

OCTOBER 12, 2020

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday October 12, 2020, 7:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Council members present were Ken Boswell, Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Jerry Sullivan, Scott Hinkle, Kathi Thompson, and Brian Young with County Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were Holly VanDerAa, Gary Kruger, Joe Moyer, Douglas Hoover, John Masterson, Derrick Stalbaum, Anita Messer, Karla Redweik, Brandon DeLorenzo, Kelly Gaumer, Nathan Origer, Jeff Richwine, Terri Hansen, Sheri Gaillard, Connie Ehrlich, Michael Gallenberger, Jennifer Knebel, Dave Olds, Judge Crystal Kocher, Judge Mary Welker, Brian Gaillard, and Steve Cotner.

IN RE: CDC

Nathan Origer presented Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) Resolution 2020-11 which is a preliminary resolution for ERA/tax abatement. This does not award a tax abatement but sets a public hearing for Derrick & Abbie Stalbaum who are requesting an abatement on two parcels in Rich Grove Township where they are building a feeding operation. The resolution reads as follows:

PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION
OF
The County Council of Pulaski County, Indiana
Economic Revitalization Area
Resolution No. 2020-11

Derrick W. & Abbie E. Stalbaum, H&W

Whereas I.C. 6-1.1-12.2 empowers the County Council of Pulaski county, Indiana, to designate economic revitalization areas by following a procedure involving the adoption of a preliminary resolution, provision for public notice, conducting a public hearing, and adoption of a final resolution confirming the preliminary resolution or a modified version thereof; and

Whereas Derrick W. & Abbie E. Stalbaum, H&W, owners of the parcels described herein:

- 1. 66-03-31-100-008.000-012
2. 66-03-31-200-036.002-012

And comprising approximately 40.5800 acres located in the vicinity of 2597 North 1050 West, Medaryville, Indiana, in the northwest and northeast corners of Section 31 of Rich Grove Civil Township (R3W, T31N), Have requested that said properties be designated as an Economic Revitalization Area For the purpose of achieving property tax abatement in connection with redevelopment Activity occurring on the affected properties: and

WHEREAS the Council received evidence regarding whether the area should be designated as an Economic Revitalization Area, and substantial evidence was provided that established that the project satisfies the standards set forth by the statute.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The Council now adopts and approves this Preliminary Resolution and hereby Designates, finds, and establishes the affected parcels as an Economic Revitalization Area for a period of 20 years.
2. This Economic Revitalization Area allows abatement of property taxes Attributable to redevelopment or rehabilitation activities as defined in I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 And permitted under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-3.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be filed with the County Assessor.
4. The Council hereby establishes 7:00PM on Monday, 9 November 2020, in the Mee4ting room of the Pulaski County Highway Department garage, 1141 North U.S. 35, Winamac, Indiana, as the time, date, and location for a public hearing for receiving of Remonstrances and objections from interested persons prior to adopting a final Resolution designating the affected parcels as an Economic Revitalization Area and Considering any tax abatements requested by the petitioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Council of Pulaski County, Indiana, this 12th day of October 2020.

The Public hearing is set for the November 9, 2020 Council meeting. Mike Tiede made a motion to adopt the resolution, Kathi Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: SHERIFF

The use of commissary funds to pay COVID19 testing cost discussed briefly and the following transfer to pay for a major auto repair bill requested.

From: 1114-38500-005 Inmates in Other Institutions \$6,000.00
To: 1114-36100-005 Equipment Repair \$6,000.00

Jerry Sullivan made a motion to approve the transfer, Brian Young seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Kathi Thompson motioned to allow the Sheriff to use commissary funds to pay for the COVID19 testing if not covered by the employees' medical insurance, Jerry Sullivan seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: BUILDING**

The Solar Panel lawsuit discussed and the need for a \$25,000.00 additional appropriation to pay the attorney fees.

Kathleen Thompson made a motion to advertise for an additional \$25,000.00 to pay for Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and Pulaski County Commissioners' attorney fees, Jerry (Jay) Sullivan seconded and motion carried 5 to 1 with Brian Young dissenting. Pulaski County Attorney is not handling this lawsuit because it is special litigation. In addition, Tankersley's Law Office represents the Commissioners, not the BZA board. This lawsuit is not covered by Insurance because it does not allege any negligent act or official wrongdoing, but simply states that due to a conflict of interest the decision on adopting the current version of the UDO in December of 2019 should be set aside.

The following transfer to cover the cost of attorney fees incurred to date for the BZA board requested.

From: 33200-0079 Printing	\$1,000.00	
34800.0079 Misc Services & Charges	500.00	
36100.0079 Equipment & Repair	33.83	
39100.0079 Dues & Subscriptions	200.00	
To: 31801.0079 Professional Services		\$1,733.83

The following transfer to reimburse for the use of personal vehicle on County business requested.

