

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

JOINT SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in joint session Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke and Mike McClure, Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Councilmembers present were Jay Sullivan, Ken Boswell, Scott Hinkle, Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Brian Young and Kathi Thompson.

Also present were Virginia Kennedy, John Masterson, Gary Kruger, Todd Samuelson, Kim Blanchet, Randy Rompola, Todd Zeiger, Adam Loehmer, Maurice Loehmer, Judge Mary Welker, Jon Frain, Terri Hansen, Sheriff Jeff Richwine, and Nathan Origer.

Kenny Becker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: COURTHOUSE

Kevin Tankersley introduced Kim Blanchet and Randy Rompola from Barns & Thornburg LLP, a law firm specializing in bonding issues. The Courthouse renovation project will involve an architect/engineer for the design, a financial municipal advisor who devises a payment plan, and bond counsel who does all the legal requirements to fund the project. Bond Counsel will prepare timetables, work with Municipal Advisor, get notice to newspapers in a timely manner, work with the County Attorney and prepare a letter of recommendation to the lender to get tax exempt status. They work off a fixed flat fee which is built into the bond and is not dependent on the project cost.

Borrowing against County Certificates of Deposit were discussed briefly and determined that it is possible with some restraint.

Todd Samuelson from Baker-Tilly (formerly Umbaugh) explained their services as municipal advisors specializing in financing. There are multiple options available to finance this project. The County potentially can use Local Income Tax (LIT) and property taxes but is not considered sufficient. Baker-Tilly would reach out to a rating agency and also prepare a prospectus. Even after bonds are sold, they will have to file disclosures until the bonds are retired. Fees will be part of the bond issue. Baker-Tilly works on an hourly rate with a not to exceed cap. The County's financial problems could affect the rate.

Nicky Franklin, Chief Operating Officer of Peters Municipal Consultants, appeared representing Jeff Peters Municipal Consultants. They are the current financial planner for Pulaski County and would be a little less expensive as they have already done the financial analysis.

Keeping Rowland Design as architect and offices in the annex building also discussed further.

Mike McClure made a motion to continue with Rowland, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

On behalf of the commissioners, Jerry Locke motioned to approve the December 9, 2019 Joint session minutes as presented, seconded by Mike McClure and motion carried unanimously.

Kathi Thompson motioned for Council to approve the December 9, 2019 minutes as presented, Jay Sullivan seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: DATA PIT STOP

Mike Tiede presented a quote from Data Pit Stop in the amount of \$10,000.00 for software that offers tax change visuals, ditch maintenance management, and fixed asset management just to name a few. After further discussion and Auditor Wheeler offering to pay for this out of the Plat book fee funds, Mike McClure motioned to approve the Auditor's purchase of this software, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: TRAINING

Parliamentary procedure training discussed briefly with no end result. Mike McClure made a motion to table the subject to investigate other options, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Mike McClure made a motion for the Commissioners to adjourn at 7:35PM, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Jay Sullivan made a motion to adjourn for Council, Kathi Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 13th day of April 2020.

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Kenny Becker

Michael Tiede

Jerry Locke

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Mike McClure

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ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Auditor, Pulaski County