

November 4, 2019

Regular Session

Pulaski County Commissioners

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:00pm EST at the Pulaski County Highway Garage Training room. Commissioners present were Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure, Auditor Laura Wheeler and Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Joe Moyer, Judge Crystal Kocher, Steve Morrison, Gary Kruger, John Simmermaker, Mark Harvey, Jolie Simmermaker, Pam Rausch, Kathi Thompson, Nathan Origer, Phil Woolery, Brandon DeLorenzo, Jerry Tuley, Laura Bailey, Brian Young, Doug Hoover, Ray Franko, Mia Salyers, Sara Kroft, Gary Kruger, Jeffrey Richwine, Mike Tiede.

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

IN RE: EMS

Brandon DeLorenzo presented the new lease agreement for the Francesville EMS base. Property is owned by the Town of Francesville and rent has increased from \$575.00 to \$650.00 per month due to higher utilities but Brandon felt it was still a good deal as utilities are included. Mike McClure made a motion to approve new lease as presented, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

A new power stretcher quote for \$18,474.40 presented for purchase approval. Their current stretchers are several years old and there have been patients who exceed the weight limit on these older models. There is money in the EMS budget if transfers approved by Council. Kenny Becker made a motion to approve the purchase of a new power stretcher, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

An emergency generator quote for \$9,300.00 and runs on natural gas presented for purchase approval. The generator does an automatic self-test and will automatically come on if electric goes out for 10 seconds. EMS has money in the budget for this purchase. Jerry Locke made a motion to approve purchase, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

Mia Salyers presented a quote from DeSabatine Brothers to do drainage work at the Recycling Center that has been a problem for many years. The quote is \$2,671.37 which will put new drain tile in the parking lot. Money is in the Maintenance budget. Jerry Locke made a motion for DeSabatine to do the drainage work at Recycling, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried.

IN RE: CASA

Sara Kroft presented the State CASA grant application for approval. The grant is for \$15,932.00 with a county match of \$40,000.00. The grant pays some of her salary and operating expense. Kenny Becker made a motion to approve the grant application, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Gary Kruger presented an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) re-imbusement extension request for approval and signatures. The County Highway ran out of time to submit repair invoices for the damage on County roads, when INDOT finished the project north of Medaryville. He presented an extension request for signatures so bills can be submitted for reimbursement. Kenny Becker made a motion to approve and sign the extension request, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kruger asked if he could invite bids for a new chip box. The Highway's current chip box is a 2002 and has had issues. Mike McClure made motion to open bids for a new chip box, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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Jeff Richwine presented a request for transfers as follows, explaining that the department is short staffed and he needs to cover staffing overtime.

1000-005 County General/Sheriff				
From:	10402	Deputy Salary	\$1,700.00	
To:	17004	Deputy OT		\$1,700.00
From:	11101	Jailer Salary	\$12,727.00	
To:	17004	Deputy OT		\$12,727.00
From:	22100	Gas/Oil	\$5,000.00	
To:	17004	Deputy OT		\$5,000.00
From:	11101	Jailer Salary	\$12,000.00	
To:	17002	Jailer OT		\$12,000.00
From:	11101	Jailer Salary	\$273.00	
To:	17001	Chief Jailer OT		\$273.00
From:	11102	Ass't Jail Commander	\$15,000.00	
To:	11505	Part Time Jailers	\$	15,000.00
Total Transfers equal			\$46,700.00	

Mike McClure made a motion to approve the following transfers, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried.

IN RE: MIKE TIEDE

Mike Tiede presented the following letter:

Pulaski County Courthouse

11/4/2019

Commissioners,

I'm coming before you as a county councilman and a constituent. I have had many people give me input from my district on the courthouse and your decision is a hard one.

Many just say:

- 1> Build a new FBI one and board the old one up.
- 2> Build a new FBI one and raze the courthouse.
- 3> Fix the existing courthouse.

I feel with the problem Pulaski County is having it is not a good time to spend money and go into debt. County officials would put a burden on taxpayers for many years.

My idea would be:

- 1 Fix the flashing on the roof, gutters and get the water away from the structure.
- 2 Put a maintenance free type vent in the bell tower there has to be a local shop that can make some type of vent to keep bats and birds out.
- 3 Clean the exterior I know Dye lumber has a product that is approved for stone. I have some in my truck that I have used just spray it on. I will let you do a test area for free. This will make the courthouse at least look better.
- 4 Make the single point of entry. Close off other doors.
- 5 Get security done some way with technology that doesn't require a person. I just feel Pulaski County cannot afford this burden.
- 6 Have someone local put new windows in. I get windows installed in residential houses for \$60. Each from subcontractors. Buy my windows at Dye less than 4200. Each.
- 7 This goes on and on!!!

This would take 10 years plus but old buildings cost every year.

I feel there will be lots of opposition to raze the courthouse. But many don't have good memories of the courthouse, most residents pay taxes and or have court issues. So many don't care.

You Commissioners have a hard job and I would like to thank you. You catch heck and many decisions are out of your control.

Signed by Mike Tiede

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There was further discussion on the Courthouse situation and the options presented by Rowland Designs.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Information Technology (IT) and DeGroot Technology discussed briefly with comments from Kathleen Thompson, Judge Kocher, and Laura Bailey.

IN RE: CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Mike McClure made a motion to approve and sign the claims and payroll, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: MINUTES

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve and sign minutes from 10/7/2019 and 10/21/2019 meetings, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: MEDARYVILLE FIRE STATION PROJECT

A letter to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was presented for signatures regarding Medaryville Fire Station Project, DHPA #24364 finding "No Historic Properties Affected". Mike McClure made a motion to sign the letter as presented, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Pulaski County/Purdue Extension agreement presented for approval and signatures. Kenny Becker made a motion to sign the Extension Contractual Services Agreement with Purdue University, Jerry Locke second and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: TRANSFERS

Mike McClure made a motion to approve the following transfers, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

1000-003	TREASURER		
	From: 30500	Tax Statement Processing	\$225.00
	To: 36100	Equipment Repair	\$225.00
	From: 30500	Tax Statement Processing	\$500.00
	To: 36100	Equipment Repair	\$500.00
2100-235	PROBATION		
	From: 11512	Supplemental Adult, Office Adm	\$6,000.00
	To: 11500	Part time secretary	\$6,000.00

IN RE: CYBER SECURITY

Gene Timm presented a new quote on Cyber Security at \$11,500.00 annually. After questions were answered, Mike McClure made a motion to purchase the Cyber Security Insurance immediately, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CULVER AMBULANCE AGREEMENT

Emergency Services Agreement renewal with Town of Culver was presented, raising the cost of \$6000.00 to \$6500.00 annually. Culver covers Tippecanoe Township. Mike McClure motioned to table for further investigation. Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Mike McClure had previously made a motion to appoint Gary Kruger acting Superintendent until the end of the year. Right now Gary is not getting Superintendent pay. Mike made a motion to rescind his prior motion and made a new motion to give Gary Kruger the Highway Superintendent's position and pay retroactive to September 1, 2019. Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

December 25 and 26, 2019 were approved holidays for 2019; but Jerry Locke motioned to amend that schedule to December 24 and 25, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Mike McClure made a motion to adjourn at 6:59pm, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Signed and dated this 18th day of November 2019.

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Kenny Becker

Jerry Locke

Mike McClure

ATTESTED by: _____
Laure M Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor