

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met Monday February 14, 2022 at 7:50 PM (late due to lengthy joint session) at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Adam Loehmer, Ron DeSabatine, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young, Mike Tiede, and Tim Overmyer with County Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were Jeff Richwine, Nathan Origer, Judge Crystal Kocher, Judge Mary Welker, Amy Beechy, Connie Ehrlich, Chris Brucker, and Chris Schramm.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Reports for the Sheriff's Department consisted of the following information:

2021 DEPUTY ARRESTS & OTHER CALLS	2021 TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED
620 Total Arrests	911: 2,998
120 Warrant Arrests	Administrative: 29,076
68 Heroin and Meth Arrests	TOTAL Calls 32,074
61 OVWI Arrests	
33 Domestic Violence	
24 Invasion of Privacy Arrests	
1393 Traffic Stops	2021 TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED
480 Property Damage Accidents	Pulaski County Sheriff 5,911
66 Personal Injury Accidents	Winamac Police Department 2,848
2 Fatal accidents	Francesville Police Department 230
268 Animal Control	Medaryville Police Department 419
	Animal Control 269
	EMS 1,521
	Fire 1,094
	Pulaski County Coroner 44
	Pulaski County Prosecutor 4
	Pulaski County EMA 14
	Pulaski County REACT 16
	TOTAL 12,370

Jail inmate population rose 10% in 2021 with an average of 91 each month. Bookings increased over 20% with 825 in 2021 while 2020 had 681 booked. COVID-19 brought an increase of mental health treatment, absences, legal proceedings, transports, and employee turnover.

More than 250 inmates transported for court hearings, EDO, medical problems, doctor appointments, out of county warrant pickups and out of state pickups.

The annual Jail Commissary Fund Report and the Inmate Trust Fund Report presented for review as follows:

For the Period of 01/01/2021 thru 12/31/2021

Pursuant to IC 36-8-10-21, I, Jeffery K. Richwine, Sheriff of Pulaski County Indiana, certify that the following report is a true and accurate record of the receipts and disbursements of the Sheriff's Jail Commissary Fund for the period of 01/01/2021 thru 12/31/2021

Balance ending December 31, 2020	32,909.89	
Receipts		
Inmate Phone	150,877.04	
Commissary Commissions	109,070.16	
Miscellaneous	1,232.52	
Admin Kits	774.26	
Expense Reimbursements	4,025.70	
Donation	250.00	
Equipment	4,735.88	
K-9 Maintenance	1,303.12	1/2
Other Income	60.21	
Total Receipts		272,328.89
Disbursements		
Deputies Cell Phones	352.87	
Equipment	31,016.97	
Trainings	37,463.60	
Inmate Expenses	148,263.41	
Uniforms	2,142.98	
Vehicles	2,561.50	
Miscellaneous	666.65	
Dues and Subscriptions	2,897.87	
Office Supplies	2,010.56	
Activity to Prevent Crime	672.02	
Donation	1,850.00	
Software License	2,821.20	
Printing and Advertising	2,136.28	
Criminal Investigation Fee	29.16	
K-9 Maintenance	6,880.78	
Facility Supplies	147.60	
Total Disbursement		241,946.45
Balance as of December 31, 2021		63,292.33

County Sheriff's Report of Receipts and Disbursements of the Inmate Trust Fund
For the Period 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

Pursuant to IC 36-8-10-21, I, Pulaski Sheriff, certify that the following report is a true and accurate record of the receipts and disbursements of the Pulaski Trust fund for the above listed period.

Beginning Balance		23,292.44
Receipts for the Period:		
Resident Income	449,063.18	
Resident ACH Income	25.00	
Gift Card Income	163,732.07	
Total Income		612,820.25
Disbursements for the Period:		
Resident Disbursements	45,202.99	
Commissary	185,778.41	
Medical	3,775.58	
Phone Cards	111,876.64	
Admission Kit Sales	774.26	
Pulaski County Sheriff	233,018.83	
ATM Fees	4,034.00	
Debit Cards	21,373.30	
Phone Cards Fees	7,808.00	
Total Disbursements		613,642.01
Ending Balance		22,470.68

IN RE: CDC

The work release program discussed briefly.

A resolution opposing legislation regarding the business personal-property tax presented for review/approval and reads as follows:

PULASKI COUNTY RESOLUTION No. 2022-04
BY
THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION REGARDING
THE BUSINESS PERSONAL-PROPERTY TAX

WHEREAS the Indiana legislature proposed changes to the depreciation floor and other aspects of Indiana’s business personal-property tax as a priority for its 2022 legislative agenda; WHEREAS the Pulaski County Council (“Council”) opposes any legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the personal-property tax without full, permanent revenue replacement provided and guaranteed by the State through an amendment to any such legislation;

WHEREAS any contemplated revenue replacement must be a source of revenue that continues to grow over time, just as a property-tax base would, in order to allow communities to meet the growing demand for and cost of services;

WHEREAS a permanent State tax credit applied to all proposed business personal-property tax reductions, holidays, phase-outs, etc., could eliminate unnecessary burdens on local governments while still affording the opportunity to build vibrant and healthy Indiana communities;

WHEREAS the personal-property tax constitutes a substantial percentage of local-government operating revenues;

WHEREAS a reduction in the tax base could result in residential property owners paying more taxes, a decrease in revenue for some local units of government, or both;

WHEREAS business personal-property tax distributions to local units of government exceed \$1-billion;

WHEREAS the Tax Foundation’s *2022 State Business Tax Climate Index* already ranks Indiana number one for property taxes;

WHEREAS Indiana consistently ranks among the top states with an attractive business-tax climate, but a community’s quality of life is an increasingly significant business-relocation and growth-decision factor, and communities require stable and resident-friendly revenue streams to invest in quality-of-life improvements; and

WHEREAS the Council has considered the potential positive and negative impacts of legislation regarding the business personal-property tax,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. the Council opposes any legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the business personal-property tax without full, permanent revenue replacement;
2. the Council believes that any such full, permanent revenue replacement should be provided and guaranteed by the State, should have a built-in growth mechanism similar to annual levy growth, and should be written into any such legislation as an amendment prior to final consideration by the Indiana Senate, House, or governor;
3. the Council supports any legislation that preserves stable local-government revenue while encouraging business investment in Indiana and allowing communities to invest in their quality-of-life;
4. the Council charges the Pulaski County Community Development Commission with ensuring that Pulaski County’s duly elected state senator and state representative receive copies of this resolution and that it is published online for public review; and
5. this resolution shall be effective upon passage.

This Resolution opposes any legislation that eliminates any portion of the business personal property tax (BPPT) without full, permanent revenue replacement from the state. Kathleen Thompson made a motion to approve the resolution, Michael T. Tiede seconded and motion carried with Tim abstaining.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Encumbrances are for expenses budgeted in 2021 but invoice not presented until 2022. Kathleen Thompson made a motion to approve encumbrances as presented, Adam Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously with Michael T. Tiede abstaining.

ENCUMBERANCE 2021 p 2022

1000 County General	
0002 Auditor 20300 Envelopes	175.00
0002 Auditor 34800 Misc Serv and Charges	120.00
0005 Sheriff 36100 Equipment Repair	5,612.00
0005 Sheriff 36300 Service/Maintenance	5,000.00
0005 Sheriff 44301 Equipment	375.98
0007 Coroner 36100 Equipment Repair	474.08
0009 Prosecutor 16400 Transcripts and Depositions	382.15
0009 Prosecutor 21100 Office Supplies	383.17
0009 Prosecutor 45100 Law books	1052.80
0062 Election Board 24800 Misc Supplies	981.67
0062 Election Board 32200 Travel	660.26
0062 Election Board 32500 Schools/Meetings	50.00
0062 Election Board 36300 Service and Maintenance	141.00
0062 Election Board 44600 Computer System	5,000.00
0079 Zoning 32200 Travel	153.52
0161 Maintenance 21100 Office Supplies	1,521.77
0161 Maintenance 22100 Gas/Oil	53.76
0161 Maintenance 22400 Janitor Supplies	190.21
0161 Maintenance 36300 Service & Maintenance	1,003.91
0314 Building Inspector 32200 Travel	64.22
0314 Building Inspector 33200 Printing	76.24
0314 Building Inspector 34800 Misc Services	136.04
0232 Circuit Court 13800 Civil Pauper Counsel	967.50
0232 Circuit Court 33700 Guardian Ad Litem	1,168.50
0660 4-D Program 33100 Printing Other Than Office Supplies	236.24
Total County General Encumbered	25,980.02

ENCUMBERANCE 2021 p 2022 (continued)

1138-0069 Cum Cap	
0069 IT 44600 Computer System	2,310.00
0161 Maintenance 36400 Building and Structure	8,281.38
Total Cum Cap Development Encumbered	10,591.38
1168-0610 Health Maint/Health Dept	
17000 Overtime	260.48
44301 Equipment	9.99
Total Health Maintenance Encumbered	270.47
1170-0301 LIT Public Safety/EMS	
22400 Janitor Supplies	117.00
24000 Medical Gases	104.55
24601 Emergency Medical Equipment	839.87
32401 Internet/Cable	20.00
36100 Equipment Repair	13,373.45
Total LIT Public Safety Encumbered	14,454.87
8911-0610 CARES LHM/Health Dept	
38010 Contracted Services	7,837.50
Total Encumbered	59,134.24

The following advertised additional presented for approval:

1112-0700 LIT – Economic Development Professional Services	\$575,000.00
1000-0068 – County General/Commissioners Computer Software/Hardware	18,486.75

Kathleen Thompson made a motion to approve the advertised additional as presented, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The topics to solve in 2022 were determined as Wage/Compensation and Budget. Adam Loehmer, Brian Young, and Ronald DeSabatine volunteered for the budget committee. Kenneth Boswell, Michael T. Tiede, Kathleen Thompson, and Tim Overmyer volunteered for the Wage/Compensation.

With no other business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

Approved and signed this 14th day of March 2022 by the **Pulaski County Council**.

KEN BOSWELL

ADAM LOEHMER

RON DESABATINE

MIKE TIEDE

KATHI THOMPSON

BRIAN YOUNG ^{3/2}

TIM OVERMYER

ATTESTED BY: _____
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN