

**JANUARY 9, 2023**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday January 9, 2023 7:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Councilmembers present were Kenneth Boswell, Adam Loehmer, Jerry Locke, Tim Overmyer, Bradley Bonnell, Jeff Richwine with County Auditor Laura Wheeler. Councilmember Mike Tiede was present by Zoom for the first part of the meeting.

Also present were Jennifer Knebel, Gail Lambert, Connie Ehrlich, Chris Brucker, Joe Hintz, Larry Disinger, Tim Shivley, Josh Kopka, Gary Kruger, Dave Olds, Marie Roth, Cody Foust, Steven Mundy, Laura Scott, Jason Stavedahl, Matthew Scott, Ronald Fox, Fred Rogers, Leeann Wright and Chris Schramm.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

Jerry Locke made a motion to keep the board officials the same as 2022: Kenneth Boswell as President and Adam Loehmer as Vice-President. Jeff Richwine seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

**IN RE: CDC**

Nathan Origer advised that Council is entitled to appoint one member to the Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission. Mike Tiede volunteered to fill the position. All were in favor.

Preliminary resolution presented for Vander Haags, Inc. for the designation of an economic revitalization area (ERA). They plan to construct a 20,000 sq ft building this spring, with an estimated cost of \$2,000,000.00 and an anticipated increase of 25 positions with annual salary between \$50,000.00 and \$75,000.00. The resolution reads as follows:

**PULASKI COUNTY RESOLUTION No. 2023-01**  
BY  
THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA,  
A PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA  
AND THE GRANTING OF ASSESSED-VALUE DEDUCTION FOR THE  
VANDER HAAG'S, INC., 2023 EXPANSION PROJECT

**WHEREAS INDIANA CODE ('I.C.') 6-1.1-12.1 EMPOWERS THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA (THE 'COUNCIL'), TO DESIGNATE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREAS BY FOLLOWING A PROCEDURE INVOLVING THE ADOPTION OF A PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION, PROVISION FOR PUBLIC NOTICE, CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADOPTION OF A FINAL RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION OR A MODIFIED VERSION THEREOF;**

**WHEREAS VANDER HAAG'S, INC., IN CONJUNCTION WITH DES MOINES TPE, LLC, OWNER OF THE PARCEL DESCRIBED HEREIN:**

**66-07-24-300-031.000-010, COMMONLY KNOWN AS VANDER HAAG'S, 495 EAST 150 SOUTH, WINAMAC (SOUTH PARCEL), COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 73.456 ACRES, AND SHOWN ON THE MAP DISPLAYED IN EXHIBIT A, WHICH IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS RESOLUTION,**

**HAS REQUESTED THAT SAID PROPERTY BE DESIGNATED AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING ASSESSED-VALUED DEDUCTION (TAX ABATEMENT) IN CONNECTION WITH REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY OCCURRING ON THE AFFECTED PROPERTY; AND**

**WHEREAS THE COUNCIL RECEIVED EVIDENCE REGARDING WHETHER THE AREA SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA, AND SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE WAS PROVIDED THAT ESTABLISHES THAT THE PROJECT SATISFIES THE STANDARDS SET FORTH BY THE STATUTE,**

**NOW, THEREFORE, SO BE THE FOLLOWING RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL:**

- 1. THE AFFECTED PARCEL IS PRELIMINARILY DESIGNATED AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS COMMENCING ON THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF A CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION REGARDING THIS MATTER.**
- 2. THIS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA ALLOWS ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES ATTRIBUTABLE TO REDEVELOPMENT OR REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES, AND THE INSTALLATION OF NEW MANUFACTURING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, LOGISTICAL DISTRIBUTION, AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, ALL AS DEFINED IN I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 AND PERMITTED UNDER I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-3 AND I.C. 6-1.1-12-4.5.**
- 3. A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY ASSESSOR.**
- 4. THE COUNCIL HEREBY FIXES 7:00 P.M., ON MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2023, IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE PULASKI COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE, 1131 NORTH U.S. 35, WINAMAC, INDIANA, AS THE TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR RECEIVING OF REMONSTRANCES AND OBJECTIONS FROM INTERESTED PERSONS PRIOR TO ADOPTING A CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE AFFECTED PARCELS AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND OFFERING ANY TAX ABATEMENTS REQUESTED BY ANY OR ALL OF THE PETITIONERS MENTIONED SUPRA.**

Jeff Richwine made a motion to approve resolution 2023-01 as presented, Adam Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. The Public hearing will be at Council's February 13, 2023 7:00PM meeting.

The Economic Development Board has an open position for a current Council member. Mike Tiede suggested Brad Bonnell who agreed to serve. All were in favor.

**IN RE: AUDITOR**

9-1-1 was having issues with internet and needed an upgrade which resulted in monthly cost going from \$200.00 to \$400.00. Council was asked to acknowledge the upgraded service with an awareness that it could cause a change in budget. Jeff Richwine made said motion, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The current mileage rate reimbursement which follows the State's rate at \$.49 per mile was brought up for discussion since gas prices are so high. Meal allowance was also discussed which the State allows \$26.00 per day for meals and the Federal allowance is \$55-59.00 per day. Jeff Richwine made a motion to follow the Federal reimbursement rates: Up to \$55.00 per day for meals and up to whatever the current federal mileage rate is, Jerry Locke seconded. Motion passed 4 to 2. Mike Tiede and Bradley Bonnell opposed.

The Cumulative Building fund used to support Hospital projects and Cumulative Bridge fund supporting Pulaski County Highway projects discussed briefly. Council removed revenue from property taxes in 2022 nor 2023 for these two funds. With an obligation of \$96,000.00 per year until July 2026 to the Hospital for an MRI building and the possible need for bridge work at any time, Council asked if they wanted to reinstate these two funds for the 2024 budget. Decision tabled for further review.

**IN RE: SHERIFF**

The 2022 Sheriff's Commissary Report presented for review. This is funded by the prisoners and is used for supplies and training and reads as follows:

**Pulaski County Sheriff's Report Receipts and Disbursements Jail Commissary Fund  
For the Period of 01/01/2022 thru 12/31/2022**

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 01/01/2022 thru 12/31/2022

<b>Balance ending December 31, 2021</b>	<b>63,292.33</b>	
Receipts		
Inmate Phone	111,501.75	
Commissary Commissions	119,604.79	
Miscellaneous	2,169.21	
Admin Kits	670.76	
Surety Bond-Jason Woodruff Claim	10,000.00	
Other fees	349.10	
Other Income	6,278.06	
Corrections	-413.99	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>250,159.68</b>
Disbursements		
Equipment	12,709.92	
Trainings	22,358.88	
Inmate Expenses	122,391.49	
Uniforms	781.69	
Vehicles	39,340.01	
Miscellaneous	5,829.71	
Dues and Subscriptions	4,317.95	
Office Supplies	6,358.13	
Activity to Prevent Crime	50.00	
Employee Meals	58.85	
Software License	8,140.76	
Printing and Advertising	2,550.00	
Repairs to Jail Facility	107.54	
Criminal Investigation Fee	39.24	
Service Contract	280.50	
K-9 Maintenance	1,961.86	
Facility Supplies	148.87	
<b>Total Disbursement</b>		<b>227,425.40</b>
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2022</b>		<b>86,026.61</b>

**County Sheriff's Report of Receipts and Disbursements of the Inmate Trust Fund  
For the Period 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022**

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		22,470.68
Receipts for the Period:		
Resident Income	524,895.92	
Gift Card Income	160,001.56	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>684,897.48</b>
Disbursements for the Period:		
Resident Disbursements	22,913.82	
Commissary	196,066.40	
Medical	8,113.97	
Phone Cards	75,501.75	
Admission Kit Sales	670.76	
Pulaski County Sheriff	346,853.50	
ATM Fees	5,877.00	
Debit Cards	19,260.14	
Phone Cards Fees	6,949.00	
Total Disbursements		<b>682,206.34</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>25,161.82</b>

The Sheriff's department wants to hire two part-time employees and pay them from the commissary as contractors. (1099 basis). Adam Loehmer made a motion to approve the hiring and paying out of Commissary funds for these two positions as long as there are no issues, Tim Overmyer seconded and motion passed unanimously. The commissary will reimburse to the Pulaski County Treasurer to cover these costs.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

The CDC has made a request for a \$350,000.00 Professional Services additional for pre-bond design work costs that will mostly be reimbursed by the bond.

The Health Department is requesting a \$25,000.00 additional from the COVID 19 Reimbursement Fund to cover the purchase of new office computers.

After some discussion, Jeff Richwine made a motion to advertise CDC's \$350,000.00 additional, Adam Loehmer seconded and motion carried 4 to 1 with Tim Overmyer opposed and Mike Tiede no longer present.

Adam Loehmer made a motion to advertise Health Department's \$25,000.00 additional, Jerry Locke seconded and motion passed unanimously with Mike Tiede no longer present.

Adam Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign the December 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes, Tim Overmyer seconded and motion passed unanimously with Mike Tiede not present.

The 2023 Meeting Schedule for Council presented for review and approval and reads as follows:

The Pulaski County Council will meet in regular session at the County Highway Garage located at 1131 North of each month at 7:00pm EDST or the next work day after a County Approved Holiday for the year 2023.

<b>Monday, January</b>	<b>Monday, May 8</b>	<b>Monday, September 11</b>
<b>Monday, February 13</b>	<b>Monday, June 12</b>	<b>Monday, October 9</b>
<b>Monday, March 13</b>	<b>Monday, July 10</b>	<b>Monday, November 13</b>
<b>Monday, April 10</b>	<b>Monday, August 14</b>	<b>Monday, December 11</b>
		<b>Monday, January 8, 2024</b>

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**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR SESSION (continued)**

The Pulaski County Council will meet at the County Highway Garage for 2024 budget meetings from 8:00am to 5:00pm  
**Monday, August 7 and Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

Tim Overmyer made a motion to approve Council's meeting schedule as presented, Adam Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously with Mike Tiede not present.

A stipend or one-time bonus for County employees in 2023 from ARPA funds discussed with no decision at this time.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Approved and signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February by the **PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**.

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KENNETH BOSWELL

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ADAM LOEHMER

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MIKE TIEDE

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JERRY LOCKE

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TIM OVERMYER

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JEFFREY RICHWINE

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BRADLEY BONNELL

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