

**JANUARY 11, 2021**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday January 11, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young, Adam Loehmer, Tim Overmyer and County Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were Nathan Origer, Jeff Richwine, Sheri Gaillard, Judge Mary Welker, Chuck Mellon, Connie Ehrlich, Gary Kruger, John Masterson, Gail Lambert, and Mackenzie Ledley.

Ken Boswell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then welcomed the two new councilmembers, Adam Loehmer and Tim Overmyer.

**IN RE: COUNCIL ORGANIZATION**

The first order of business is the election of officers (President and Vice President). Kathi Thompson nominated Ken Boswell for President and Brian Young seconded. Mike Tiede nominated Ron DeSabatine and Tim Overmyer seconded. Kathi Thompson, Brian Young, Adam Loehmer, and Ken Boswell for Ken Boswell; Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, and Tim Overmyer for Ron DeSabatine. Kenneth Boswell with the majority vote takes the President of Council position for 2021.

Mike Tiede nominated Ron DeSabatine for Vice-President and Ken Boswell nominated Adam Loehmer. Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, and Tim Overmyer for Ron DeSabatine; Kenneth Boswell, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young, and Adam Loehmer for Adam Loehmer. Adam Loehmer will hold the Vice President position for 2021.

**IN RE: CDC**

CMc for both Courthouse and Justice Center projects discussed again with Tonn and Blank being the recommended contractors for this position. The Project history and cost comparisons reported. Tonn and Blank proposed alternative costs and determined that rehabilitation is less than a complete demolition and replacement with new-build government facility. The Justice Center basement, work release program, and estimated costs discussed briefly. The County is not locked into these prices when a CMc is chosen and contracts signed. It was noted that the project has increased about \$1.8 Million since starting.

Kathleen Thompson motioned to support the recommendation of Tonn & Blank as CMc and Brian Young seconded. Vote is 6-1 in favor. Mike Tiede opposed.

Nathan presented a list of additional appropriations for the CDC's Professional Services line item 1112-31801.700:

BakerTilly---Financial impact analysis of solar energy project	\$18,000.	
BakerTilly---Balance of Contract (financial analysis/bond issuance)	\$50,000.	
Barnes & Thornburg---Balance of Contract (bond)	\$70,000.	
Rowland Design---Maximum anticipated owed in 2021	\$630,000.	
Total		\$768,000.

Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve for advertisement, Brian Young seconded and motion carried 4-3 with Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede and Tim Overmyer opposed.

The workforce/operations assessment presented again for review with BakerTilly offering revisions to their fees as follows:

Phase I-Organization & Operations Review (Assessment Phase)	\$30,000.
Phase II-Organization & Operations review (Analysis Phase)	\$25-30,000. **
Public Safety Compensation Market Study (Estimated at \$750. per job title)	\$6,750.
Job Class Specification Analysis (Estimated at \$500. per job title)	\$5,000.

\*\*Final Phase II fees will be based on priorities determined in Phase I

The total cost of \$71,750.00 needs advertised as and additional appropriation if Council wants to move forward. A great deal of discussion ensued after which Brian Young made a motion to approve for advertising, Kathi Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4-3 with Ron DeSabatine, Tim Overmyer and Mike Tiede opposed.

**IN RE: SHERIFF**

Jeff Richwine presented the annual Jail, 911 Center, and Commissary Reports. Council is encouraged to visit the jail.

**IN RE: EMA**

EMA Director Sheri Gaillard reported on the Incident Management Team (IMT) and discussed COVID related expenses. Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve for advertising as an additional the unused portion of Riverboat money allotted to IMT in 2020 to be used 50% for overtime and 50% for supplies. Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Brian Young made a motion to approve the December 14, 2020 regular session meeting minutes, Kathi Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The 2021 Council and Joint Session meeting schedule presented as follows:

The Pulaski County Council will meet in Regular Session at the Pulaski County Highway Garage located at 1131 North US 35, Winamac, Indiana on the second Monday of every month at 7:00pm EDST or the next workday after a County Approved Holiday for the year **2021**.

Monday, January 11	Monday, May 10	Monday, September 13
Monday, February 8	Monday, June 14	Monday, October 11
Monday, March 8	Monday, July 12	Monday, November 8
Monday, April 12	Monday, August 9	Monday, December 13

The Pulaski County Board of Commissioners and the Pulaski County Council will meet in Joint Session at the Pulaski County Highway Garage located at 1131 North US 35, Winamac, Indiana on the second Monday of every other month at 6:00pm EDST or the next work day after a County Approved Holiday for the year **2021**.

Monday, February 8	Monday, June 14	Monday, October 11
Monday, April 12	Monday, August 9	Monday, December 13

Mike Tiede made a motion to approve the 2021 Council meeting and Joint Session meeting schedules as presented, Kathi Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Board appointments discussed with the Pulaski County Public Library having sent a recommendation for their board to replace Patricia Bawcum. Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve Nancy Allman as requested, Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The following boards discussed and appointments made as follows:

- CDC board – Kathleen Thompson
- K-IRPC Planning Commissioners Board of Commissioners –Brian Young
- Advisory Planning Commission – Michael T. Tiede
- PTABOA - Michael White.
- Human Services - Howard Conner
- NW Solid Waste District - Mike Tiede

Health Insurance/Property and Liability discussed briefly and Ronald DeSabatine motioned that the Commissioners form an insurance review committee to look into County’s insurance, Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The following additional for the CARES Act money requested to be advertised:

<b>1000-0068</b> County General/ Commissioners	<b>\$184,759.19</b>
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Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve the additional for advertising as presented. Brian Young seconded and motion passed unanimously.

The following transfer requested on behalf of the Health Department:

1159-0610 Health Department

From: 22300	Group Insurance	\$265.00	
To: 22200	PERF		\$265.00

Kathi Thompson motioned to approve the transfer as presented, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021 by the PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL.

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KEN BOSWELL

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ADAM LOEHMER

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RON DESABATINE

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KATHI THOMPSON

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MIKE TIEDE

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BRIAN YOUNG

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TIM OVERMYER

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