From: 22100.0314 Gas, Oil, Etc.	\$1,800.00	
To: 32200.0314 Travel		\$1,800.00

Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve both transfers as presented, Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve and sign the September 14, 2020 Regular Session and the September 21, 2020 Special Budget Session minutes, Jay Sullivan seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The following transfers requested:

<b>1000-0009 County General/PROSECUTOR</b>		
From: 31100.009 Training	\$1,200.00	
32200.009 Travel	800.00	
To: 36100.009 Equipment		\$2,000.00
<b>1000-0011 County General/EXTENSION</b>		
From: 37300-011 Rents/Leases	\$85.00	
To: 39100-011 Dues/Subscriptions		\$85.00
<b>1000-0006 County General/SURVEYOR</b>		
From: 24301-006 Surveyor Stakes	\$24.20	
To: 24400-006 Field Supplies		\$24.20
From: 24301 Surveyor Stakes	\$50.00	
To: 22200 Tires & Tubes		\$50.00
<b>1000-0063 County General/Drainage Board</b>		
From: 31801-063 Professional Services	\$400.00	
To: 31801-063 Field Supplies		\$400.00

Kathi Thompson motioned to approve the transfers as presented, Jay Sullivan seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The Highway requested the following transfers:

<b>1176-0533 Motor Vehicle Highway/General &amp; Undistributed Exp</b>		
From: 17017-533 Assistant Mechanic OT	\$1,400.00	
To: 17016-533 Mechanic OT		\$1,400.00
From: 23101-531 Stone, Gravel	\$50,000.00	
To: 23300-531 Bituminous		\$50,000.00

Jerry Sullivan made a motion to approve the transfers as presented, Scott Hinkle seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: 2021 MATRIX**

The 2021 MATRIX discussed and Kenneth Boswell reminded Council that the MATRIX rules eliminates those with grandfathered rates from getting a raise. Council had previously approved a 3% raise for all County employees.

**IN RE: 2021 MATRIX (continued)**

Jerry Sullivan made a motion to approve the 2021 Matrix as presented with corrections made throughout the year as needed and giving a 3% raise across the board, Brian Young seconded and motion carried with Kathi Thompson dissenting.

Specific discussion pursued about the Coroner’s alternate deputies and how they are to be paid: as part-time employees or as contractors? Kathi Thompson made a motion to pay the Coroner’s Alternate Deputies as part-time employees at a rate of \$14.42/hr, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR FRANCESVILLE-SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The proposed Francesville-Salem Township Library 2021 Budget presented for review and approval. Brian Young motioned to adopt the budget as presented, Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: PULASKI COUNTY 2021 BUDGET**

Auditor Wheeler reported that the total 2021 budget is \$17,718,531.00.

Discussion continued on the Building Department’s part-time employee moving to full-time. From an economic standpoint, it would be more cost effective for the 35-hour offices that want more help to work 40 hours. Kathi Thompson made a motion to change the Building Department’s part-time position to a full-time, Brian Young seconded and motion carried 4-2 with Ron DeSabatine and Michael T. Tiede dissenting.

Shari Gaillard questioned the Emergency Management Administrative (EMA) position. Brian Young made a motion to keep the EMA position as a full-time, Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried 5 – 0 with Kathi Thompson abstaining.

Other Part-time to Full-time positions discussed. Encouraging departments to increase their hours rather than adding full-time positions suggested again. Kathi Thompson made a motion to allow Judge Welker to reallocate her funds to move a part-time employee to full-time, Brian Young seconded. The vote was 2 in favor and 4 opposed. Motion did not pass.

Ron DeSabatine made a motion to adopt the 2021 Budget as presented but with tonight’s revisions, Jerry Sullivan seconded, but discussion continued to Aviation, Reassessment, Health, and Cumulative Building levies. All agreed to reduce Cumulative Building to 125,000.00. Aviation levy was already reduced to zero and Reassessment and Health both reduced by 100,000.00 for 2021.

Ron DeSabatine revised the motion to adopt the Budget with above changes. Jerry Sullivan seconded and motion carried 5-1 with Kathi Thompson abstaining.

With no other business to discuss, Jerry Sullivan made a motion to adjourn 9:06pm, Scott Hinkle seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**Approved and signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020 by the Pulaski County Council.**

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KEN BOSWELL

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RON DESABATINE

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MIKE TIEDE

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JERRY SULLIVAN

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SCOTT HINKLE

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KATHLEEN THOMPSON

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BRIAN YOUNG

ATTESTED By: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN