

OCTOBER 5TH 2020

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 5, 2020 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Ken Becker, Mike McClure and Jerry Locke with Pulaski County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Kathi Thompson, Douglas Hoover, Connie Ehrlich, Jennifer Knebel, Judge Mary Welker, Maurice Loehmer, Gail Lambert, John Masterson, Joe Moyer, Mackenzie Ledley, Jacki Frain, Jeff Richwine, and Nathan Origer.

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

IN RE: CD

Nathan Origer presented an updated agreement with Baker Tilly regarding the solar farm fiscal impact analysis that the County had requested. The cost on the original agreement was \$15,000.00. This agreement increases the cost to \$18,000.00, but broadens scope with a more in-depth analysis. . They will analyze the construction and operation impact of the project as well as estimate state and local government revenue generation. The solar company will cover the cost, but the analysis will not start until pending litigation settled. Mike McClure made a motion to approve and sign updated agreement with Baker Tilly, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The COVID19 Small Business Program Grant award explained along with the formal procurement process. Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission (K-IRPC) and North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council submitted bids for the administration of the Grant Award. K-IRPC was significantly less at \$6,250.00, which will come out of the grant award. Nathan has received 17 small business applications.

IN RE: CARES FUNDING

Pulaski County receiving \$404,541.00 from the CARES Act Grant of which \$159,000.00 already allocated to the Sheriff. At the Commissioners' last meeting, \$184,759.19 approved in requests that met the test to be approved. \$60,781.81 can and will be received into the County General fund.

An Ordinance is required and will be ready to sign at next week's Joint Session meeting.

Ken Becker made a motion to reapprove the COVID19 requests already approved and put the remaining \$60,781.81 in County General for later use, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Jeff Richwine reported that the body scanner is installed, training complete, and check received.

IN RE: BUILDING/PLANNING

Doug Hoover explained the need for a county vehicle. He asked to go before Council for extra funds. Mike McClure made a motion to reimburse Doug for mileage/expense for the use of his personal vehicle on building inspector business, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The solar panel lawsuit discussed briefly. Mike McClure made a motion to approve Doug going to Council for attorney fees, Kenny Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

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

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS (continued)

Mike McClure made a motion to approve and sign September 7, 2020 and September 21, 2020 regular session minutes as presented, Ken Becker seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The Solar Panel lawsuit discussed further. Mike McClure made a motion to hire Barnes & Thornburg LLP as legal counsel under Cause 66D01-2009-PL-00009 and to go to Council for funding. Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

An attendee questioned the Flat Fees for Ordinance that was in the September 2, 2019 paper and the Baker Tilly agreement for the Justice Center/Courthouse project. Nothing will happen until the Solar Panel lawsuit is resolved.

Jerry Locke made a motion to adjourn, Ken Becker seconded. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 6:30PM.

Approved and signed this 19th day of October 2020.

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

KEN BECKER

JERRY LOCKE

MIKE MCCLURE

ATTEST: _____
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN