

JUNE 10, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday June 10, 2024 7:10pm at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Councilmembers present were Michael Tiede, Jeffrey Richwine, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez, Jerry Locke, Bradley Bonnell, Tim Overmyer with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Councilmember Kenneth Boswell was present by Zoom. Meeting was delayed due to lengthy joint session.

Also present were Chris Brucker, Connie Ehrlich, Gary Kruger, Joe Moyer, Gail Lambert, Leeann Wright, Mary Welker, Crystal Kocher, Nathan Origer, Megan Galbreath and Chris Schramm.

Vice-President Michael Tiede called the meeting to order.

IN RE: CDC

Updated documents pertaining to applications for tax abatements—program guidelines, a scoring rubric and a comprehensive application presented for consideration. This is required by the ordinance that Council passed last year to establish the Economic Development Commission (EDC). A \$250.00 fee suggested and consensus agreed. Documents to be presented next month to finalize.

Abatement requests discussed as the due date was May 15. A Non-compliance Waiver meeting is suggested for July 1. Special meeting scheduled for July 1, 2024 at 4:30pm and will cover all abatement requests.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

The following transfer requests presented for review and approval:

1176-533 HIGHWAY			
From:	22100 Gas, Oil and Lube	\$20,000.00	
To:	22800 Maintenance/Grader Blades		\$20,000.00
1000-2011 COUNTY GENERAL/SUPERIOR COURT			
From:	38010 Contracted Services	10,000.00	
To:	31301 Examination of Prisoners		5,000.00
	13600 Pauper Council		5,000.00
2501-009 PROSECUTOR			
From:	44301 Equipment	1,500.00	
To:	39300 Acquisition of Evidence		1,500.00

Jeffrey Richwine made a motion to approve submitted transfers, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The following advertised additional presented for review and approval:

1170-0305 Public Safety/EMS	\$34,302.93
1225-48000 Airport Improvement (Building)	164,575.69
4120-48000 Airport Improvement Donations (Building)	17,795.00

Jeffrey Richwine made a motion to approved advertised additional as presented, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez made a motion to approve and sign May 13, 2024 regular session minutes as presented, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The First Deputy Coroner position discussed. Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez made a motion to make the position “First Deputy Coroner” and require this position to clock-in and out, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously. Pay rate for this position then discussed. Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez made a motion to pay position at the part-time rate of \$16.05 and revisit at budget time, Jeffrey Richwine seconded and motion carried unanimously. A revised Wages & Salaries Ordinance will need to be approved.

Clarification on Board pay for Council requested, specifically attendance. Attendance does not apply to Council or Commissioners as they are paid a salary and not a per diem.

Tax abatement for Digester Company, which died due to lack of interest, needs to be closed out. Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez made a motion to rescind previously approved ordinance, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Revised Salary & Wage Ordinance presented for 2nd quarter 2024 changes and tabled until next meeting.

Kenneth Boswell made a motion to reappoint Judy Heater to Pulaski County Public Library Board as of July 01, 2024, Jeffrey Richwine seconded and motion carried unanimously. This is a 4-year term.

Pulaski County Soil and Water (SWCD) board chairman Niki Clemons requested a change in job title for their district coordinator as County has it as secretary and she has more responsibilities than a secretary. Council’s concern is if a name change, does it affect the Matrix? The Matrix has the position as district coordinator so may be already correct on County side. Kevin Podell requested to come to the next meeting to discuss.

The Animal Control position discussed. The employee holding this position will also be an Alternate Deputy Coroner and cannot work more than 28 hours per week total.
A water leak in the new jury room explained and light fixtures will have to be replaced.
Councilmembers appointed to different departments for budget consideration discussed.

With no other business to discuss nor public comment, meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.
Approved and signed this 8th day of July 2024 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**.

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