

**JUNE 15, 2020**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday June 15, 2020 at 8:30AM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Ken Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure with Auditor Laura Wheeler and Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Maurice Loehmer, Judge Mary Welker, Steve Gregory, Crystal Kocher, Kathi Thompson, Dave Bennett, Gene Timm, Jeff Richwine, Michael Smith, and Eric Dreyfus.

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

**IN RE: HEALTH INSURANCE**

Steve Gregory of Shepherd Insurance presented renewal information on the County's Health Insurance Plan, which expires 8/1/2020. Year to Date claims paid is \$1,383,627.40 with about \$814,000.00 in premiums paid. Specific Stop-Loss Benefits are \$510,482.43. These are claims that are above the County's \$50,000.00 Stop-Loss deductible. The County has had 11 claims that have exceeded the County's Stop-loss deductible, totaling \$1,060,482.43. Reinsurance paid out \$510,482.43. Only six exceeded the deductible in 2019.

The Current CIGNA policy has 88 employees with an annual premium of \$1,085,742.00 total premium. CIGNA's renewal came in at \$1,562,729. (43.93% increase) but was negotiated down to \$1,296,087. (19.37% increase). An alternative CIGNA quote with higher deductibles and co-pay was offered as well quotes from other companies.

Employee contributions of \$249,961.00 remains the same for the current policy as last year. The County is making \$127,200.00 HSA annual contributions. The County is making \$962,981.00 total contributions toward the premiums for 2020, which will raise to \$1,173,326.00 (\$210,345. Increase) for 2021.

A decision must be made by July 6<sup>th</sup> in order to get any company or coverage change in place.

**IN RE: ASSURED PARTNERS**

Eric Dreyfus appeared for Assured Partners, which is an employee benefit and property/casualty consulting firm in Indianapolis. They offer Reference-based Reimbursement (RBR) which does not include any network restriction so employees have the same coverage wherever they go. County would reimburse the provider at a Medicare multiple. Under CIGNA now, the health care provider and PPO network determine the reimbursement amount.

Kevin Tankersley was tasked with investigating this option further.

**IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT**

Judge Kocher presented letters of support on their 1006 Community Correction grant application for Pulaski County Veteran's Treatment Court Program and Pulaski County Pretrial Release Program.

After a lengthy explanation of both grants and the intent of applying for other grants Ken Becker motioned to approve the letter of recommendation on the Pulaski County Veteran's Court Program and Pulaski County Pretrial Release Program grants, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: COPIERS**

Eight copiers that have an expired lease were discussed. Agreeing to the recommendation made by Pulaski County Council at their June 8, 2020 meeting, Jerry Locke motioned to accept a new lease agreement with Cardinal Copier Solutions, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: SHERIFF**

Jeff Richwine reported on issues at the Justice Center... skylight leaks, some holes and soft spots in the roof, and leak in the hallway.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

Ken Becker opened four quotes for the Replacement of Bridge #257 over Mill Creek, as follows:

JCI Bridge Group, Inc.	\$561,457.33
LaPorte Construction Co., Inc.	\$591,066.80
Reith-Riley Construction Co., Inc	\$690,846.42
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$817,500.00

Jeff Larrison of United Consulting said the bids are a little high but they are seeing an increase in construction costs.

A decision was tabled for further review.

**IN RE: INSURANCE**

Gene Timm recommended that County Highway trucks hauling stone have a placard on the back warning drivers to stay back. Ken Becker made a motion to have signs put on the stone trucks advising vehicles to stay back at least 200 feet, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

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

With no other business to discuss, Jerry Locke made a motion to dismiss at 10:20AM, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2020.**

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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KEN BECKER

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JERRY LOCKE

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MIKE MCCLURE

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