

**MARCH 9, 2020**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Council members present were Ken Boswell, Mike Tiede, Ron DeSabatine, Scott Hinkle, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young, Jerry Sullivan, and Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were Terry Young, Jerry Locke, Maurice Loehmer, Michael Gallenberger, Celinda Briney, Nathan Origer, Renee Calabrese, Judge Crystal Kocher, Jolie Simmermaker, John Simmermaker, Brandon DeLorenzo, Adam Loehmer, Rex Allman, Terri Hansen, Jeff Richwine, Judge Mary Welker, and Kenny Becker.

President Ken Boswell opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: HEALTH**

Terri Hansen presented a breakdown on how she wants to spend the left over Local Health Maintenance Fund grant money. The need for overtime was questioned and discussed. Kathleen Thompson motioned to advertise the additional request of 39,500.00. More discussion pursued on the request for part-time help, telephones, and laptops. It was advised by both DeGroot Technology and Roeing Corporation to deny spending on any electronic equipment until purchasing policies could be put in place. Terri Hansen agreed to wait on these purchases until plans can be put in place. Brian Young then seconded the motion to advertise the additional. Motion carried with a 5 to 1 vote. Ron DeSabatine dissenting.

The compressor in the Health Department's State mandated freezer/refrigerator, used for storing immunizations, went out and the serviceman said it is not worth fixing. Hansen said that she contacted the State and asked for an emergency \$6000.00 to cover the cost of a new freezer \$4,800.00, shipping \$600.00, and the service call \$400.00. Jay Sullivan made a motion to advertise for an additional \$6,000.00, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: EMS**

In 2019, \$135,000.00 was budgeted for the EMS building addition. The first installment of \$19,225.00 was paid plus permits and drawings. The total cost of new building is \$76,900.00 so an additional of \$57,675.00 is needed. Jay Sullivan made a motion to advertise the additional request, Kathi Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: JUSTICE CENTER**

The work release center project, Narcan training, and security discussed further. No final decisions were made.

**IN RE: JDAI**

Judge Welker explained the changes in the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) grant and request to use \$15,000.00 from the Juvenile Probation User Fees fund to supplement program coordination fees. Brian Young made a motion to approve the additional for advertising and Kathi Thompson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

A Resolution to Surrender Custody of the County Congressional Township School Fund was presented for approval and signatures. The County holds \$25,000.00 in a CD for this fund, which pays 2.45% interest, but the State requires the County to pay them 4%. Kathleen Thompson motioned to approve and sign the resolution as presented, Jay Sullivan seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Security discussed at length with no final decisions, with the general consensus being to discuss further at the Joint Session in April.

The Courthouse Renovation discussed and Kathleen Thompson motioned to approve funding of the 2A project option. Jay Sullivan seconded and after several questions and further discussion the motion passed with a 5 to 1 vote. Mike Tiede dissenting.

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**REGULAR SESSION (continued)**

Auditor Laura Wheeler requested another \$500.00 additional on behalf of the Drug Free Community Fund. Mike Tiede made a motion to approve the additional for advertising as requested, Kathi Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nathan Origer announced that CDC's annual dinner will be 6:30 PM Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at Medaryville Christian Church annex. Speaker will be Dr. Michael Hicks, a Ball State economist.

The work release program discussed briefly.

With no other business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Approved and signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

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**KENNETH BOSWELL**

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**RON DESABATINE**

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**JERRY (JAY) SULLIVAN**

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**SCOTT HINKLE**

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**MICHAEL T TIEDE**

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**KATHLEEN THOMPSON**

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**BRIAN YOUNG**

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
**LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY**