

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Council met Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Councilmembers present were Jerry Sullivan, Michal Tiede, Scott Hinkle, Ron DeSabatine, Brian Young, Ken Boswell, Kathi Thompson and Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were Holly Van Der Aa, Judge Mary Welker, Sue Fox, Marcie Perry, Rose Criswell, Terri Hansen, Celinda Briney, Dean Neal, M L Keller, Jerome Keller, Patricia Sullivan, Carroll Lange, Steve Cotner, Nathan Origer, Krystal Hinkle, Sheri Gaillard, Jeff Johnston, JoLynn Behny, Michael Gallenberger, Joe Moyer, Melanie Berger, Courtney Poor, Sue Rosenbaum, Deb DeScheppers, Mike Haschel, Kyle Shefik, Mike McClure, MacKenzie Ledley, Kim Russell, Jerry Locke, John Kocher, Bill Kocher, Chris Larkin, Mike Sehstedt, Emma Myers, Teresa Bryant, Judge Crystal Kocher, Douglas Hoover, Jenny Keller, Sean McGill, Kelly Gaumer, Elaine Zedder.

President Jerry Sullivan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the special session was to discuss the proposed 2020 Budgets.

**IN RE: SPECIAL LIT BUDGET**

The Sheriff's budget under LIT – Special Purpose reviewed. Cuts suggested for overtime from \$22,000.00 to \$15,000.00 and a 10% across the board, except wages. After further discussion, the general consensus through a raise of hands was 4-3 for a 10% cut off Special LIT on Sheriff's Department, except wages. A new vehicle budgeted for \$30,000.00 was eliminated. Total reduction \$93,000.00.

**IN RE: COUNTY GENERAL:**

The Clerk's budget discussed but no changes made.

Microfilm discussed for elimination. Ronald DeSabatine motioned to eliminate the Microfilm Department and Scott Hinkle seconded. Motion passed with Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Scott Hinkle and Jay Sullivan in favor. Kenneth Boswell, Brian Young, and Kathleen Thompson opposed.

The Sheriff's budget under County General reviewed. Suggestions to cut overtime from \$75,000.00 to \$55,000.00, a second overtime from \$18,000.00 to \$15,000.00, Chief Jailer OT from \$4,000.00 to \$3,000.00, and Matron overtime reduced to \$2,000.00. Total cut is \$25,000.00 with most agreeing.

PERF discussed briefly but the overall savings would only be \$14,000.00 and most of the board was not in favor of this cut.

Ronald DeSabatine suggested the elimination of the CDC Secretary. Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Scott Hinkle and Jerry Sullivan in favor of dissolving the position. Kenneth Boswell, Brian Young, and Kathleen Thompson opposed.

The Commissioners budget discussed at length. Fair board, fair premiums, and Human Service donations moved from County General into Economic Development. Brian Young motioned to cut Fair Board to \$6,000.00 but died for lack of second. It was agreed to cut professional services 10%.

Courthouse security discussed and cut from \$110,000.00 to \$60,000.00.

The maintenance budget cut 5% except wages.

The County Health Savings Accounts contribution discussed but no changes were made.

Most opposed cutting the Sheriff's 2nd administrative Secretary, who is part time clerical.

Soil & Water discussed with no changes.

**IN RE: LIT ORDINANCE**

The Local Income Tax configuration and Jail Bond legislation discussed at length.

Sean McGill of Baker-Tilly spoke on behalf of the Town of Winamac and Pulaski County Public Library. Kathi made a motion to go with Option 2B.

Kenneth Boswell motioned to draft an ordinance in consideration of reconfiguring the Local Income Tax (LIT), schedule a public hearing October 21, 2019, and publish the public hearing. Ronald DeSabatine seconded and motion carried with Michael T. Tiede and Jerry (Jay) Sullivan opposed.

The County Wage and Salary MATRIX for 2020 discussed. Brian Young made a motion that that the County Commissioners and County Council salaries be cut by 5%. Kathleen Thompson seconded, but Ronald DeSabatine suggested to make it 10% and Brian Young amended his motion accordingly and added all boards. Kathleen Thompson seconded and motion carried with Michael T. Tiede opposed.

Information Technology (IT) discussed further. Brian Young made a motion to create an IT Department, Kathleen Thompson seconded. The vote was 2-5. All opposed except Kathleen Thompson and Brian Young. Motion did not carry.

With no further business, Ronald DeSabatine made a motion to adjourn at 8:42PM and Michael T. Tiede seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Signed and dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

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Jerry Sullivan

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Michael T Tiede

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Scott Hinkle

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Kenneth Boswell

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Ronald DeSabatine

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Brian Young

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Kathleen Thompson

ATTEST:

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Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor