

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

SPECIAL SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in Special Session Monday, September 21, 2020 7:00pm at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Councilmembers present were Ron DeSabatine, Scott Hinkle, Jerry Sullivan, Brian Young, and Kathi Thompson with Auditor Laura Wheeler. Ken Boswell was present by phone and Mike Tiede was absent.

Others present were JoLynn Behny, Joe Moyer, Sheri Gaillard, Terri Hansen, Mia Salyers, Holly VanDerAa, Jerry Locke, Kenny Becker, Deb DeSchepper, Steve Cotner, Renee Calabrese, Phil Woolery, Jenny Keller, Kelly Gaumer, Douglas Hoover, Cindy Hickle, Judge Crystal Kocher, Judge Mary Welker, Jeff Richwine, Nathan Origer.

The purposes of the Special Session is to discuss the 2021 County budget and specific department levies.

The Cumulative Building Fund that supports Pulaski Memorial Hospital projects discussed briefly. Ron DeSabatine explained the Hospital's position and willingness to work with the County. Hospital Board to discuss this at their next meeting, which would be September 29, 2020.

The Clerk's Office part-time pay considered for reduction but no decision made.

Council decided to take the local Fire Department donations out of County General and put them into Public Safety.

Three percent raises were discussed again and all agreed to leave the pay increase at 3%.

Ron said Auditor said the Hospital fund is an accumulative fund, not County General. Kathi said the same with the radios. Auditor Wheeler said assessment and health are the same type of funds, allowing monies to be transferred into General Fund.

Additional positions for Building/Planning, CDC, and Circuit Court discussed again.

Judge Welker reduced Law Books to \$7,500.00 and removed 10,000.00 from the Jury line item in County General because there is that much available in the Jury Fees fund.

Judge Crystal reduced interpreter to \$1,000.00 and Pauper Counsel to \$10,000.00.

Increasing Recycling fees or privatizing Recycling suggested. A new roof for \$50,000.00, a scale building (as new software is not compatible) for \$8,000.00, and heating/cooling for \$5,000.00 also discussed

Mia Salyers, Maintenance Director, objected to cutting her part-time help. After going over each line item and supplies on hand, she cut an additional \$31,500.00, but after further consideration janitorial supplies were revised making the total cuts \$29,000.00.

Surveyor Jenny Keller agreed to cut postage out of her budget.

Prosecutor Kelly Gaumer agreed to cut Transcriptions/Depositions, Overtime (which she has already cut in half) and computer supplies.

Terri Hansen cut overtime, miscellaneous supplies, head lice treatment, Hepatitis B/meningitis, postage, misc. services, equipment repair, and telephone from the Health Department budget.

Auditor Laura Wheeler offered some additional cuts (\$2,500.00) in her office.

Sheriff Richwine and Assessor Holly VanDerAa also discussed their budgets without making any extra cuts.

October 12, 2020 meeting confirmed as the 2021 budget adoption date.

With no other business to discuss, Scott Hinkle made a motion to adjourn at 9:43PM, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020 BY THE PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

RON DESABATINE

KEN BOSWELL

SCOTT HINKLE

ABSENT
MIKE TIEDE

JERRY SULLIVAN

BRIAN YOUNG

KATHLEEN THOMPSON

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