

**AUGUST 20, 2020**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in special session Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 3:13pm EST at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. The purpose of this meeting is to consider an ordinance prohibiting deadly weapons in County facilities.

Commissioners present were Ken Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure with Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Kathleen Thompson, Sheriff Jeff Richwine, Colleen Denham and Amber Tomlinson.

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

County Attorney Kevin Tankersley explained the proposed ordinance to prohibit deadly weapons on County property. The current policy restricted only county employees from having deadly weapons in any County building.

The proposed ordinance reads as follows:

**2020-06  
ORDINANCE TO PROHIBITING DEADLY  
WEAPONS ON COUNTY PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") represents a unit as defined by Ind. Code 36-1-2-23; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board has ordained that it is in the best interest of the employees, board members, and the public to restrict the possession of deadly weapons in county facilities as set forth herein; and**

**WHEREAS, a deadly weapon is defined for the purpose of this ordinance as:**

- (1) A loaded or unloaded firearm (defined as any weapon which is capable of or designed to or that may be readily converted to expel a projectile; or**
- (2) Weapon, device, Taser (as defined by Ind. Code 35-47-8-3), or electronic stun weapon (as defined by Ind. Code 35-47-8-1) equipment, chemical substance, knife, or explosives or other material that could be used or is intended by design to be used, or capable of causing bodily injury;**

**WHEREAS, a person shall not at any time possess on or about his/her person, or bring into or store upon the following County Buildings a deadly weapon or firearm:**

**PULASKI COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER AND ITS CURTILAGE  
PULASKI COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND ITS CURTILAGE**

**WHEREAS, a person shall not possess on or about his/her person, or bring into or store upon any County Building or its curtilage a firearm or deadly weapon when the following conditions are in place:**

- (1) The Sheriff or at least one of his/her deputies is stationed at the public entrance to the building.**
- (2) Metal detection equipment is being utilized by the Sheriff or deputies who have been adequately trained to conduct inspection of persons entering the building by use of metal detection equipment and physical pat down searches and anyone who enters the building and any bag, package, and or other container in their possession is inspected by the Sheriff or his/her deputies.**

**WHEREAS, the only exceptions to this ordinance are qualifying law enforcement officers under IND. Code 35-31.5-2-185, a judicial officer under Ind. Code 35-47-16-1 or other qualifying exceptions under 35-47-11.1-4.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board that the stated limitations on possession of firearms and deadly weapons shall be in effect immediately upon the passing of this ordinance.**

**Effective Date. Passed and adopted by the Board of Pulaski County Commissioners this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.**

Mike McClure motioned to adopt the "Ordinance to Prohibiting Deadly Weapons on County Property" as presented, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Jerry Locke made a motion to adjourn at 3:22PM, Ken Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**Approved and signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 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, IN