

APRIL 8, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday April 15, 2024 07:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Council members present were Michael Tiede, Jeffrey Richwine, Tim Overmyer, Bradley Bonnell, Jerry Locke, and Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez with Pulaski County Auditor Laura Wheeler. President Kenneth Boswell present by zoom.

Also present were Sherry Kestle, Nancy Swartzell, Rhonda Wilson, John Masterson, A J Gutwein, Levi Messer, Jenny Knebel, Connie Erhlich, Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, Edwina Guffey, Fred Rogers, Megan Korous, Kaye Beall, Laura Wilder, Daryn Wilder, Brandon DeLorenzo, Kathi Thompson, Judge Crystal Kocher, Nathan Origer, and Megan Galbreath.

As Kenneth Boswell was present by zoom, all votes recorded by a show of hands.

IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Hiring of a School Liaison Officer discussed briefly. This position is grant funded through June 2025. In July 2025, the Health Department will be taking over all financial responsibilities for the position including salary plus county benefits. The Officer’s main goal will be promoting, protecting and improving the health of our students in Pulaski County through both schools – Winamac Community High School and West Central High School. Starting pay for this position is \$24.86 per hour with a standard 35 hours per week. It was questioned if the schools would be contributing any funds but there was no immediate answer and the health department will look in to this. This position will be evaluated by the County Health Officer. Jerry Locke made a motion to approve the hiring of a school liaison, Jeffrey Richwine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: PULASKI COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Kaye Beall, President of Pulaski County Community Foundation board stated that listening Sessions to provide input on the Pulaski County Strategic Vision and Action Plan will be held for five consecutive Thursdays starting May 23. Locations are Winamac, Francesville, Star City, Medaryville, and Monterey with subject matter based on what the public asks.

IN RE: EMS

EMS recently applied and received two grants. A \$30,000.00 grant will pay for sending three students to paramedic school and a \$34,302.93 grant to purchase an AI training mannequin with two goggles. Both grants are reimbursable grants which means the county will pay for the projects and then be reimbursed by the grants. Jeffrey Richwine made a motion for the \$34,302.93 to be advertised, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Ken Boswell made a motion to approve the following two transfers for the Health Department, Jeffrey Richwine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

From:	1159-32300-0610	Telephone	\$750.00	
To:	1159.39100.0610	Dues & Subscriptions		\$750.00
From:	1161-34800-0610	Misc. Services & Charges	\$3,000.00	
To:	1161-11500-0610	Part-time Help		\$3,000.00

Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez made a motion to approve the following additional for Superior Court, Jeffrey Richwine seconded and motion carried unanimously. Judge Kocher explained that this was a competency hearing on a “Special Judge” case on which she had no control.

1000-31301-0201	County General/Examination of Prisoners	\$16,065.00
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County Highway for \$400,000.00 to purchase two new trucks and Cum Building for \$50,700.00 to PMH Building Project approved last month will be advertised for approval at the May meeting.

Courthouse project bids came in at approximately \$12,350,000.00 including what has already been spent and a 10% contingency. Consequently Kenneth Boswell made a motion to approve the following advertised additional, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried with a vote of 6 to 1 in favor. Tim Overmyer opposed.

4801-48010-0068	Courthouse Bond Proceeds/Construction in Progress	\$12,750,000.00
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Jeffrey Richwine made a motion to approve and sign February 12, 2024 and March 11, 2024 regular session minutes, Kenneth Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez made a motion to approve 2024 Salary Matrix—Sheriff Dept with 20+ years added to the longevity scales, Kenneth Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kenneth Boswell made a motion to approve and sign the following Revised Ordinance for Salaries & Wages for 2023 and the first quarter of 2024, Jeffrey Richwine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

