

2022 BUDGET HEARINGS

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL SESSION

The Pulaski County Council reconvened in Special Session Tuesday September 7, 2021 1:00PM at the Pulaski County Sheriff's Training Room. Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Adam Loehmer, Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young, and Tim Overmyer with County Auditor Laura Wheeler.

The purposes of the Special Session was to discuss 2022 department budget requests and tax levies.

IN RE: HEALTH

The Health Department operates out of three funds with wages coming out of all three. Fund 1159 budget for 2022 is the same as 2021. The levy in this fund is set at \$150,000.00 to get through to the middle of 2023. Fund 1168 (from cigarette taxes) gets \$16,000.00 each year. If the 2021 budget were completely used, only \$5,000.00 would be left over plus the \$16,000.00 revenue from the state, totaling 21,000.00 available for 2022. The 2022 requested budget is \$64,000.00.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Chief Jailer (\$45,880.00), Assistant Jail Commander (\$40,530.00) and Overtime Chief Jailer (\$6,500.00) listed in both Public Safety and County General Funds. Council removed these line items from Public Safety. The three new jailers anticipated for security in the new justice center budgeted at \$105,000.00 removed. Council limited the Sheriff to one new vehicle. Sheriff's department pension discussed with no change.

IN RE: AUDITOR

Part-time increase from \$15,000.00 to \$30,000.00 in Auditor budget questioned, but left as-is.

IN RE: CORONER

Coroner wages and benefits discussed at length. Kathleen Thompson motioned to give PERF and Health Insurance to the elected official in Coroner's Office, Brian Young seconded. Motion did not pass.

IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION

Selling or leasing the recycling/transfer station discussed briefly. Interested parties from Monticello will be coming to tour the facilities. CDL wages discussed as to recycling/transfer CDL employees compared to Highway CDL employees. Kathleen Thompson made a motion to increase Recycle Foreman pay to \$18.12, laborer with CDL to \$17.50 and new hire with CDL to \$17.50. Adam Loehmer seconded and motion passed 4-2. Ronald DeSabatine and Tim Overmyer opposed. Equipment repair budget set to zero.

IN RE: ELECTION BOARD

Election Board budget discussed as it increased \$28,000.00 from the last election year budget.

IN RE: ASSESSOR

Assessor's part-time budget discussed and left at \$23,000.00 in County General. Cyclical reassessment budget reduced to \$115,000.00

IN RE: CUM BUILDING

Pulaski Memorial Hospital receives \$96,000.00 annually from the county. There is enough in this fund to drop the levy for one or two years.

IN RE: GROUP INSURANCE

Group Insurance discussed, as the new insurance company was over \$200,000.00 less than the previous company was. Because the insurance is on a fiscal year, the savings is split over two calendar years and shared between multiple funds.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS

Examination of Records questioned but nothing changed.

IN RE: NETWORK ADMINISTRATION

Time Clocks budgeted for \$30,000.00 but reduced to \$2,000.00 for repair only.

IN RE: CDC

Marketing is set at \$80,000.00 and Economic Development at \$20,000.00, which is used for local match on projects. Brian Young made a motion to add a part-time position, Tim Overmyer seconded and motion carried unanimously. \$20,000.00 removed from both Professional Services and Marketing.

IN RE: EMA

Discussion on ordinance making EMA director appointed for life.

IN RE: AVIATION

Aviation levy eliminated last year and there is enough in Hanger Rental or Improvements to take care of 2023.

Meeting recessed to reconvene Monday, September 13, 2021 at 8:00pm after Council regular session at the Pulaski County Justice Center training room.

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL SESSION (continued)

The Pulaski County Council resumed the 2022 Budget hearing on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 8:00pm at the Pulaski County Sheriff's training room. Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Adam Loehmer, Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young, and Tim Overmyer with County Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Discussion continued on increasing wages for Recycling/Transfer employees with CDLs to equal Highway CDL.

Brian Young made a motion to start working on the MATRIX in January but died for lack of a second.

EMA wanted equipment increased from \$4,000.00 to \$11,000.00 in order to purchase a new drone but it was too late to make any increases as the budget had been published.

CDC Professional Services and Marketing discussed. Kathleen Thompson made a motion to increase Marketing from \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00, Adam Loehmer seconded and motion passed 6-1 with Ronald DeSabatine dissenting.

Reducing Coroner's alternate deputy pay to \$1500.00 and offer PERF and insurance to Coroner and First Deputy suggested. Kathleen Thompson made a motion to reduce Alternate Deputy line item to \$1500.00, raise the Coroner and First Deputy pay, and add PERF to elected official only, Brian Young seconded. Motion later amended for Coroner's pay to \$15,000.00 + PERF, and First Deputy pay to \$13,000.00 with reduction of Alternate Deputies to \$1500.00, Brian Young seconded and motion carried 4 to 3. Ronald DeSabatine, Michael T. Tiede, and Tim Overmyer opposed.

Mike Tiede left the meeting with Ronald DeSabatine and Tim Overmyer following shortly after

Health Insurance and Levies discussed. Cumulative Building and Cum Bridge levies eliminated. Reassessment set at \$90,000.00 and Aviation at zero. More discussion on pay and possible options such as closing the Court House for ½ day a week or increasing hours to 40 per week.

Meeting recessed at 10:52pm and to resume on September 19, 2021 11:00am at the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office training room at the Justice Center.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL SESSION (continued)

The Pulaski County Council reconvened their Special Session Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 11:00am at the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department training room. Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Adam Loehmer, Ron DeSabatine, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young, and Tim Overmyer via phone with County Auditor Laura Wheeler. Mike Tiede absent.

Also present was Sheriff Jeff Richwine and Prosecutor Kelly Gaumer.

The purpose of the Special Session is to discuss 2022 Department Budgets and Levies.

LIT configuration discussed with the following changes suggested:

PSAP LIT	.3% to .255%
Economic Development LIT	.5% to .245%
Public Safety LIT	.3% to .6%

Kathleen Thompson made a motion to accept the suggested LIT configuration. Adam Loehmer seconded and motion passed 5-2 with Tim Overmyer and Ronald DeSabatine opposed.

Deputy Coroner's salary needs revised as Matrix has it as 82% of Coroner's pay.

Council so far has cut the published County General budget almost \$250,000.00. Tim Overmyer made a motion to go back to Department Heads/Elected Officials and ask them to look at their budgets for any possible reductions within one week, Ronald DeSabatine seconded and discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting recessed at 12:07pm until Monday, October 4, 2021 7:30 PM at the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department training room.

2022 BUDGET HEARINGS

OCTOBER 4, 2021

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL SESSION (continued)

The Pulaski County Council resumed their Special Session Monday, October 4, 2021 at 8:00pm at the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department training room. Councilmembers present were Adam Loehmer, Kathi Thompson, Tim Overmyer, and Mike Tiede with County Auditor Laura Wheeler. Ken Boswell, Ron DeSabatine and Brian Young absent.

Also present was Sheriff Jeff Richwine.

The purpose of the Special Session is to discuss 2022 department budget requests and tax levies.

Department heads/elected officials asked to look at their budget requests again and make any possible reductions with the following results:

The Clerk dropped Computer Supplies to zero, Warranty Support/Trust Account to \$500.00, Equipment Repair to \$500.00 and Dues/Subscriptions to \$700.00, making a budget total of \$181,629.00; Coroner dropped Dues/Subscription from \$500.00 to \$250.00; Assessor cut Dues & Subscriptions to \$900.00 and Equipment to \$200.00 making a budget total of \$189,143.00; Prosecutor cut Overtime to \$5,000.00, Training to \$1,500.00, Postage to \$500.00, Internet Service to zero and Computer Software to zero. New budget is \$178,206.00; Extension cut Postage to \$2000.00 and Travel to \$3500.00; Maintenance cut Overtime to \$7500.00; Superior Court cut envelopes to \$500.00 and Printing to \$400.00; Circuit Court final budget \$628,963.00; EMA final \$10,000.00 each; County General total budget is \$8,003,798. Budget adoption hearing will be October 11, 2021.

MATRIX and percentage raise vs. flat rate discussed.

Kathleen Thompson motioned to approve the budget for adoption on October 11, 2021, Adam Loehmer seconded but motion did not pass with a 2-2 vote. Tim Overmyer and Michael T. Tiede opposed.

After further discussion, Adam Loehmer motioned to approve budget for adoption on October 11, 2021, Kathleen Thompson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

With no other Business to discuss, Michael T. Tiede made a motion to adjourn the Special Session Budget Hearing at 8:52pm, Adam Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 11th day of October 2021 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**.

Ken Boswell

Adam Loehmer

Ron DeSabatine

Mike Tiede

Kathi Thompson

Briand Young

Tim Overmyer

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Auditor, Pulaski County, IN