

MARCH 10TH 2025

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday March 10th 2025 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Council members present were Michael Tiede, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez, Jeffrey Richwine, Jerome Locke, Albert Gutwein with County Auditor Teresa Bryant and Count Attorney Jacob Ahler. Council members Bradley Bonnell and Tim Overmyer were absent.

Also present were Natasha Daugherty, Judge Mary Welker, Isaiah Tidwell, Karla Redweik, Gary Kruger, Brandi Larkin, Joe Moyer, Connie Ehrlich, Chris Brucker, Leeann Wright, Randy Davis, Jenny Knebel, Chris Schramm, Nathan Origer and Megan Galbreath.

President Tiede opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF PULASKI COUNTY, LEEANN WRIGHT

Leeann presented the Pulaski County Strategic Visioning Plan. Ball State Indiana Communities Institute, following listening session throughout the county, prepared this final plan. This report is also available on Community Foundation's website under "reports tab".

IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR, KARLA REDWEIK

APC has been without an attorney for several months and voted to hire Jacob Ahler as their Board attorney. She requested an additional appropriation of \$7,000. for his fees. Jerome thinks they should look for a different attorney since Ahler already represents the Commissioners and Council. Karla has talked to a dozen different attorneys but they were all higher. Sheila wants more information. Karla will provide Council with list of attorneys contacted and matter was tabled.

IN RE: HIGHWAY, GARY KRUGER

Gary received quote on new truck for \$161,827. Delivery will be approximately the end of September and then fittings at Terry Trucking. Highway has the funds in its 2025 budget for truck and fittings will come out of 2026 budget. Albert made a motion to approve purchase, Sheila seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Community Crossings awarded Pulaski County \$984,531.20 to use on 9 miles of roads.

IN RE: SHERIFF, CHRIS SCHRAMM

Chris is getting 2 new Durangos and 1 used vehicle. Money is in this year's budget.

IN RE: CDC, NATHAN ORIGER**1. Courthouse Project**

A. Project Finances: Owner's contingency's current balance is just above \$196,000 less side walk cost. If we pay in full for sidewalk, will be just shy of \$20,000. We have about \$100,000 in future change orders. Tonn & Blank retains construction contingency in the \$300,000's. There are a few lines in our budget that will likely have a bit of excess and can be reallocated to our contingency if needed.

We have \$60,160.90 in ineligible interest funds—cannot be allocated toward the project and may only be used for improvements to other County-owned facilities. Any interest from current CD will also end up in this fund.

B. Project Progress: Delta III connected the courthouse's plumbing to the Winamac water system last Monday. MEP installation continues, including hanging of more light

fixture and installation of toilets and sinks, as does cleaning and repair of the exterior block walls. Painting subcontractors continue prepping and painting as well as staining new millwork. Tiling of lower level hallways floors should begin this week. Nathan, our furniture consultants and Luminaut will be meeting with department heads next Friday for final review. We expect furniture to be on-site by mid-June.

C. Courthouse Security: Need to address Council regarding budgeting for security for courthouse. The building will have a single point of public access on the north side of the basement. A small office for security has been included in what was once the front office of the Assessor. We have 3 options:

1. Add 2-3 security positions to the budget and station 2 persons at this main courthouse entrance.
2. Leave building unguarded and unlocked and hope for the best
3. Leave building unguarded and locked, with personnel in the Justice Center controlling access

Benefits and costs for first option are apparent, as are the risks of the second. In the third option, we would assign this responsibility either to our dispatchers, who already manage after-hours justice center access, or to the front-desk security offices during business during business hours and to dispatch only after hours. Assigning the job solely to dispatchers creates the possibility of leaving people seeking entrance to the courthouse waiting in cases where dispatchers are handling higher-priority matters, Assigning the role to the front-desk security would require installing software on their computers to loop them into the system and would create similar issues for people seeking access. Nathan was not asking Council to make a final commitment to anything at this moment, but we need to know if funding additional security officers is even going to be a possibility.

IN RE: Pulaski County Tribe, Brandi Larkin

The Pulaski County Tribe is hosting an Art & Culture Creative Concept Celebration March 20, 2025 6-8 PM and invited the Commissioners and the community to attend. Will be held at One Eyed Jack's Celebration Station.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Sheila made a motion to approve and sign Council minutes from 2/10/2025, Jerome seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Jeffrey made a motion to approve and sign encumbrances from 2024 pay 2025, Sheila seconded and motion carried unanimously.