REVISED ORDINANCE FOR SALARIES & WAGES FOR 2023 Monday, April 08, 2024			
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES BELOW LISTED, THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY ARE HEREBY REVISED AND FIXED AS STATED, SUBJECT TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME.			
	REQUESTED REVISION FROM	REQUESTED REVISION TO	Effective Date
Per Hour Wage Change as follows:			
Status changes			
1170 LIT Public Safety			
0301 EMS			
10204 Ravin Boo (FT EMT to FT Adv EMT)	12.24	14.09	05/06/2023
10204 to 11500 Jessica Myrcene (FT Paramedic to PT Paramedic)	18.01	22.18	11/12/2023
10204 to 11500 Stephanie Foust (FT Basic EMT to PT Basic EMT)	15.32	16.89	11/25/2023
10204 Natasha Daugherty (Basic EMT to Paramedic)	13.08	19.03	12/13/2023
10204 Megan Clark (Paramedic to Shift Captain)	18.71	19.62	12/18/2023
1000 County General			
0005 Sheriff			
10302 Seth Barton (Deputy to Deputy Sergeant)	22.42	29.94	12/11/2022
10402 Brice Calabrese (Jailer to Deputy)	15.75	20.21	12/25/2022
10402 Chris Parish (Jail Sergeant to Deputy)	18.01	21.32	12/22/2022
11505 Shane Strong (FT Jailer to PT Jailer)	16.54	15.59	12./25/2022
11100 Michelle Mitchell (Jail Sergeant to Chief Jailer)	18.01	22.39	02/19/2023
11505 Megan Sauberlich (FT Jailer to PT Jailer)	16.54	14.85	03/05/2023
11101 Rodney Bliss (PT Jailer to FT Jailer)	15.59	16.54	03/19/2023
11101 Hubert Hoover (Jailer to Jail Sergeant)	17.27	18.01	03/19/2023
11101 Jamie Benedict (FT Jailer to PT Jailer)	16.54	15.59	04/16/2023
11101 Jamie Benedict (PT Jailer to FT Jailer)	15.59	16.54	05/28/2023
11101 Daniel Ross (FT Dispatch to FT Jailer)	18.14	16.54	07/09/2023
11101 Zachary Griffin (Jailer to Jail Sergeant)	17.28	18.01	08/20/2023
11101 Steve Sewell (Jail Sergeant to Jailer)	18.01	17.50	08/20/2023
11101 Daniel Ross (Jailer to Dispatch)	18.14	17.27	09/17/2023
11101 Zachary Griffin (Jail Sergeant to Jailer)	18.01	17.27	09/03/2023
11101 Hubert Hoover (Jail Sergeant to Jailer)	18.01	17.27	09/03/2023
11101 Daniel Ross (Dispatch to Jail Sergeant)	21.32	20.91	10/29/2023
11101 Trace Risner (Jailer to Jail Sergeant)	20.31	21.23	10/29/2023
11101 Daniel Ross (Jail Sergeant to Jailer)	16.54	20.31	10/01/2023
11101 Jeffrey Lopez Staples (PT Jailer to FT Jailer)	15.59	19.68	11/12/2023
NOTE: During the 2023 year, there were 58 new hires, 16 rehires, and 58 terminations. Because of this, along with packing and moving, Wage Ordinance Changes did not get submitted throughout the year.			

REVISED ORDINANCE FOR
SALARIES & WAGES FOR 2024 Quarter 1
Monday, April 08, 2024

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SALARIES AND WAGES OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES BELOW LISTED, THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY ARE
HEREBY REVISED AND FIXED AS STATED, SUBJECT TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME.

Per Hour Wage Change as follows:	REQUESTED REVISION FROM	REQUESTED REVISION TO	Effective Date
Status changes			
0005-1000 Sheriff/County General			
10302 Fred Rogers (20+ Matrix increase)	30.94	31.95	03/13/2024
10302 Seth Scheffer-Barton (3-8 yrs to 9-14 yrs)	28.95	29.94	01/21/2024
11101 Ross Reinhold (0-2 yrs to 3-8 yrs)	20.28	20.91	07/19/2024
0009-1000 Prosecutor/County General			
10203 Michael Morphet (4-8 yrs to 8-12 yrs)	30.30	31.20	03/03/2024
0008-1000 Assessor/County General			
10200 Cindy Hickle (8-12 yrs to 12-16yrs)	23.04	23.78	12/24/2023
0001-1000 Clerk/County General			
10200 Jennifer Johnson (0-4 yrs to 4-8 yrs)	21.55	22.30	02/18/2024
0314-1000 Building Inspector/County General			
11800 Tina Dunn (0-4 yrs to 4-8 yrs)	20.10	20.84	03/31/2024
0235-9149 Probation/PreTrial Service Program			
10410 Carmin Ruff (3 yrs to 4-9 yrs)	27.02	30.20	12/24/2023
0005-1235 Sheriff/LIT-PSAP			
10902 Tammy Grandstaff (0-2 yrs to 3-8 yrs)	21.29	21.96	09/07/2024
10902 Angie VanArsdale (3-8 yrs to 9-14 yrs)	21.96	22.62	09/20/2024
10903 Donnetta Ernest (20 + yrs)	23.29	23.96	05/12/2024
0530-1176 Highway Administration/Motor Vehicle Highway			
11301 Joaunpaey Davis (0-4 yrs to 4-8 yrs)	20.11	20.85	08/18/2024
0531-1176 Highway Maintenance & Repair/Motor Vehicle Highway			
11201 Kenneth Bradley (0-4 yrs to 4-8 yrs)	21.54	22.26	06/09/2024
11103 Larry G Disinger (0-4 yrs to 4-8 yrs)	21.54	22.26	06/09/2024

Raises for part-time help were discussed and Council decided to address this issue at budget talks.

With no other business to discuss, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez motioned to adjourn at 7:44PM, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 13th day of May 2024 by the PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL.

KENNETH BOSWELL	MICHAEL TIEDE	JEFFREY RICHWINE
TIM OVERMYER	SHEILA HAZEMI-JIMENEZ	JERRY LOCKE
BRADLEY BONNELL	ATTEST: _____ LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN	