

AUGUST 10, 2020

JOINT SESSION

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in joint session Monday August 10, 2020 at 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage meeting room.

Commissioners present were Ken Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure with Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Jerry Sullivan, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young and Ron DeSabatine. Scott Hinkle and Mike Tiede were absent.

Also present were Carmin Ruff, Judge Mary Welker, Holly VanDerAa, Joe Moyer, Theresa Calloway, Dave Bennett, Steve Gregory, Connie Ehrlich, Jennifer Knebel, Riley Tiede, Don Tiede, Renee Calabrese, Brandi Larkin, Cole Knebel, Robert Pugh, Deb DeSchepper, Jacki Frain, Chuck Mellon, and Cindy Hickle.

IN RE: GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

Steve Gregory, of Shepherd-Bennett Insurance Agency, presented additional information on the County's Group Health Insurance. For the period of 8/1/2019 to 6/20/2020, there have been \$1,555,710.74 in claims and had 12 claims over \$50,000.00 which is driving the premium increase on renewal. The renewal premium is \$210,345.00 over prior year.

Cost reduction options are: change the plan design, change employee contributions, change HSA contributions, change vendors on the ancillary coverages, change contributions based on income categories (those in lower categories pay less), change contribution based on completion of wellness exam (those who complete annual physical/exam are given a discount), or change contribution based on smoker/non-smoker.

Discussion pursued with no changes being made.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Estimates for brush tractor mower presented as follows:

2020 John Deere 6110M tractor with 60" Diamond Mower	\$142,555.00
2019 John Deere 6110M tractor with Tiger 60" mower	\$146,898.00
John Deere 6110M tractor with Severe 60" mower	\$164,576.00

Highway Superintendent Gary Kruger recommends Diamond who has offered a \$24,000.00 credit for trade-in and a 5-year warranty.

Mike McClure made a motion to purchase the Diamond mower from Kenn-Feld Group, LLC. in Woodburn, IN., Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CARES ACT

After lengthy discussion on CARES ACT funding, Kathleen Thompson made a motion for Council to cooperate with Commissioners in forming a committee, Brian Young seconded. More consideration was given to the idea and Kathleen Thompson changed her motion to include that such committee will consist of 2 Councilmembers, 1 Commissioner, CDC Director, someone from Sheriff's Department, and 1-2 other department heads. Brian Young seconded this motion and motion passed unanimously by Council. Ken Becker then motioned to approve this committee, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously by the Commissioners. Kevin Tankersley stressed that the committee cannot make decisions, only recommendations. Brian Young volunteered to serve on the Committee as the 2nd Councilmember and Mike McClure volunteered from the Commissioners.

IN RE: WORK FROM HOME POLICY

The County does not currently have a work from home policy and was a matter of discussion due to COVID-19. Ken Becker made a motion that no one should be working from home unless there is

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IN RE: WORK FROM HOME POLICY (continued)

a problem with COVID19, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Mike McClure made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to approve and sign the June 8, 2020 Joint Session Meeting Minutes and the July 13, 2020 Emergency Joint Session minutes, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Riley Tiede presented questions of the Solar Project. Attorney Tankersley stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will make the decision to grant a special exemption, not the Commissioners. Anything that will come before the Commissioners will probably not be until 2021, at which time the two Commissioners who have farm ground involved in this project will no longer be serving on the Board of Commissioners.

Brian Young made a motion for Council to hold a special session next Monday night to discuss fiscal and economic impact of this project but the motion died for lack of a second.

With no other business to discuss, Mike McClure made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to adjourn at 7:09pm, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kathi Thompson motioned on behalf of Council to adjourn at 7:09pm, Ronald DeSabatine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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KEN BECKER

KEN BOSWELL

JERRY LOCKE

RON DESABATINE

MIKE MCCLURE

MIKE TIEDE

JERRY SULLIVAN

SCOTT HINKLE

KATHI THOMPSON

BRIAN YOUNG

ATTEST: _____
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY