

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday September 12, 2022 7:00pm at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Kathleen Thompson, Tim Overmyer, and Jerry Locke with County Auditor Laura Wheeler. Adam Loehmer absent

Also present were Tyler Campbell, Dave Olds, Curt Daugherty, Ray Tijerina, Bob Sheppard, Tim Shively, Wade Wake, Ron Fox, Travis Wolford, Jason Stavedahl, Joe Hintz, Josh Kopka, Maurice Loehmer, Kerry Disinger, Bo Disinger, Joe Moyer, Judge Crystal Kocher, Kelly Gaumer, Jeff Richwine, and Chris Schramm.

President Boswell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: WINAMAC POLICE DEPT

The Town of Winamac and has been working with Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation (EPCSC) to put a full-time officer in the school with the cost split evenly between Town and School. Would the County contribute financially to this endeavor since many students live out of the City limits? Total cost is expected to be \$70,000.00, including benefits and would be a Town employee. After some discussion, Council is taking request under advisement.

IN RE: COUNTY PROPERTY SALE

Sale of the Old County Home property, approximately 1.2673, discussed. Part of the property was sectioned out for use by REACT. Council previously recommended an auction sale but Commissioners prefer listing with local agent and include an escalation clause. Kathleen Thompson made a motion to change selling method from auction to realtor listing, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

New furniture costing \$61,783.73 installed in Circuit Court and Prosecutor’s offices.

Retrofit vs. full-system replacement on the County Highway roof discussed. A full system replacement as an alternate bid considered but will proceed with a flute-fill retrofit, which should save the County money. In a flute-fill retrofit, valleys between ridges on each sheet of metal roofing are filled with insulation, a layer of sheathing applied over this now flat surface and then a rubber roof membrane installed.

Tonn & Blank has submitted their first draft cost estimate based on Luminaut/Rowland’s drawings which will be discussed at October’s Joint Session.

Document Retention continues to be a renovation challenge. Scanning and storage need evaluation and retention plan.

Temporary renovation locations discussed briefly.

It is not prudent to include the west annex rehabilitation in the courthouse project. The Architects suspect it would be a better fiscal decision to build a new structure and raze the existing building.

The Local Income Tax (LIT) reallocation discussed. After some discussion, Kathleen Thompson made a motion to approve Option 2, Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously. **Option 2:** PSAP down from 0.30% to 0.225% and Economic Development up from 0.50% to 0.575%.

The County’s Rainy Day Fund is not Code-Compliant and should have been established as an ordinance, not a resolution, which was done in 2015. A proper ordinance explicitly addresses the allowed uses of the Rainy Day Fund. Council will discuss and outline eligible spending uses for this fund and adopt a corrective ordinance in the very near future.

A wage-and-benefit study in-house rather than hiring a consultant requested by Mike Tiede and Ken Boswell. Comparable data is from 18 counties focusing on department heads/supervisory positions, posted budgets, and staffing.

Council meeting recessed for a Public Budget hearing.

Budget changes include CDCs marketing budget reduced to \$55,000.00 and security reduced to \$10,000.00.

The overall 2023 budget for a total expected adoption amount of \$22 Million discussed. 2023 budget has \$2.4 million in ARPA money, a 5% pay increase, Courthouse and Justice Center bond payments, and an increase number of grants. Revenue estimated increase is 7-8%.

The 2023 published budget reads as follows:

0005-CASINO/RIVERBOAT	\$115,000	0101-GENERAL	8,814,275
0124-2015 REASSESSMENT	130,250	0342-POLICE PENSION	15,000
0580-COURTHOUSE LEASE RENTAL	850,000	0702-HIGHWAY	3,936,229
0706-LOCAL ROAD & STREET	240,000	0790-CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	393,000
0801-HEALTH	210,527	1092-CUMULATIVE BUILDING	96,000
1151-CONTINUING EDUCATION	2,000	1185-JAIL LEASE RENTAL	337,944
2102-AVIATION/AIRPORT	207,665	2391-CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	678,500
2411-ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CREDIT	1,615,374	9501-COUNTY USER FEE	37,300
9502-LOCAL HEALTH DEPT TRUST ACCOUNT	15,779	9503-SUPPLEMENT JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES	15,000
9504-SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION SERVICES	64,600	9505-PLAT BOOK FEES	8,000
9507-LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE	36,847.	9508-DRUG FREE COMMUNITY	16,000.
9509-PRETRIAL PROGRAM GRANT	81,373.	9510-FAMILY RECOVERY GRANT	162,000.
9513-VETERAN’S COURT GRANT	139,334.	9514-COURT INTERPRETER	2,500.
9515-IDOC JDAI GRANT	85,000.	9517-COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING	5,000.
9518-CASA GRANT	21,232.	9520-DRMO	5,000.
9521-COMMUNITY XS MG-HWY	1,000,000.	9522-STATEWIDE 911	202,954.
9523-ACCIDENT REPORT #24	13,000.	9526-SIM OPIOID GRANT AWARD	60,000.
9530-FIREARMS TRAINING #31	18,000.	9531-CLERKS PERPETUATION FUND	36,271.
9532-AVIATION GRANT	350,000.	9533-AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS	15,000.
9535-LIT – PSAP	630,100.	9536-OFFENDER, SEX/VIOLENCE #37	4,500.
9542-VOCA GRANT	77,344.	9554-IDENTIFICATION SECURITY PROTECTION	1,700.
9560-LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION	10,000.	9570-LOIT- B PUBLIC SAFETY CO SHARE	1,100,855.
9580-ACRGP-AVIATION	9,000.	9581-ARGO-AVIATION	22,000.
9582-CARES RELIEF FUND-AVIATION	12,400.	9585-8950-ARPA FUNDS	2,407,144.
		TOTAL	\$24,306,997.

With no other comment from the board and no public comment, the Public Hearing closed and regular session resumed.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

The following transfers presented for approval:

1170-0301 Public Safety/EMS		
From:	17000 Overtime	\$25,000.00
To:	11500 Part-time	\$25,000.00
8912-0610 Health/Health		
From:	44301 Office Equipment	7,000.00
To:	33200 Printing & Advertising	3,000.00
To:	38010 Contracted Services	4,000.00
1138-0161 Cumulative Capital Development/Maintenance		
From:	36400 Building & Structure	12,506.00
To:	45201 Mowers	12,506.00

Mike Tiede made a motion to approve transfer as presented, Kathleen Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The health department presented the following additional appropriation for approval:

8912-0610 Health/Health	3,500.00
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Mike Tiede made a motion to approve the requested additional for advertising, Kathleen Thompson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The following advertised additional presented for approval:

1107-0305 Aviation (Bulk Fuel for Resale)	\$60,000.00
1193-0005 Sheriff Pension Trust/Sheriff	13,315.00

Mike Tiede made a motion to approve the advertised additional as presented, Kathleen Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Aviation’s request was due to higher fuel cost and more traffic at airport. Sheriff’s pension is due to an issue with Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF).

Mike Tiede made a motion to reappoint Leona Speece to the Francesville-Salem Township Public Library, Kathleen Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kathleen Thompson made a motion to approve and sign August 8, 2022 regular session minutes as presented, Ron DeSabatine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The budget hearing minutes presented for approval. Mike Tiede made a motion to approve and sign budget hearing minutes with a correction to EMA noting that the increase for drones was a carryover from the 2022 budget minutes and should be deleted. Kathleen Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of the 2023 budget will be at the October 10, 2022 Council meeting at 7pm.

The Town of Winamac board no longer contributes to the County’s 9-1-1 cost. After some discussion it was determined that Kenneth Boswell and Jeff Richwine would address the Winamac Town Council.

Police officer assigned to Eastern Pulaski School Corporation discussed further. Schools receive funding for safety and should provide their own safety officer was the consensus.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Approved and signed this 10th day of October by the Pulaski County Council.

KENNETH BOSWELL

ABSENT
ADAM LOEHMER

RON DESABATINE

MIKE TIEDE

KATHLEEN THOMPSON

TIM OVERMYER

JERRY LOCKE

ATTEST: _____
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA