

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met Monday September 25, 2023 at 08:00am at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room for 2024 Budget considerations. Councilmembers present were Ken Bowell, Michael T. Tiede, Tim Overmyer, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez, and Jerry Locke with County Auditor Laura Wheeler. Brad Bonnell and Jeff Richwine absent.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: BUDGET

Cumulative Building fund's levy discussed and Council agreed to the minimum levy of \$45,300.00 for the 2024 budget.

Probation part-time position increased to full-time position discussed. Council stated that new full-time positions would not be considered for 2024 and determined that the published full-time position be split to two part-time positions as it has been in the past. Part-time salaries were not discussed.

Clerk's perpetuation fund used to increase already established part-time position to full-time. The established position works in the Clerk's office part-time and is budgeted from county general for \$28,000.00 as part-time clerical and \$9,571.00 as part-time voter registration. The total part-time budget is \$37,571.00. The Clerk's perpetuation fund has 2nd deputy budgeted for \$41,400.00 which is the full amount for a second deputy. Council was adamant about no new full-time positions for 2024 and chose to remove the perpetuation fund position.

Outsourcing record retention for the clerk's office estimated at \$225,000.00 just for the Clerk's books (does not include Clerk's other documents). It was unsure if the bond could cover that amount and after other suggestions/options to consider no decisions were made.

Michael T. Tiede motioned to remove the Clerk's perpetuation full-time 2nd deputy position in its entirety; set the Cumulative Building fund levy at necessary minimum of \$45,300.00; and retain probation's two part-time positions. Tim Overmyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Health department positions discussed with a suggestion to consider contracted positions rather than employee positions.

Human services and community foundation funding request also considered. Michael T. Tiede motioned to retain the \$30,000 funding to Pulaski Human Services and to not fund the \$15,000.00 Community Foundation request at this time. Jerry Locke seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

With nothing further to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:51am.

Approved and signed this 9th day of October 2023 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**.

KENNETH BOSWELL

MICHAEL T. TIEDE

TIM OVERMYER

BRAD BONNELL

JEFF RICHWINE

JERRY LOCKE

SHEILA HAZEMI-JIMENEZ

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

