

April 14TH 2025

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday April 14th 2025 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Councilmembers present were Michael Tiede, Sheila Jimenez, Jeffrey Richwine, Tim Overmyer, Bradley Bonnell, Jerome Locke, and Albert Gutwein with County Auditor Teresa Bryant.

Also present were Josh Stamper, Connie Ehrlich, Jamie Murray, Joe Moyer, Raquel Gutwein, Judge Crystal Kocher, Chris Brucker, Anthony Goheen, Matthew Goheen, Sara Kroft, Chris Schramm, Judge Mary Welker, Natasha Daugherty, and Jennifer Knebel.

IN RE: EMS, NATASHA DAUGHERTY

Natasha presented 4 Additional Appropriations for approval:

- \$5,000.00 from a NIPSCO Grant received into EMS Training Materials.
- \$30,000 from an EMS Training Grant (reimbursable) into EMS Education.
- \$4,802.40 from LIT Public Share into Patient Care Equipment.
- \$6,464.16 for oxygen tank cart for ambulance.

The NIPSCO Grant was received in November 2023, after 2025 budgets were set. Natasha said that EMS requires a 2 year contract for those taking the training. Jerome stated he would like to see a 3 year contract. Jeffrey made a motion to approve the Additional for advertisement with stipulation that a 3 year contract is required for paramedics, Albert seconded and motion carried unanimously. Cost of training is around \$8500 per person.

IN RE: CASA, SARAH KROFT & TERESA BRYANT

Requested additional appropriation of \$36,705.07 into 9118 CASA. This is to correct prior funds being deposited into wrong fund. Jeffrey made a motion to approve appropriation, Sheila seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: SUPERIOR COURT, JUDGE CRYSTAL KOCHER

Judge Kocher requested a \$20,000.00 additional appropriation into 16400 for Transcripts & Depositions. This is to pay for appellate transcripts for the purposes of indigent appeals. Have expended \$7,000.00 already and have 20 days of trials set for the rest of 2025. Sheila made a motion to approve additional for advertising, Jerome seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: SHERIFF, CHRIS SCHRAMM

QCC (Quality Correctional Care) provides medical care for jail inmates. They have revised their contract to exclude some services that were initially included in the original contract. They reduced their contract by \$15,000.00 and Chris requested that the \$15,000.00 be transferred from 30800-005 QCC Medical Contract into the 31600-005 Medical/Dental Services line item to pay for those non-covered contract services. QCC lowered their rates but eliminated prescription coverage.

Chris recently hire JT Martin as a Deputy, who comes with training and experience. Chris requested that he start on Matrix at 3-8 years. If he starts at 3 years, will make \$2,042.00 difference in pay. Chris has implemented a rule that deputies must live in Pulaski County or adjacent counties.

A \$51,000.00 Additional has been advertised that is for 911 Total Response software.

Jeffrey made a motion to approve Matrix change for JT Martin and Sheriff's appropriation for \$51,000 that has been advertised for 911 software, Jerome seconded and motion carried unanimously. Albert made a motion to approve transfer due to QCC contract changes, Sheila seconded and motion carried unanimously.

On Friday night, Officer Chris Parish risked his life to save a handicap individual from a burning dwelling, along with a volunteer firefighter from White County.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Sheila made a motion to approve and sign Council minutes from regular session 3/10/2025, Albert seconded and motion carried.

Revised Ordinance for Salaries & Wages for 2025 discussed but no vote taken.

Health Department’s School Liaison Officer Marie Roth is supposed to be `paid out of Community Foundation Grant for January 1st-June 30th 2025. After that, will be paid out of Fund 1161 Health Department SB4 grant. Edwina Guffey requested \$30,589.00 be transferred out of the Community Foundation Grant into:

9189-37101	School Liaison Pay	\$25,044.00
9189-12300	Group Insurance	72.00
9189-12200	PERF	3,557.00
9189-12100	FICA	1,916.00

Jeffrey made a motion to approve request for advertisement, Jerome seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Council received a letter requesting donation to the Medaryville Potato Fest, which was tabled.

The former Catholic Church in Francesville is being turned into a childcare facility and Nathan requested that the County contribute \$20,000 of solar-project economic-development funds. If contribution is made through Community Foundation, it would be eligible for a dollar-for-dollar match and organization would receive \$40,000. Some Councilmembers will be talking to surrounding counties to find out their procedure on donations. Nathan advised Council that the dollar-for-dollar match from Community Foundation has a time limit.

Rules and Procedures for meetings were discussed. Albert does not like time limit on public comment while Jeffrey is in favor. Sheila made a motion to limit Council to 10 minutes and 3 minutes on public comment, Jeffrey seconded and motion carried with Albert opposed.

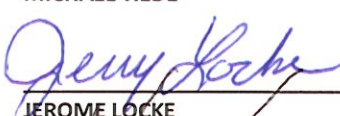
Under Public Comment, Jennifer Knebel asked if any new employee would be eligible for longevity. Request would need to come before Council.

With no other business to discuss not public comment, Sheila made a motion to adjourn at 6:42PM, Jeffrey seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 12th day of May 2025 by the Pulaski County Council.

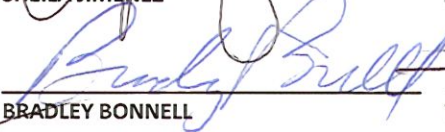
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ATTEST: 
TERESA BRYANT, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN