

**APRIL 13, 2020**

**JOINT SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in Joint Session April 13, 2020 at 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioner Ken Becker and Councilmember Ken Boswell were present with Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Those present by phone were Commissioners Jerry Locke, Mike McClure and Councilmembers Ron DeSabatine, Scott Hinkle, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young, Jerry Sullivan and Mike Tiede.

Also present were Nathan Origer, Amber Thomlinson, Kyle Hurd, Jeff Richwine, and Deputy Chris Schramm.

Ken Becker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

**IN RE: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Wendy Rose, Executive Director of the Pulaski County Community Foundation, accompanied by Vicky Overmyer and Greg Mallott presented the 2019 "Conversations with Our Community" report. They have created a 3-year event to progress Pulaski County leadership, starting this summer through the Summer of 2022. This requires a local commitment to put the plan in action and meet the needs addressed in the report. They will be seeking financial assistance from the Council, Towns and local entities. This initiative will first look at the leadership of Pulaski County, second is courses through Ball State University Indiana Community Institute, third is focus on elected officials in Pulaski County, and fourth is our non-profit leaders. Amy Beechy will be hired as the project coordinator to oversee the initiative.

The total cost of this project is around \$180,000.00 of which \$100,000 will be covered by a grant from the Lily Foundation. The Pulaski County Council is asked to commit by August 2020, \$10,000.00 annually for the next three years.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Minutes from the February 10, 2020 Joint Session and the March 18, 2020 Joint Emergency Meeting were presented for approval and signing. Mike McClure made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to approve and sign the minutes as presented, Ken Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kathi Thompson made a motion on behalf of the Council to approve and sign the minutes as presented, Brian Young second and motion carried unanimously.

An employment policy handbook amendment to change County Highway work hours to eight hours per day, five days per week, year round with a paid 20-minute lunch period presented. The amendment reads as follows:

**Amendment #3 to Pulaski County Personnel Policies Handbook dated September 11, 2017**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and County Council desire to make an amendment to the Pulaski County Personnel Policies Handbook and;

WHEREAS, under Salary Administration, Section 3.2, Work Hours, the Highway Department shall now read as follows:

Highway: Employees will work 40 hours per week Monday through Friday 7:00am – 3:00pm with a twenty (20) minute paid lunch period scheduled at the discretion of the Department Head.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AMENDED by the Board of Pulaski County Commissioners and the Pulaski County Council that the above language shall be included and a part of the Pulaski County Personnel Policy Handbook. This amendment shall be posted for at least ninety days throughout the offices of the County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

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Mike McClure made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to approve the employment policy handbook amendment as presented, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried with a 2 to 1 vote. Ken Becker dissenting.

Kathi Thompson motioned to approve the employment policy handbook amendment on behalf of Council, Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Nathan Origer reported that with all the businesses closed in the state of Indiana, the State Office of Community & Rural Affairs has a Special Community Development Block Grant available in response to the pandemic. The deadline to submit a letter of intent is April 14, 2020 (tomorrow). Very little local match and cost are required and can come out of CDC budget. This money would provide 0% loans or grants for small businesses.

Ken Becker made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to give Nathan approval to submit a letter of intent, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kathi Thompson made the same motion on behalf of the Council, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Ken Becker made a motion to adjourn at 6:44pm on behalf of the Commissioners, Jerry Locke second and motion carried unanimously.

Kathi Thompson made the same motion on behalf of the Council, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 8th day of June 2020.

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

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