ENCUMBRANCES

2024 PAY 2025

AVIATION 305	8905-34800	ACRGP-MISC SERV & CHARGES	9000.00
	8906-34800	ARGO- MISC SERV & CHARGES	12517.15
	8907-34800	CARES-MISC SERV & CHARGES	<u>5984.74</u>
			27501.89 TOTAL AVIATION
BUILDING 314	1000-33200	PRINTING	96.00
			96.00 TOTAL BUILDING DEPT
CDC 700	1112-31801	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3900.00
	1112-44301	EQUIPMENT	<u>41.99</u>
			3941.99 TOTAL CDC
CIRCUIT 232	1000-13600	PAUPER COUNSEL	2850.00
	1000-13800	CIVIL PAUPER	4940.00
	1000-31510	NON-FEE EXXPENSE	1328.12
	8138-34800	MISC SERVICES & CHARGES	2996.00
	8138-37500	PROGRAM INCENTIVES	983.61
	9146-31100	TRAINING	922.42
	9146-39800	PHYSICAL/DRUG TESTING	755.21
	9148-31100	TRAINING	236.79
	9148-34800	MISC SERVICES & CHARGES	<u>628.06</u>
			15641.11 TOTAL CIRCUIT COURT
CORONER 007	1000-22100	GAS OIL ETC	224.05
	1000-23000	BODY BAGS PPE GLOVES	<u>298.81</u>
			1223.76 TOTAL CORONER
COMMISH 068	1000-34100	OFFICIAL BONDS	2330.50
	1000-35200	NIPSCO (FUEL)	<u>4562.21</u>
			6892.71 TOTAL COMMISSIONER
EMS 301	1170-20700	EMS TRAINING	4425.00
	1170-22100	GAS OIL	961.20
	1170-24000	MEDICAL GASSES(OXYGEN)	255.90
	1170-24601	PATIENT CARE SUPPLIES	1133.83
	1170-36100	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2154.61
	1170-36300	SERVICE & MAINTENANCE	4288.35
	1170-44700	PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT	<u>3961.93</u>
			17180.82 TOTAL EMS
EXTENSION 11	1000-32200	TRAVEL	741.02
			741.02 TOTAL EXTENSION
IT 069	1112-31101	CONSULTANT	5703.98
	1138-36101	COPIER & LEASE AGGREMENT	1941.12
	1138-44600	COMPUTER SYSTEMS	<u>61.90</u>
			7707.08 TOTAL IT

MAINT 161	1000-21100	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1094.31
	1000-22100	GAS OIL ETC	120.65
	1000-22400	JANITOR SUPPLIES	562.67
	1000-31400	PEST CONTROL	270.00
	1000-36300	SERVICE & MAINT WTH	500.00
	1138-36400	BLDG & STRUCTURE REPAIR	28837.47
			31385.10 TOTAL MAINTENANCE
PROSEC 660	1000-21100	OFFICE SUPPLIES	260.51
			260.51 TOTAL PROSECUTOR IV-D
PROSEC 009	1000-16400	TRANSCRIPT/DEPOSITIONS	527.04
	1000-31100	TRAINING	375.00
	1000-32200	TRAVEL	266.00
	1000-32500	SCHOOL MEETINGS SEMINARS	840.00
			2008.12 TOTAL PROSECUTOR
SHERIFF 005	1000-22510	K-9 FOOD/SUPPLIES	2380.90
	1000-37201	FREEDOM THERAPY/RECOVERY	5000.00
	1175-36400	BLDG & STRUCTURE REPAIR	10750.00
			26130.90 TOTAL SHERIFF
SUPERI 201	1000-13100	WITNESS FEES	470.00
	1000-31301	EXAM OF PRISONERS	4587.50
	2504-13500	PETIT JURORS	1756.32
			6813.82 TOTAL SUPERIOR COURT
DRAINAGE 063	1000-31801	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3500.00
			3500.00 TOTAL DRAINAGE BOARD
TRANSF 506	1000-22100	GAS OIL ETC	2048.75
	1000-36100	EQUIP REPAIR	1019.77
			4468.52 TOTAL TRANSFER

TOTAL ENCUMBERED BY OFFICES: 155493.35

1000 COUNTY GENERAL	43294.79
1112 LIT ECON DEVE	9045.97
1138 CUM CAP DEVE	30840.57
1170 LIT PUBLIC SAFETY	17180.82
1175 MISDEMEANANT	10750.00
2504 JURY FEES	1756.32
8138 P D REIMBURSE GRANT	3979.61
8905 ACRGP-AVIATION	9000.00
8906 ARGO-AVIATION	12517.15
8907 CARES-AVIATION	5904.74
9146 FAMILY TREATMENT COURT	1677.63
9148 FAMILY RECOVER Y GRANT	866.76
TOTAL ENCUMBERED BY FUND 155493.35	

APPROVED AND SIGNED ON MARCH 10 2025

ALBERT GUTWEIN

JEFFERY RICHWINE

MICHAEL TIEDE

JERRY LOCKE

SHEILA JIMENEZ

BRAD BONNELL

TIM OVERMYER

Albert made a motion to approve requested transfers, Jeffrey seconded and motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
03/10/2025

1000-0005 COUNTY SHERIFF			
FROM:	22100 Gas/Oil	\$630.00	
TO:	32600 Fugitive Transport		\$630.00
1000-0626 ANIMAL CONTROL			
FROM:	30702 Animal Housing	3,000.00	
TO:	30401 Veterinarian Services		3,000.00
9102-BT GRANT-HEALTH			
FROM:	10606 Full Time Nurse	5,000.00	
TO:	11500 Part-time Help		5,000.00

Sheila made a motion to approve the advertised additional, Jeffrey seconded and motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

1000-0361 County General/EMA (overtime)	3,812.95
1000-0361 County General/EMA (Tires & Tubes)	795.56
1000-0361 County General/EMA (Disaster Preparedness Supplies)	200.00
1000-0361 County General/EMA (Training)	300.00
1000-0361 County General/EMA (Printing & Advertising)	75.00
1000-0361 County General/EMA (Service & Maintenance WTH)	500.00
1000-0361 County General/EMA (Dues & Subscriptions)	50.00
2501-0009 Pre-trial Diversion (equipment)	5,000.00
9189-0201 Community Foundation Grant (contracted services)	35,000.00
9189-0201 Community Foundation Grant (Office equipment)	15,938.50
TOTAL REQUESTED ADDITIONAL	\$61,672.11

FSSA and Community Foundation Grant will reimburse County for both 9189-0201 additional.

Discussion followed on Courthouse security. Jerome is in favor of the first option. Sheila is on Steering Committee and consensus is that department heads are not concerned about security, as each office will be equipped with a panic button. Sheriff commented that offices do not have security now. Michael is not in favor of option #3 as dispatch have too much to do now.

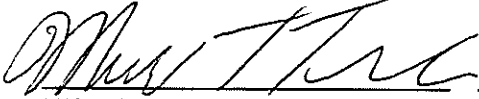
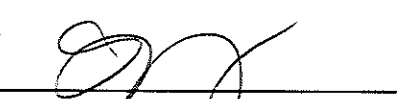
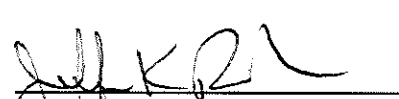
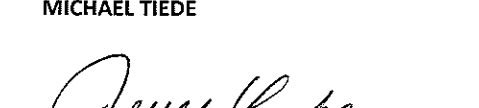
Public Comment:

Brandi Larkin questioned why Council moved their meetings to 6PM as it now conflicts with Winamac’s board meetings as some people are interested in attending both.

Chris Brucker asked why Council did not go ahead and give Karla her additional.

With no other business to discuss nor public comment, Sheila made a motion to adjourn at 6:28PM, Albert seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 14th day of April 2025 by the PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL.

 MICHAEL TIEDE	 SHEILA HAZEMI-JIMENEZ	 JEFFREY RICHWINE
 JEROME LOCKE	 ALBERT GUTWEIN	absent BRADLEY BONNELL
absent TIM OVERMYER		

ATTEST: 
TERESA BRYANT, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN

