

DECEMBER 16, 2019

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday December 16, 2019 at 8:30AM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Ken Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure, Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were McKenzie Ledley, Virginia Kennedy, Kathi Thompson, Douglas Hoover, Gene Timm, Sheri Gaillard, William McBee, Sheriff Jeff Richwine.

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

IN RE: SOLAR ADJUSTMENTS ORDINANCE

Doug Hoover presented the following Pulaski County Ordinance 2019-08 for approval:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE
UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF PULASKI COUNTY**

WHEREAS THE PULASKI COUNTY ACVISORY PLAN COMMISSION (PCAPC) DID ON 25 NOVEMBER 2019 HOLD A REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING AND AT SAID MEETING DID CONSIDER TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF PULASKI COUNTY ('UDO'), ORDINANCE 2017-03 (AS AMENDED), DURING A LEGALLY ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING AND DID APPROVE SAID AMENDMENTS AT SAID MEETING FOLLOWING SAID HEARING;

WHEREAS SAID AMENDMENTS WERE INITIATED BY THE PCAPC

WHEREAS THE PCAPC DID FAVORABLY CERTIFY SAID AMENDMENTS;

WHEREAS THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE ATTACHED HERETO;

WHEREAS ALL STATUTORY OBLICATIONS PERTAINING TO THIS PROCESS WERE MET; AND

WHEREAS THE PCAPC DID RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ('BOARD') REAFFIRM ITS APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE UDO PERTAINING TO WIND-ENERGY CONVERGENCE SYSTEMS PROPOSED BY THE PCAPC AND AMENDED BY THE BOARD IN 2018,

SO BE IT ORDAINED THAT;

THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF PULASKI COUNTY, WITH THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF PULASKI COUNTY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED BY THE PCAPC, DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND ATTACHED HERETO. AS AMENDED HEREBY, THE UDO SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON 1 JANUARY 2020. THE EFFECTIVE DATE IS BASED ON THE PASSAGE AND NOTICE OF ADOPTION AS REQUIRED BY LAW. UNTIL SAID DATE, THE UDO, AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS, AS ORDINANCE 2017-03, AS ADOPTED ON 18 DECEMBER 2017 AND AS AMENDED, SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA, 16 OF DECEMBER 2019.

Ordinance 2019-08 broadens the UDS for Solar. The changes include requiring a commercial solar company to appear before the BZA for a hearing if they want to do business in Pulaski County and a rate schedule. An individual or local business wanting to use solar must acquire a building/commercial permit.

Mike McClure made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented, Jerry Locke seconded and motion passed unanimously.

IN RE: EMA

Sheri Gaillard of EMA presented an updated Hazardous Materials Response Plan with changes to the facilities, chemical updates they are reporting, and responder names. This was approved by the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) on November 13, 2019. Ken Becker made a motion to approve the Hazardous Material Plan as presented, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The LEPC received a \$2,000.00 match free grant from Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) to be used for training all first responders in Pulaski County and out of County.

Pink flagging tape was purchased in order to cooperate with Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) "In Time Initiative" to reduce responder exposure in the Winter months. Example: The first person to an abandoned vehicle will tag vehicle with the pink tape. This will reduce exposure to other agencies as multiple people will not be checking out the vehicle. All Fire Departments, Sheriff, EMS, Winamac PD and County Highway will have the tape.

IN RE: AUDITOR

Auditor Laura Wheeler requested permission to purchase a new special check printer to replace the one currently used in the Auditor's office which is not working properly. The machine is quoted at \$730.00 from DeGroot Technology and there is money left in the 2019 budget for the purchase. Ken Becker made a motion to approve purchase, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Superintendent Gary Kruger reviewed the chip spreader bid from Southeastern and it is exactly what they need. Ken Becker made a motion to approve the purchase from Southeastern, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mackenzie Ledley appeared on behalf of the Pulaski County Library Board to discuss the back parking lot of the Library, part of which is owned by the County. The Library Board intends to crack fill and seal the parking lot and wants to know if the County is interested in do the same to their portion of the parking lot. Jerry Locke make a motion to do the complete parking lot, Mike McClure second and motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners agreed to allow the Library to use the scanner located in the Microfilm room as long as nothing is removed.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Richwine discussed the Court House renovation plan and Security possibilities.

IN RE: INSURANCE

Gene Timm explained the County's Workman's Compensation coverage. Indiana Public Employer's Plan (IPEP), the current Workman's Compensation provider has chosen not to renew coverage for Pulaski County. With an experience rate of 1.49, no other commercial carrier was willing to provide the County with this coverage. After further discussion of Workman's Compensation Insurance issues, Kenny Becker motioned to approve a plan provided by the State Pool with a standard premium of \$161,256.00 and an immediate down payment for \$34,009.47 from County General and \$7,977.53 from the Highway. Jerry Locke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Blinkenstaff of Bliss McKnight explained other insurance concerns including Casualty insurance which excludes terrorism. Ken Becker made a motion to renew the casualty insurance as presented with a \$1,000.00 deductible and excluding terrorism coverage. Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Tankersley commended Bliss McKnight for the services and training they provide.

IN RE: COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES

William McBee wishes to purchase four lots that adjoin his residence near Monterey. Mike McClure made a motion to approve the purchase by William McBee at \$25.00 per parcel, Ken Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IN RE: CLAIMS AND PAYROLL/MINUTES

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

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve and sign the December 2, 2019 minutes, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

As there was no other business to discuss, Jerry Locke made a motion to adjourn at 9:24AM, Ken Becker seconded and motion carried.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ken Becker

Jerry Locke

Mike McClure

ATTEST: _____
Laura M Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor