

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 21, 2020 8:30am at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure with Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Mia Salyers, Teresa Bryant, Terry Young, Gene Timm, Tyler Gutwein, Douglas Hoover, Kathi Thompson, Brandon DeLorenzo, Joe Williams, Jon Frain, Dr. Natalie Federer, Judge Mary Welker, Jeff Richwine, and Gary Kruger.

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

**IN RE: BOARD OF FINANCE**

Teresa Bryant, Treasurer, opened the meeting for the Board of Finance of Pulaski County. The first order of business is the election of officers: Jerry Locke nominated Mike McClure for President, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried. Kenny Becker nominated Teresa Bryant as Secretary, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried.

Teresa Bryant reported on Pulaski County investments, which earned interest in 2019 of \$115,542.73 compared to 2018 interest earned of \$72,743.86. Total interest earned on all bank accounts in 2019 was \$471,520.77 compared to \$316,512.19 in 2018. Pulaski County earned almost \$200,000.00 more interest in 2019 than in 2018. The following 2018/2019 comparison investment register was then presented for approval.

**Invested Funds:**

<b>Fund #</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
1112 LIT Economic Development	10,231.80	15,914.71
1125 Congressional School Principal	441.04	685.97
1135 Cumulative Bridge	17,641.05	27,439.15
1138 Cumulative Capital Development	8,820.53	13,719.56
1142 Cumulative Jail	2,320.00	3,904.35
1158 General Drain Improvements	12,000.00	20,195.02
1169 Local Road & Street	882.05	1,371.95
1176 Motor Vehicle Highway	7,107.12	10,770.68
2700 Drainage Maintenance	<u>13,300.27</u>	21,541.34
<b>Total Interest Earned on Investments</b>	<b>\$72,743.86</b>	<b>\$115,542.73</b>
<b>Total Interest Earned on Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$316,512.19</b>	<b>\$471,520.77</b>
<b>Total Interest Earned per Year</b>	<b>\$389,256.05</b>	<b>\$587,063.50</b>

Mike McClure made a motion to accept the investment register as presented, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Teresa Bryant then presented the Pulaski County Investment Policy for the year of 2020, which is the same as in prior years except it includes an expiration date as required by the state.

**Pulaski County Investment Policy**

**For the year of 2020**

**1. Scope**

This investment policy, which was adopted by the Pulaski County Board of Finance, supersedes any previous investment policy and applies to all financial assets of the County.

**2. Policy**

It is the policy of Pulaski County to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment returns with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the County and conforming to all state and local statutes governing the investment of public funds.

**3. Prudence**

The investments shall be made with the judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be deprived.

-The standard of prudence to be used by the Treasurer shall be the prudent person standard and shall be applied in the context of

managing the overall investment.

- Under no circumstances may the Treasurer invest in a derivative, Or other funds prohibited by law. The Treasurer shall also not Make investments which s/he does not reasonably believe can be Held until the maturity date or leverage any investment.

#### **4. Objectives**

The primary objectives, in priority order, of the County's investment activities shall be as follows:

- Safety: Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the Investment program. Investments of the County's funds shall be Undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of Capital in the overall portfolio.
- Return on investment: The County's investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles taking into account the county's investment risk constraints and the cash flow Characteristics of the portfolio
- Local Institutions: Local institutions maintaining an office in Indiana shall be given preference when, in the judgment of the Treasurer, they are equally competitive with other institutions.

#### **5. Authorized Investments**

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to invest the portfolio according to the state statutes Governing public funds as stated in IC 5-13 as stated now and amended in the future. As Stated in IC 5-13-9-2, allowable securities are:

- 1) Securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Treasury or fully Guaranteed by the United States and issued by any of the following:
  - a) The United States Treasury.
  - b) A federal agency.
  - c) A federal instrumentality.
  - d) A federal government sponsored enterprise.
- 2) Securities fully guaranteed and issued by any of the following:
  - a) A federal agency.
  - b) A federal instrumentality.
  - c) A federal government sponsored enterprise.

- 3) Municipal securities issued by an Indiana local governmental entity, a quasi-governmental entity related to the state, or a unit of government, municipal corporation, or special taxing district in Indiana, if the issuer has not defaulted on any of the issuer's obligations within the twenty (20) years preceding the date of the purchase.

#### **6. Final Maturity**

In accordance with IC 5-13-9-5.7, The investment of Public Funds in maturities by greater than two (2) years but no more than five (5) years shall be limited to not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total portfolio of public funds invested by the County, including balances in transaction accounts. The remainder of the portfolio shall mature no longer than two (2) years from the investment settlement date.

Duly adopted by the Board of Finance, County of Pulaski, State of Indiana, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2020.

Mike made a motion to accept the policy as presented, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Teresa presented a list of outstanding warrants over 2 years old amounting to \$2,700.00 give or take, that can be receipted back into the general fund. Kenny Becker made a motion to approve, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Becker motioned to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

#### **IN RE: JDAI GRANT**

A letter presented for approval and signatures that authorizes Mary Welker permission to sign the JDAI grant application. The grant is used to keep juveniles out of detention. It is an "At Risk" program called "Why Try" to keep kids engaged in school and also deal with truancy. In 2017, Pulaski County spent over \$30,000.00 to keep juveniles in secured detention.

#### **IN RE: BUILDING**

Doug Hoover reported that there is an opening on the APC board. Tyler Gutwein and Kristin Hinkle are both interested and it is up to the commissioners to make this appointment. Mike McClure motioned to appoint Tyler Gutwein, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Also, Derek Staulbaum's term on the BZA Board has expired and has requested to be reappointed. Jerry Locke made a motion to reappoint Derek Staulbaum to the BZA board, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: MAINTENANCE**

Maintenance Director Mia Salyers, requested an amendment to the County Privacy Policy that would allow the Maintenance Director and/or maintenance department to have access to view the Courthouse basement level camera footage for monitoring employees. County Attorney Kevin Tankersley assigned to amend the policy.

Courthouse Security discussed briefly and Mia Salyers was asked to go before the Council to request a new position for security.

Maintenance has discovered surplus of printers, monitors, fixtures, furniture. Roeing Corp should go through the computer equipment before any disposition and the consensus was to hold a silent auction in Spring 2020.

**IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER**

The work release program was discussed at length. Rowland architects provided \$450,000.00 plan to renovate the Justice Center basement that would house 30 people with a small section set aside for females. Sheriff Richwine requested permission to move forward with the renovation and implement a Work Release program. All three Commissioners said that they were in favor.

**IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Terry Young stated that recent proposed antigun laws and activities in other Counties as well as other States have been organizing and he was asked to read the following letter:

**Gentlemen of the Board:**

**The people of Pulaski County who support the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment intend to present a resolution for an ordinance making Pulaski County a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary County. An agenda request has been submitted and pending approval to be heard and considered on February 3, 2020. We trust we have your support. Thank you.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Supporters of Pulaski County**

Three Indiana Counties have already passed this. More information will be presented at the February meeting.

**IN RE: CORONER**

Jon Frain reported on 2019 activities within the Coroner's office. There were 149 recorded deaths and 46 investigated cases.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

**A financial commitment letter** was presented for approval and signatures for the Community Crossings Grant application. This is a 75-25 percent project. Pulaski County's 25% will be approximately \$133,000.00. Mike McClure made a motion to approve the commitment letter as presented, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

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

**IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST**

Jerry Locke motioned to approve the following conference request, Mike McClure seconded and motion passed unanimously.

**IN RE: BOND APPROVAL**

Mike McClure motioned to approve bonds for Assessor, Recorder, a Blanket Bond correction, and Building Inspector. Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: TAX SALE RESOLUTION/MINIMUM BID**

The following tax sale resolution was presented for approval and signatures.

**RESOLUTION 2020-01**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT TO CONDUCT A COMMISSIONERS' SALE TO SELL TAX SALE CERTIFICATES FOR PROPERTIES THAT ARE SEVERLY DELINQUENT IN PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS there are several properties in Pulaski County that are severely delinquent in the payment of property taxes, having been offered for tax sales and which received no bids equal to or in excess of minimum sale price. The parcel numbers of those properties being attached to this resolution as "EXHIBIT A", and

WHEREAS there is an assessed value associated with these properties for taxation purposes, but no taxes are being collected, therefor causing a lower than expected tax distribution to those taxing units and taxing districts within which the properties are located, and

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Commissioners desire to have these properties back on the tax rolls with taxes being collected, and

WHEREAS, IC 6-1.1-24-6, *et seq.* allows for the Pulaski County Commissioners to acquire a lien on those delinquent properties and receive issuance of the tax sale certificates for those properties, without taking title to the properties, there limiting the liability and cost normally associated with taking title.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners that the County Executive shall acquire liens and receive tax certificates of the properties listed on "EXHIBIT A" that are severely delinquent and sell said certificates at a properly advertised Commissioner Tax Certificate sale.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners this 21st day of January 2020.

Mike McClure motioned to approve Resolution 2020-01 and to set a \$50.00 minimum bid, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried. The date has not yet been set.

**IN RE: WINDOWS 7 UPDATE**

Microsoft announced that Windows 7 will no longer be supported, which means that approximately 45 computers throughout the County need to be upgraded. Mike McClure motioned approve the upgrades and to take the money out of the IT budget. Kenny Becker seconded and motion passed unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Jerry made a motion to adjourn at 7:03pm, Mike seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Approved and signed this 18th day of February, 2020.

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Kenny Becker, President

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Jerry Locke, Vice-President

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Mike McClure

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Wheeler, Pulaski County Auditor