

**DECEMBER 14, 2020**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday December 14, 2020 at 7:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Scott Hinkle, Jerry Sullivan, Kathi Thompson, and Brian Young with County Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were Jon Frain, Brandon DeLorenzo, Mackenzie Ledley, Karla Pemberton, Dr. Andrew Boersma, Gail Lambert, Darin Gudeman, Jeff Richwine, Judge Mary Welker, and Nathan Origer.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and afterwards President Kenneth Boswell acknowledged Councilmembers Jerry Sullivan for 20 years of service and Scott Hinkle for 4 years.

**IN RE: CORONER**

Pulaski County Coroner Jon Frain requested that the Coroner's Office be added to the County handbook. Kathi Thompson made a motion that County Attorney Kevin Tankersley prepare an addendum to the handbook adding Coroner's Office as a noted position in the County, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously. This will need to also be approved by Commissioners.

The Deputy Coroner's job description presented and discussed. Previously the deputy Coroner was labeled as an alternate deputy and considered a contract laborer. All alternate deputies are now part-time hourly. The job description tabled for review by County Attorney, council members, and commissioners.

Full-time/Part-time status of the position of Coroner considered at length. As an elected official, Frain wants to be considered full-time in order to collect county benefits.

Brian Young made a motion to change the Coroner's part-time status to full-time, Kathi Thompson seconded. The motion did not carry with a 2- 4 vote. Ron DeSabatine, Scott Hinkle, Michael Tiede and Jerry Sullivan opposed.

Dr. Andrew Boersma, a licensed funeral director, former Coroner (8 years), and currently Deputy Coroner (4 years) in Jasper County spoke on behalf of the Coroner's elected official status.

**IN RE: EMS**

EMS Director Brandon DeLorenzo explained current open positions and the need for a great deal of overtime. Despite these challenges, EMS has run smoothly. EMS wages and overtime discussed briefly.

**IN RE: PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Director Mackenzie Ledley advised Council of an error detected during a recent investigation by Baker-Tilly. The Library needed to request an additional appropriation through County Council but there was not enough time left in the year to complete that process.

The State Board of Accounts is aware of this error and will make a written comment on their next audit.

**IN RE: BUILDING/ZONING**

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) has two open board positions. Recommendations made Jeremy Wentz to be appointed to the alternate position and Darin Gudeman to the vacant board slot. Mike Tiede motioned to approve the appointments as recommended, Kathi Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Scott Hinkle made a motion to approve and sign the November 09, 2020 regular session minutes as presented, Ron DeSabatine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS (continued)

The following transfers presented for approval:

Recycle:	From	1000-36100-0506 Equipment Repair	\$11,045.48	
	To	1000-36400-0506 Building & Structure		\$11,045.48
Prosecutor:	From	1000-39700-0009 Adult Protective Services	\$600.00	
	To	1000-39300-0009 Acquisition of Evidence		\$100.00
	To	1000-45100-0009 Law Books		\$500.00
	From	1000-31100-0009 Training	\$310.00	
	To	1000-45100-0009 Law Books		\$310.00
Health:	From	1159-30902-0610 Hep B	\$1,000.00	
	To	1159-20400-0610 Official Records		\$500.00
	To	1159-34800-0610 Misc. Services		\$500.00
Extension:	From	1000-32200-0011 Travel	\$429.00	
	To	1000-32500-0011 Schools, Meetings, Seminars		\$129.00
	To	1000-20300-011 Envelopes		\$300.00
Commissioners:	From	1000-12200-0068 PERF	\$70,000.00	
	From	1000-12300-0068 Group Insurance	\$36,300.00	
	To	1000-33200-0068 Printing & Advertising		\$1,000.00
	To	1000-34300-0068 Unemployment		\$20,000.00
	To	1000-37900-0068 Examination of Records		\$70,000.00
	To	1000-38501-0068 Tax Refunds		\$15,000.00
	To	1000-35100-0068 Electric, Water & Gas		\$300.00
Clerk	From	1000-11501-0001 Part-time Clerical	\$250.00	
	To	1000-10212-0001 1 <sup>st</sup> Deputy		\$250.00
	From	1000-32500-0001 Schools, Meetings & Seminars	\$43.00	
	To	1000-33200-0001 Printing & Advertising		\$43.00
Election Board	From	1000-33200-0062 Printing & Advertising	\$300.00	
	To	1000-38200-0062 Meals-Election Workers		\$300.00
Circuit Court	From	1000-31301-0232 Examination of Prisoners	\$14,072.00	
	To	1000-44600-0232 Computers		\$14,072.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS			\$134,349.48	

Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve all transfers as presented, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

CARES money and the new county telephone system discussed briefly.

Auditor Wheeler said the State has changed some of the rules on the CARES money and she cannot pay anything this year. Because of that situation, Nathan Origer of CDC requested a transfer to cover the cost of the new sound system as follows:

CDC	From	1112-31801-0700 Professional Services	\$16,020.00	
	To	1112-44301-0700 Equipment		\$16,020.00

Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve the transfer as requested, Brain Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Sullivan thanked the citizens of Pulaski County for allowing him to serve 20 years on Council.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2021 By the PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL.

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KENNETH BOSWELL

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RONALD DESABATINE

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MICHAEL T. TIEDE

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KATHLEEN THOMPSON

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BRIAN YOUNG

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TIM OVERMYER

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ADAM LOEHMER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN