

**AUGUST 08, 2022**

**BUDGET HEARING**

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Council met Monday August 8, 2022 at 08:00am at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room for 2023 Budget Hearings. Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Adam Loehmer, Ron DeSabatine, Kathleen Thompson, Tim Overmyer, Mike Tiede, Jerry Locke with County Auditor Laura Wheeler.

President Boswell opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cumulative funds discussed briefly but cannot be addressed for reinstatement until January 2023.

**IN RE: SHERIFF, JEFF RICHWINE**

New carpeting expected to be needed in the near future. The Justice Center utilities are paid through the Sheriff's budget which has increased from \$120,000 to \$165,000. Dispatch covers calls for Winamac but receive nothing from the town. Additional for Deputy Overtime and inmate food needed to get through the rest of the year. Total 2023 budget increase is approximately \$434,000 mostly for utilities and two added security guards.

**IN RE: CORONER, JON FRAN**

No proposed changes to budget. PERF discussed and put to a vote which did not pass. The vote was 3-4 with Adam Loehmer, Kathleen Thompson, and Kenneth Boswell in favor; Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Tim Overmyer, and Jerry Locke opposed.

**IN RE: SURVEYOR, JENNY WEAVER**

The assistant surveyor is retiring at the end of this year, so spraying is expected to be outsourced. There are no plans at this time to hire a replacement but wants the position to remain open. The only budget change is the 5% wage increase.

**IN RE: RECORDER, SUE FOX**

Wages and travel are the only budget changes.

**IN RE: CLERK, JOLYNN BEHNY**

The 5% wage increase and some election line items reduced/deleted are the only 2023 budget changes. A part-time employee for document scanning discussed. By a vote of 0-6, Council voted down Clerk's request for additional part-time employee through perpetuation fund.

Cum Cap Dev fund, Record Storage, and duplicate IT budgeting in different departments discussed.

**MEETING RECESSED FOR LUNCH AT 10:53 AM.**

**MEETING RESUMED AT 1:00 PM.**

**IN RE: EXTENSION, SAMANTHA WILLIAMS**

A second full-time deputy requested because part-time positions are hard to fill.

**IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT, JUDGE MARY WELKER**

Petit jury and pauper counsel increased. \$15,000.00 requested out of County General to cover the cost of a contracted grant program consultant.

**IN RE: SUPERIOR COURT, JUDGE CRYSTAL KOCHER**

Mental health services discussed. The County currently uses Four County Counseling but may want to change to Bowen. Discussed Contracted Services (added \$20,000.), grants and drug screening. A drug screening machine may be considered.

**IN RE: PROBATION, CRIS ALLEN**

Probation Officer's wages are set by the State. Two part-time secretaries with 50% of salaries paid out of County General and 50% paid out of Probation User Fees but wants 100% to come from County General. Probation User Fees pay for interpreters, supplies, travel, and some counseling. Pulaski County reimburses for meals, which is \$26 per day and seems inadequate with the rise in food prices. Pulaski County follows Indiana reimbursement rates, which are lower and fluctuate more often than Federal rates, which is \$44.25 for meals.

**IN RE: MAINTENANCE, LARRY WEAVER**

Increased copier supplies, service & maintenance, and grounds maintenance plus 5% increase in wages. Purchasing another zero-turn mower discussed for next year.

**IN RE: CDC, NATHAN ORIGER**

Part-time employee requested to be made full-time. Professional Services, Legal Services, advertising, and economic development all increased for 2023.

**IN RE: PULASKI COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, JACKI FRAIN**

Budget request remains the same for 2023 at \$30,000.00.

**BUDGET HEARING RECESSED AT 3:47 PM. UNTIL 8:00am AUGUST 9, 2022.**

**AUGUST 09, 2022**

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BUDGET HEARING (continued)**

**BUDGET HEARINGS RECONVENED AT 8:00am AUGUST 9, 2022.**

**IN RE: HEALTH, TERRI HANSEN**

Medical waste increased and flu vaccine and overtime reduced. Office manager and Registrar retiring in early 2024. A full-time replacement employee needed for training starting in May 2023. This could be paid from grant money. Consensus is to remove new full-time employee and add it in the 2024 budget. Budget was revised to 2022 budget with 5% pay raise.

**IN RE: TREASURER, TERESA BRYANT**

Part-time and wages increased. Overall budget much the same as 2022.

**IN RE: BUILDING, KARLA REDWEIK**

A fee increase and code violation fees discussed. An additional part-time employee requested in 2023 budget and discussed at length. Payroll was increased based on 28 hours. Motion passed for part-time position 6-0.

**IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION. JOHN KEGARISE**

Fuel, baling wire, landfill fees, new forklift (+\$29,000), and part-time employees discussed. Council rejected additional part-time position and dropped the part-time budget from \$91,875 to \$81,750.

**IN RE: ASSESSOR, HOLLY VAN DER AA**

Assessment outsourcing discussed. No changes except wages.

**IN RE: EMA, SHERI GAILLARD**

No other change except wages. The LEPC budget increased from \$4000.00 to \$11,000.00 for equipment to purchase a new drone.

**IN RE: VETERANS, WILLIAM WALKER**

No change except 5% wage increase.

**BUDGET HEARING RECESSED FOR LUNCH AT 10:44PM.**

**BUDGET HEARING RECONVENED AT 12:22PM.**

**IN RE: EMS, BRANDON DELORENZO**

Training and equipment reduced. EMS operates on a 12 hour shift and is fully staffed. EMS collects around \$500,000.00 for emergency calls and ambulance runs. Council decided to add \$90,000.00 in Riverboat 2023 budget for new ambulance.

**IN RE: SOIL AND WATER, LOIS MANN**

Only change is 5% in wages.

**IN RE: COMMISSIONERS, CHARLES MELLON**

Funds Elected Official Training, LIT Public Safety and Drug Free Community all stay the same for 2023 budget; however, LIT Public Safety was changed to eliminate \$6,500.00 for Culver Ambulance as it will now be covered by Pulaski County EMS. Liability insurance expense was increased 5% in fund 1112. Electric/Gas, Examination of Records, Soldier Burial, 4 County Mental Health in County General increased. Information Technology budget increased \$80,000.00 for IT Director which is expected to eliminate the need for Roeing.

**IN RE: PROSECUTOR, KELLY GAUMER**

Increased wages 5%, witness fees, office supplies dues/subscriptions in general fund. Some expenses in Child Support are reimbursed 65%. Pre-Trial Diversion remains the same.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY, GARY KRUGER**

Meeting/seminars, road equipment repair and equipment under MVH fund all increased. Stone, gas & oil increased under MVH Restricted. Signs increased under Cum Bridge, with no new monies being added to fund for 2 years. Discussion followed on taking Highway out of Matrix in order to have a separate pay scale. Motion to reduce pay increase from 10% to 5% passed 6-1 with Kathi Thompson opposed.

**IN RE: AVIATION, JEREMY WEGNER**

Bulk Fuel for Resale increased as fuel prices are higher and there is more activity at the airport.

**IN RE: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF PULASKI COUNTY, WENDY ROSE**

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the Forward Thinking Initiative and expects \$10,000 as balance of what was promised. Vote is 6-0 to give Community Foundation \$10,000.00 out of Riverboat.

**IN RE: AUDITOR, LAURA WHEELER**

Asked for a 4<sup>th</sup> full-time employee and/or an additional part-time. Plat book fees was increased to \$8,000. as this fund will be used for storage of scanned records. Consensus was to eliminate the 4<sup>th</sup> full-time and allow the additional part-time.

Cum Cap Development fund is in danger and will go away in one year. Moving 50% to another fund suggested. Moving Building/Planning to Economic Development also suggested. Motion made to move Building/Planning to LIT Economic Development passed 6-0. Motion made to move 50% of Cum Cap into County General passed 6-0.

**Budget hearing recessed until 8/20/2022 10AM AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**

**BUDGET HEARING RECONVENED AT 10:00am on August 20, 2022 in the Sheriff's training room.**

The following funds were accepted without change #1101 Accident, #1135 Cum Bridge, #1148 Drug Free Community, #1154 Sheriff's Continuing Education, #1156 Firearms Training, #1160 Identity Sec Protection, #1169 Local Road & Street, #1173 MVH Restricted, #1176 MVH, #1181 Plat Book Fees, #1185 Jail Lease Rental, #1192 Sex & Violent Offender Administration, #1217 Co Elected Officials Training, #1224 Reassessment, #1225 Airport Improvements, #2501 PreTrial Diversion, #2504 Jury Fees, #4020 DRMO, #8107 Fuel Farm Phase, #8111 SIM Opioid Grant, #8142 VOCA Grant, #8905 Aviation ACRGP, #8906 Aviation ARGO, #8907 Aviation Cares Relief Fund, #9104 LEPC, #9109 PreTrial Service Grant, #9112 Court Interpreter, #9113 Veteran's Court Grant, #9118 CASA Program Grant, #9123 Community Xings, #9141 JDAI Grant, 9148 Family Recovery Grant 9148.

#1191 Riverboat was changed to include Ambulance 90,000 and Professional Services (Community Foundation) 10,000.

#1000 County General discussion included Building Inspector and Information Technology. Council agreed to leave building inspector budget in County General because the fees expected from Solar Companies will benefit the County General fund.

#1138 Cum Cap Development discussed with Council agreeing to move 50% of Information Technology to #1112 Economic Development.

#1112 Economic Development part-time to full-time or additional part-time discussed. Council voted 4 to 3 in favor of moving the current part-time staff member to full-time at 35 hours per week using the regular deputy longevity scale which equates to 34,091.00 for 2023. Michael T. Tiede, Kathleen Thompson, Jerry Locke, and Adam Loehmer in favor. Tim Overmyer, Ronald DeSabatine, Kenneth Boswell opposed.

#1107 Aviation approved as requested with no changes.

No changes were made to #1170 Public Safety.

#2100 Supplemental Adult Probation - All agreed that part-time wages be split between this fund and County General as it has been in the past.

With nothing further to discuss, meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

Approved and signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL.**

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