

AUGUST 10, 2020

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday, August 10, 2020, 7:00pm, at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Ron DeSabatine, Jerry Sullivan, Kathi Thompson and Brian Young, as well as Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Scott Hinkle and Mike Tiede were absent.

Also present were Carmin Ruff, Judge Mary Welker, Holly VanDerAa, Maurice Loehmer, Joe Moyer, Jennifer Knebel, Connie Ehrlich, Diane Cervenka, Mark Cervenka, Richard Knebel, Schyler Knebel, Brennon Morning, Adam Loehmer, Cindy Hickle, Amber Tomlinson, Jeff Richwine, Robert Pugh, and Nathan Origer.

President Kenneth Boswell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brian Young motioned to amend the agenda to include discussion of solar energy but motion died for a lack of a second.

IN RE: LIT PUBLIC HEARING

The Regular session was recessed and the Local Income Tax Public Hearing opened.

At a July 30, 2020 Special Session, Council voted in favor to the following:

Certified Shares 1.40%, Public Safety .30%, EDIT .50% and PSAP .30%

After some discussion about the 9-1-1 fund, Ron DeSabatine made a motion to approve the following Ordinance, Jerry Sullivan seconded and motion carried unanimously.

PULASKI COUNTY ORDINANCE 2020-05 BY THE PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL TO MODIFY THE PULASKI COUNTY LOCAL INCOME TAX RATE		
WHEREAS IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA ("COUNCIL"), TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE REVENUES ARE GENERATED FOR THE EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THE PULASKI COUNTY GOVERNMENT ("COUNTY") IN A MANNER THAT PROVIDES RELIEF TO RESIDENT WAGE-EARNERS;		
WHEREAS A 1.18% COMPONENT OF THE COUNTY'S 3.38% LOCAL INCOME TAX ("LIT") RATE PROVIDES PROPERTY-TAX RELIEF ("PTR") PURSUANT TO <i>INDIANA CODE ("IC")</i> 6-3.6-5, WITH A 1.00% RATE CURRENTLY RELIEVING ALL ALLOCATION CATEGORIES UNDER <i>IC</i> 6-3.6-5-6(D), AND A 0.18% RATE CURRENTLY RELIEVING 1%-ALLOCATION-TYPE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAXES UNDER <i>IC</i> 6-3.6-5-6(D)(1) AND <i>IC</i> 6-1.1-20.6-7.5;		
WHEREAS THE COUNTY INTENDS TO UNDERTAKE A PUBLIC-WORKS PROJECT TO REHABILITATE THE COUNTY'S COURTHOUSE, TO RENOVATE THE COUNTY'S JUSTICE CENTER, AND TO EXPAND THE JUSTICE CENTER;		
WHEREAS THE COUNCIL HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ADJUST THE PULASKI COUNTY LIT RATE AND THE AMOUNT OF PTR PROVIDED BY LIT REVENUES TO PROPERTY TAXPAYERS; AND		
WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO INDIANA HOUSE ENROLLED ACT NO. 1052 OF 2020 AND <i>IC</i> 6-3.6-7-18(C) AND (E), THE COUNCIL HAS THE AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A LIT RATE NOT TO EXCEED 0.30%, EFFECTIVE NO EARLIER THAN 1 JANUARY 2021 THROUGH NO LATER THAN 31 DECEMBER 2035, FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING AFORESAID PUBLIC-WORKS PROJECT, NOW, THEREFORE,		
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL THAT A NEED NOW EXISTS TO MODIFY THE LIT RATES IMPOSED IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:		
ALLOCATION RATE CATEGORY	EXISTING LIT RATE	PROPOSED LIT RATE
CERTIFIED SHARES (IC 6-3.6-6)	1.40%	1.40%
PUBLIC SAFETY (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.25%	0.60%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.25%	0.50%
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF RATE (IC 6-3.6-5)	1.18%	0.35%
SPECIAL PURPOSE RATE (IC 6-3.6-7-18)	0.30%	0.00%
TOTAL RATE	3.38%	2.85%
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION CATEGORIES (IC 6-3.6-5-6)	EXISTING PERCENT OF REVENUE	PROPOSED PERCENT OF REVENUE
ALL PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION CATEGORIES	84.7458%	71.4286%
1% ALLOCATION TYPE HOMESTEADS ELIGIBLE FOR A CREDIT UNDER IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5.	15.2542%	28.5714%
THE PUBLIC SAFETY ALLOCATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE INCLUDES REVENUE ASSOCIATED WITH AN EXPENDITURE RATE TO BE AUTHORIZED FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SAFETY ACCESS POINT ("PSAP") (EMERGENCY-911 DISPATCH) PURSUANT TO PULASKI COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-07, TO BE ADOPTED CONCURRENTLY WITH THIS ORDINANCE. THE REVENUE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS RATE SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE PSAP PRIOR TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUE.		
ALLOCATION RATE CATEGORY	EXISTING LIT RATE	PROPOSED LIT RATE
PUBLIC SAFETY (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.25%	0.60%
LOCAL INCOME TAX TYPE	EXISTING PSAP RATE	PROPOSED PSAP RATE
PUBLIC SAFETY ACCESS POINT RATE	0.00%	0.30%
THE EXPENDITURE RATE INCLUDES A RATE ASSOCIATED WITH A LEVY FREEZE RATE PREVIOUSLY IMPOSED UNDER THE FORMER LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAX STATUTES.		
ALLOCATION RATE CATEGORY	EXISTING LIT RATE	PROPOSED LIT RATE
CERTIFIED SHARES (IC 6-3.6-6)	1.40%	1.40%
LOCAL INCOME TAX TYPE	EXISTING RATE	PROPOSED RATE
LEVY FREEZE RATE	0.40%	0.40%

This ordinance will become effective January 1, 2021.

The Local Income Tax Public hearing closed.

IN RE: BUDGET

The 2021 budget discussed at length. A suggestion was made to look at these specific departments: CDC, Commissioners, Coroner, EMA, EMS, IT, Jail Lease, Maintenance, Building and Sheriff. Other thoughts were a 3% cut for a 3% raise, move \$500,000.00 County General to EDIT, advising department heads cut 7.5% from their County General budget.

Kathi Thompson made a motion to have another round of budget hearings Monday August 17 and Tuesday August 18 starting at 1:00pm, Ron DeSabatine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Jerry Sullivan made a motion to approve and sign the June 22 and 23, 2020 Budget hearing minutes, the June 08,2020 and July 13,2020 regular session minutes, and the July 20,2020 Special Session Minutes as presented, Ron DeSabatine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Brian Young stated that his “Nay” on abatements in the July 13, 2020 minutes was a mistake on his part as he misunderstood the motion.

The following transfers were presented for approval:

1176-0531 MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY/MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR			
From:	22101 Salt	\$7,000.00	
To:	24902 Road Signs		\$7,000.00
From:	22101 Salt	\$4,000.00	
From:	25100 Traffic Control	\$670.00	
From:	25000 Other Supplies	\$450.00	
To:	24902 Road Signs		\$5,120.00
1176-0533 MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY/GEN & UNDISTRIBUTED EXP			
From:	22100 Gas, Oil, Lube, Etc.	\$60,000.00	
To:	22300 Other garage Supplies		\$20,000.00
To:	Truck & Tractor Repairs		\$40,000.00
2100-0235 SUPP. ADULT PROBATION SERVICES/PROBATION			
From:	34800 Misc Service & Charges	\$50.00	
To:	33200 Printing & Advertising		\$50.00
1000-0750 COUNTY GENERAL/SOIL & WATER			
From:	Postage	\$15.00	
To:	Printing Other Than Office Supplies		\$15.00
2501-0009 PRETRIAL DIVERSION/PROSECUTOR			
From:	44301 Equipment	\$2,000.00	
To:	11500 Part Time Help		\$2,000.00
1138-0069 COUNTY GENERAL/IT			
From:	Computer Software	\$38,000.00	
To:	Copier & Lease		\$38,000.00
1000-0001 COUNTY GENERAL/CLERK			
From:	11501 Clerk Part Tim Clerical	\$10,000.00	
To:	11502 Clerk Part Time Voter Registration		\$10,000.00
1000-0005 COUNTY GENERAL/SHERIFF			
From:	11101 Jailer Salary	\$48,000.00	
To:	17002 Jailer OT		\$19,000.00
To:	17001 Chief Jailer OT		\$4,000.00
To:	11505 Part Time Jailers		\$25,000.00
1114-0005 LIT SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND			
From:	10902 Dispatcher Pay	\$14,000.00	
To	17000 Dispatcher Overtime		\$14,000.00

Kathi Thompson motioned to approve all transfers as presented, Jerry Sullivan seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The following Revised Ordinance for Salaries & Wages presented for approval:

<u>REVISED ORDINANCE FOR</u> <u>SALARIES & WAGES FOR 2020</u> Monday, August 10, 2020			
	<u>REQUESTED</u> <u>REVISION FROM</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u> <u>REVISION TO</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Per Hour Wage Change as follows:			
MATRIX CHANGE			
1114-0005 LIT Special Purpose/Sheriff			
10902 Laura McIntosh (15+ years increase)	\$16.97	\$17.67	8/9/2020
STATUS CHANGE			
1170-0301 LIT Public Safety/EMS			
11500 Monica Combs (FT to PT)	\$15.32	\$14.00	7/13/2020
1176-0530 Motor Vehicle Highway/ Highway Administration			
11500 Jessica Rausch (Hwy Sec to Seas. PT)	\$17.08	\$15.00	8/9/2020
11301 Joaunpaey Davis	\$15.00	\$17.08	8/9/2020

Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve the Revised Salaries & Wage Ordinance as presented, Jerry Sullivan seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS (continued)

The following advertised additional were presented for approval:

1225-0305 Airport Improvement Fund to reseal runway	\$6,142.50
1112-0700 LIT Economic Development for professional services	\$668,425.50

Kathi Thompson made a motion to approve the advertised additional, Jerry Sullivan seconded and motion carried unanimously.

A Declaration of Fiscal Body for Francesville-Salem Township Public Library presented for approval and Council President’s signature. Brian Young made a motion to approve and sign the declaration as presented, Jerry Sullivan seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Wheeler reported that Roeing Corp has completed the Phase 1 work on the network, which was backups, firewalls, and patching. Going forward, the monthly monitoring will be \$1,400.00 per month. Part of Phase 2 includes patching and monitoring of desktops at a cost of \$1,200.00 per month. Roeing provided a quote for the other part of Phase 2 which restructures the entire system, replacing much of the hardware, and licensing and labor for installation. The cost of \$105,483.64 (includes \$6900.90 tax but County is exempt). Council tabled any decisions for further consideration.

With no other business to discuss, Kathleen Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 8:34pm, Jerry (Jay) Sullivan seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 14th day of September 2020.

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

KEN BOSWELL

RON DESABATINE

JAY SULLIVAN

MIKE TIEDE

SCOTT HINKLE

BRIAN YOUNG

KATHLEEN THOMPSON

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