

MARCH 16, 2020

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 16, 2020 8:30AM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure with Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Nathan Origer, Mia Salyers, Gary Kruger, Jeff Richwine, Michael Gallenberger, Jenny Keller, Teresa Bryant, Sheri Gaillard, Chuck Mellon, Rebecca Kinder, Maurice Loehmer, JoLynn Behny, Terri Hansen, and Rex Allman.

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

IN RE: CDC

Nathan Origer along with Bill & Rebecca Kinder presented a Revolving Fund Loan (RFL) request. The Kinders will be using the money to finance a coffee shop, bakery, eatery and country general store called B&B Country Market. The CDC approved the loan pending County Attorney's review of collateral. Jerry Locke made motion to approve a \$40,000.00 loan to the Kinders as requested, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Opening will be dependent on the effects of the coronavirus.

Several years ago, a forgivable loan was made to Winamac Coil Spring to purchase/remodel the Controls/Chesapeake Recycling property. There are certain terms they must meet every year in order to keep the loan forgivable and make a report every March 1st. They are required to have 15 full time employees and have 17 right now.

While CDC does not need any formal approval, the Commissioners are able to voice their objection to appointments to the CDC board. There were 3 people who expressed interest in the at-large seat and Blake Kasten was appointed. Commissioners had no objections.

Other revolving loans were discussed briefly and Origer announced the annual CDC meeting will be postponed to August 2020.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE

Mia Salyers announced building assignments of her staff and department training regarding cleaning and disinfecting. She will be on leave of absence starting April 16th for a minimum of two weeks and maximum of six weeks and be on light duty for 12 weeks. Frances Czech will take over and will have access to her phone and email.

Courthouse signage discussed briefly.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Pulaski County Highway Summer hours were discussed at length but there was no decision made.

Kruger commented that the airport runway was getting resealed and also asked about purchasing a used pickup. The commissioners had no objection.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Jeff Richwine reported that the jail has been shut down to all outside visitors and all programs stopped due to COVID-19 virus pandemic. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is being used by deputies and arrest procedures upgraded.

The west parking lot discussed briefly and will be investigated further

IN RE: HEALTH

Terri Hansen and Rex Allman gave an update on the coronavirus. There are a limited number of tests available and it takes 1 – 2 days for results. More closures are expected and standard work rules will need adjusted.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Theresa Bryant, Treasurer, announced that property tax statements will be going out the first week in April. Her staff will be minimal due to the coronavirus and property tax payments can be made at local banks, on-line or by mail.

The Courthouse single point of entry discussed as there have been numerous complaints concerning confusion on where the entrance is located. Consensus is to have better signage and make no other change at this time.

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

Jerry Locke made a motion to approve and sign the March 2, 2020 minutes, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Kenny Becker made a motion to adjourn at 9:27am, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried with a 2 to 1 vote. Mike McClure dissenting.

Approved and signed this 6th day of April 2020.

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Kenny Becker

Jerry Locke

J Michael McClure

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Auditor, Pulaski County, IN