to 35 mph. This area has issues with speeders causing near accidents. He is also requesting crossing signs, deaf persons sign, horse crossing, and replacement of the two-way stop with a four-way stop 1400 because it is a school pickup point.

Brian Young motioned to approve a 4-way stop at 400N/1400W and a 35-mile per hour speed limit on 400N from 1400W to US 421. Kathleen Thompson seconded. The motion passed with a 4 to 2 vote in favor of the motion. Mike Tiede and Ronald DeSabatine opposed.

IN RE: SOIL AND WATER

Heather Rogers requested transfers to cover increase in full-time pay and overage in postage, as follows:

1000-0750 County General/Soil & Water

From: 11701 District Treasurer/Educator Coordinator	\$1,000.00	
From: 37300 Rents & Leases	\$1,000.00	
To: 10303 Secretary		\$2,000.00
From: 11701 District Treasurer/Educator Coordinator	\$100.00	
To: 10303 Secretary		\$100.00

Brian Young moved to approve the transfer as requested and Kathleen Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Jeff Richwine requested the following additional:

To cover the cost of Jail Sprinklers and access duct repairs:

1175-36100-0005 Misdemeanant/Sheriff	36100 Equipment Repair	\$4,500.00
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The Misdemeanant Fund are fees returned by the State and can be used for repairs or other items. The money is there but needs to be appropriated as not in his budget.

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To cover the cost of inmate medical services that were more than the contracted amount with Quality Correctional. The total charges were \$8,516.05 and half needs to come out of the Sheriff's budget.

1114-0005 LIT – Special Purpose/Sheriff	31600 Medical Expense	\$4,258.00
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Scott Hinkle motioned to approve both additional requests as presented for advertising, Ronald DeSabatine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Richwine explained the process that took place when a device was found in the Courthouse on Friday September 6th. It was found by maintenance in the basement, put in a bag, and taken to the annex. The Commissioners were advised and the annex and courthouse were closed until the following Monday. The State Police were called and the device was taken out of the building and put on the ground. Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms (ATF) and Department of Transportation (DOT) showed up within an hour. An X-ray did not show any kind of trigger but the device was sandbagged and shot with water, to attempt detonation. Explosive Ordinance Detection (EOD) ran dogs through the courthouse, but showed no alert. Maintenance went through all the trash for several hours. There were no problems with cooperation. The County has not received any threats nor claims for credit.

Further discussion pursued as to active shooter, bomb threats, tornado, etc. training and courthouse security.

Richwine acknowledged Cody Faust, who is going on active duty and will spend one year in Kuwait.

IN RE: MINUTES/WAGE ORDINANCE

Kathleen Thompson motioned to approve and sign August 12, 2019 regular session meeting, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Scott Hinkle made a motion to approve and sign July 29, 2019 special session minutes, Kathleen Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The following revised salary ordinances were presented for approval:

Per Hour change as follows:	From	To	Effective Date:
1000-0005 County General/Sheriff			
11101 Michelle Mitchell (3 years)	\$14.85	\$15.51	08/11/2019
1170-0301 LIT Public Safety/EMS			
10204 Cody Runk (FT to PT)	\$11.22	\$14.00	07/05/2019
10204 Jonathan Potter (FT to PT)	\$15.32	\$14.00	08/01/2019
10204 Cassandra Noble (status change)	\$11.22	\$15.32	07/17/2019
10204 Alex Donathan (PT to FT)	\$15.00	\$15.32	08/14/2019
1176-0530 Motor Vehicle Highway/Highway Administration			
10115 Terry Ruff (Status change)	\$19.86	\$18.86	09/01/2019
1176-0531 Motor Vehicle Highway/Maintenance & Repair			
10115 Dalton Button (seasonal part-time)	\$13.00	\$15.00	05/09/2019
10115 George Zellers (seasonal part-time)	\$13.00	\$15.00	06/17/2019
10115 Tommy Wallace (seasonal part-time)	\$13.00	\$15.00	05/28/2019
1176-0533 Motor Vehicle Highway/General & Undistributed			
10115 Lucas Rudicel (Status change)	\$16.88	\$17.08	08/05/2019

Mike Tiede motioned to approve the wage changes as presented, Scott Hinkle seconded and motion carried, with Jay Sullivan dissenting on part-time seasonal wage change.

IN RE: MATRIX

Wages discussed for employees holding a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and the aviation department. There was no agreement on CDL holders but the general consensus on the airport manager position was \$15.00 per hour.

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An additional full-time position for the Building Inspector discussed, but the majority of the Council agreed that the position should be left at part-time.

Recycling agreed to decrease part-time and overtime in order to add a full-time position. The Council consensus was full-time.

Health Department is also requesting an additional part-time position. Request denied.
Council denied a Secretary for Commissioners/Council.

Local Income Tax (LIT) reconfiguration discussed briefly.

Kathi Thompson suggested to meet for another budget hearing September 23, 2019 at 7:00pm to discuss budget and Local Income Tax.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Nathan Origer, CDC Director, addressed the Local Income Tax reconfiguration and stated that targeting Supplemental Homeowners Deduction hurts the residents of Pulaski County.

Rudy Anderson of Wallace Pork questioned giving raises to people who knew how much they were going get paid when they were hired and he believes this rewards poor behavior. His company pays \$4.00/hour more for CDL drivers and can't keep employees either.

Kathi Thompson made a motion at 9:28pm to adjourn, Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Signed and dated this 14th day of October 2019.

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Jerry Sullivan

Michael T Tiede

Scott Hinkle

ABSENT
Kenneth Boswell

Ronald DeSabatine

Briand Young

Kathleen Thompson

ATTEST: _____
Laura M Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor