

**JUNE 22, 2020**

**SPECIAL BUDGET SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Council met in Special Session for 2020 Budget Hearings Monday, June 22, 2020 at 8:00 AM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Council members present were Ken Boswell, Ron DeSabatine, Scott Hinkle, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young, Mike Tiede, Jerry Sullivan and Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also attending were Jeff Richwine, Carrie Aaron, Nathan Origer, Jerry Locke, Chuck Mellon, Mia Salyers, Jessica Rausch, Dave Olds, Phil Wooley, Sam Williams, Kelly Gaumer, Angela Hanson, Jerry Keller, Sue Fox, Brent Frain, Teresa Bryant, Paul Kline, Heather Rogers, Jeremy Wegner, John Masterson, Jon Frain.

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

**IN RE: SHERIFF**

Carrie Aaron explained a typo error on Jailers at \$285,000.00 which should be \$485,000.00 in County General Fund #1000, making the Sheriff's total budget in County General \$1,937,777.00 which is 9% over 2020. The Sheriff's department purchased one new car in 2020 and is asking for one new truck (canine truck) in 2021). Fund #1114 LIT Special Purpose budget needs to be transferred to other funds because that particular fund is going away at the end of 2020.

Housing revenue, hospital charges, Information Technology (IT), EMA merge, and starting wages all discussed.

One requested vehicle in the LIT Special Purpose Fund # 1114 was eliminated making the total Budget in that fund \$1,249,150.00.

**IN RE: CDC**

Nathan Origer requested either a full-time or part-time deputy and has increased the marketing budget. An additional in 2020 for professional services for expenses related to the Courthouse renovation is needed.

**IN RE: COMMISSIONERS**

Health insurance increased approximately \$210,000.00 through Cigna. County General increased \$100,000.00 to cover part of that cost with the rest expected to come from other funds. A part-time secretary for Commissioners/Council, across the board pay increases (including boards), advertising, bonds (new officials in 2021), liability insurance, unemployment cost, security, and examination of records all discussed. Moving Fair Board, Crises Center and Human Services back to County General suggested.

EMA's annual radio maintenance discussed at length.

Information Technology (IT) (except telephone system) requested budget was moved to 1138 Cum Cap Development and adjusted for 2021 expectations.

**IN RE: AUDITOR**

The only change is to payroll for the 3% overall increase. Annual software from Data Pit Stop will come out of plat book fees for \$4000.00.

**IN RE: MAINTENANCE**

\$18,000.00 added back to budget for contracts for elevator certificates and water certificates making total 2021 budget \$243,825.00 for county general maintenance. Maintenance has two full-time and four part-time employees. Subcontractors, courthouse repairs, and justice center repairs discussed.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

Highway's projected income lower in 2021 due to COVID19. One bridge replacement expected.

**IN RE: EXTENSION**

County donations to the Fair Board and 4-H Fair are used for awards, scholarships, and building repairs.

Asking each department to cut a percentage of their budget and letting them figure out from what line items discussed.

**Meeting recessed at 11:41am for lunch.**

**JUNE 22, 2020**

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL BUDGET SESSION (continued)**

**Council reconvened at 1:00PM for afternoon session.**

**IN RE: PROSECUTOR**

Investigator salary, overtime, and computer replacement discussed.

IV-D budget and Pre-trial diversion reviewed.

**IN RE: SURVEYOR/DRAINAGE BOARD**

There is a need for a replacement truck and some equipment repairs within the next few years. Part-time pay discussed briefly.

**IN RE: RECORDER**

Wage increase and digital access discussed.

**IN RE: TREASURER**

Wage increase and postage discussed.

**IN RE: VETERANS**

The Veterans' Office Hours have been reduced due to COVID19. Other than possible wage increase, there were no other budget changes over last year.

**IN RE: AVIATION/BOARD OF AVIATION**

Gas sales revenue questioned. Runway expected to need resurfaced by 2023. Maintenance of equipment and available grants discussed.

**IN RE: SOIL & WATER**

Rent discussed.

**IN RE: HEALTH**

Part-time position and new phone system discussed.

**IN RE: CORONER**

Collection of Coroner fees and Alternate deputy budget of \$15,000.00 discussed at length. An Autopsy generally cost \$1700-\$1800, but can be higher if additional tests are run. Including the Coroner's Office in the County's handbook and job descriptions created.

**Budget hearing recessed at 4:04pm to resume at 1:00pm June 23, 2020.**

**JUNE 23, 2020**

**Council reconvened at 1:00pm on June 23, 2020.**

Pulaski County Council met in Special Session for 2021 Budget Hearings 1:00pm Tuesday June 23, 2020 at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Council members present were Ken Boswell, Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Jerry Sullivan, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young with Auditor Laura Wheeler. Councilmember Scott Hinkle was absent.

Also present were Brandon DeLorenzo, Holly VanDerAa, Cindy Hickle, Sheri Gaillard, Karla Pemberton, Doug Hoover, JoLynn Behny, Patty Sullivan, Natalie Tucker, Judge Mary Welker, Sara Kroft, Judge Crystal Kocher, Christine Allen, Brad Bonnell.

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

**IN RE: ASSESSOR**

Postage needs to be increased by \$2000.00 for a total postage budget of \$7,000.00. Property Tax appeals, consultant duties, and number of staff in office discussed.

**IN RE: EMS**

Parking Lot cost and Shift Captains discussed.

**IN RE: EMA**

EMA radios discussed and a radio inventory list requested. EMA director wages reimbursed by 50% in the past but will now be supplemented based on population allowing Pulaski County to receive \$18,000.00. Part-time help eliminated bringing total budget to \$54,752.00. DRMO fund is budgeted for \$5000.00 and LAPC budget is the same as last year.

**IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION**

Recycling was closed for three months due to COVID19 but the Transfer Station has stayed busy. Freon and hard-to-handle items (boats, hot tubs) are charged extra. Raising prices discussed and Bonnell advised to get Commissioners permission.

Most recycling bins have been removed because too much junk is thrown in them. Collecting approximately 600 tons of cardboard a year.

**IN RE: BUILDING/PLANNING COMMISSION**

Increasing fees discussed. Making administrator assistant full-time requested.

**IN RE: CLERK/ELECTION BOARD**

Clerk's perpetuation fund is the same as last year. Cost of elections discussed.

**IN RE: MATRIX**

Pay raises and any new positions need debate. EMA, maintenance, and Health discussed further as well as comp time instead of overtime.

To date, Health Department has not furnished the Council nor County Attorney a copy of the grant in order to determine what the money can be used for.

**Council recessed at 4:29pm for supper.**

**Council reconvened at 6:00pm.**

**IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT/CASA/GRANTS**

Judge Mary Welker talked about the many grants that have been applied for through the court system. Circuit Court averages 35-50 video hearings per month and expects to save \$8500.00 per year using this method.

CASA grant funding was reduced to \$6000.00 by the State and \$40,000.00 is out of County General. 53 children were served last year.

Information Technology (IT), employee status (pt vs ft), pauper counsel, and court room repairs discussed.

**IN RE: SUPERIOR COURT/GRANTS**

Wage and Public Defender contractors pay increased.

Grant funding explained briefly.

**IN RE: PROBATION**

Computer upgrade to new system and asking for a lap top computer and new scanner. Youth Service Program went from \$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00 and will be used to supplement JDAI Coordinator salary.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Community Foundation Leadership program discussed with future funding and success of program concerns. There were also concerns mentioned about the Courts' Budgets having increased \$700,000.00 in five years and does not include any of the grant money.

With no other business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Approved and signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

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