

MARCH 9TH 2026

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday March 9th 2026 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Courthouse meeting room. Councilmembers present were Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez, Michael Tiede, Jeffrey Richwine, Albert Gutwein, Bradley Bonnell, Tim Overmyer (by Zoom) with County Auditor Teresa Bryant and County Attorney Jacob Ahler. Councilmen Kenneth Boswell was not present.

Also present were David Olds, Carter Olds, Josh Stamper, Connie Ehrlich, Norman Welker, Natasha Daugherty, Scott Fritz, Jennifer Kasten, Dakota Garland, Jeff Garbison, Randy Davis, Gail Lambert, Kaila Stukofski, Kevin Lippelt, Gary Kruger, Kelly Gaumer, Margarita Bope, Dennis Bope, Jeff Lowry, Kasey Lowry, Al Breyfogle, Terri Hansen, Raymond Hansen, John Kocher, Bill Kocher, Tonya Bonnell, Edwina Guffey, Sherry Fagner, Bob Barger, Franna Barger, Stephanie Ingram, Ed Shank, Pat Goodman, Darlene Olds, Nathan Origer.

President Hazemi-Jimenez opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She then explained why the agenda structure was changed,

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Lambert: Some counties have a third reading before voting. Council previously took a vote on a contract that some council members had no knowledge of. Council needs more notice.

Connie Ehrlich: Appreciate the opportunity for early Public Comment. She has concern with County purchasing the Knights of Columbus property as she was hoping a private entity would purchase. Community will lose a place to hold weddings, etc. Also concerned about maintenance as County does not have a good record of maintaining County property.

Scott Fritz: Wanted to bring Council real numbers on solar project. Doral project will produce 400 megawatts in Starke County and 900 in Pulaski County. 3,000. jobs were created, 3 billion in capital expense and 110 families signed up. \$1,700,000. has been paid to both counties in addition to multiple charitable donations with \$67,000,000. in guaranteed Economic Development payments.

Sherry Fagner: Lots of money coming in. Is there a plan in place? Any protections? Where will money go and will it benefit the entire county. Would like to see this discussion on a future agenda.

Nathan Origer: Referring to the "Non-Accessible" paper sign on one of the doors in meeting room, Nathan said it is only temporary as permanent sign will be put up.

IN RE: EDWINA GUFFEY, HEALTH

Health Department has grant money from State and she requested to appropriate the 2025 carryover in 1161 SB4 as an additional. Michael made a motion to approve request, Jeffrey seconded. With no other discussion, motion carried unanimously.

32100 Postage	\$200.00
34200 Insurance (Health Nurse Liability)	\$200.00
24100 Uniforms	\$600.00
40460 Computer Software & Hardware	\$2,000.00
39100 Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,000.00
24800 Misc Supplies (office supplies)	\$7,000.00
34800 Misc Health Services	\$15,000.00
34200 Printing & Advertising	\$1,500.00
34801 Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,500.00
20400 Official Records	\$1,500.00
20600 Medical & Dental Supplies	\$2,500.00
32200 Travel	\$8,000.00
30800 Health Professional Services	\$70,688.25

Edwina also requested an additional from fund 1159 to set up an overtime fund to pay out comp hours and a donation fund for vaxcare money. This money will be used for vaccine incentives and community outreach. Michael had talked to Edwina regarding this and said County General paid for the vaccines. Jeffrey questioned if Health Department is using time clock and watching comp time. Michael made a motion to approve additional for overtime and donation fund plus \$15,000. to County General, Jeffrey seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Overtime	\$7,000.00
Donation Fund	\$15,000.00
County General	\$15,000.00

IN RE: APPROVE AND SIGN

Michael made a motion to approve and sign minutes from 2/9/2026 regular session, Bradley seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Michael made a motion to approve and sign minutes from 8/12/2025 budget session, Bradley seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Monterey-Tippecanoe Public Library requested Council reappoint Nancy Weidner as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Monterey-Tippecanoe Public Library as her current term expires 3/07/2026, Michael made a motion to make reappointment, Jeffrey seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Michael made a motion to approve and sign Encumbrances 2025 pay 2026, Bradley seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

ENCUMBRANCES 2025 PAY 2026

AUDITOR 002		
1181-34800	PLAT BOOK-MISC SERVICES	2801.89
		2801.89 TOTAL AUDITOR
BUILDING 314		
1000-22100	GAS OIL ETC	68.66
1000-11800	OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	943.98
		1012.64 TOTAL BUILDING
CIRCUIT 232		
FAMILY RECOVERY GRANT		
9147-24800	MISC SUPPLIES	1192.79
9147-31100	TRAINING	826.30
9147-37500	PROGRAM INCENTIVES	77.86
9147-39800	PHYSICALS/DRUG TESTING	126.00
		2222.95
FAMILY TREATMENT COURT		
9148-31801	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4500.00
9148-34800	MISC SERVICES	3525.00
		8025.00
		10247.95 TOTAL CIRCUIT
CLERK 001		
1000-20300	ENVELOPES	240.00
1000-21200	WARRANT/SUPPORT & TRUST	916.06
1000-32200	TRAVEL	15.40
		1171.46
ELECTION 062		
1000-20300	ENVELOPES	330.00
1000-24800	MISC SUPPLIES	686.94
1000-32200	TRAVEL	259.40
1000-34800	MISC SERVICES	93.99
		1370.33
		2541.79 TOTAL CLERK
COMMISSIONERS 068		
1000-31801	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	559.00
1000-33200	PRINTING & ADVERTISING	18.10
1000-35100	ELECTRIC, WATER & GAS	4852.68
1000-35200	NIPSCO (FUEL)	4117.09
1000-39100	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	210.00
		9756.87 TOTAL COMMISSIONERS
EMS 301		
1170.24601	PATIENT CARE SUPPLIES	154.50
1170-50100	UNAPPROPRIATED	10.00
		164.50 TOTAL EMS
EXTENSION 011		
1000-24500	TEACHING SUPPLIES	80.00
1000-32200	TRAVEL	99.40
1000-37300	RENTS & LEASES	123.00

		302.40 TOTAL EXTENSION
IT 069		
1112-31101	CONCSULTANT	13680.00
1112-32300	TELEPHONE	169.41
1138-32700	CELLPHONE	1280.00
		15129.41 TOTAL IT
MAINTENANCE 161		
1000-20801	COPIES SOLUTIONS	471.84
1000-22100	GAS, OIL, ETC.	303.94
1000-22400	JANITOR SUPPLIES	199.80
1138-36400	BUILDING & STRUCTURE REPAIR	3555.95
		4531.53 TOTAL MAINTENANCE
PROSECUTOR 009		
1000-31100	TRAINING	425.00
1000-32200	TRAVEL	169.05
1000-33100	PRINING OTHER THAN OFFICE	315.65
		909.70
PROCEC PRETRIAL		
2501-21100	OFFICE SUPPLIES	8.09
2501-32200	TRAVEL	96.95
		105.04
		1014.74 TOTAL PROSECUTOR
RECYCLING 506		
1000-36100	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	5187.71
		5187.71 TOTAL RECYCLING
SHERIFF 005		
1000-44200	MOTOR VEHICLES	7220.64
1000-44301	EQUIPMENT	13062.41
		20283.05 TOTAL SHERIFF
SUPERIOR 201		
1000-13500	PETIT JURORS	1330.20
		1330.20
VET COURT		
9143-31100	TRAINING	452.06
9143-37500	PROGRAM INCENTIVES	770.78
9143-39800	PHYSICALS/DRUG TESTING	404.29
		1627.13
DRUG COURT		
9145-20800	OPERATING SUPPLIES	29.00
9145-30703	PARTICIPANT NEEDS	5652.96
9145-31100	TRAINING	448.41
		6130.37
		9087.70 TOTAL SUPERIOR
TREASURER 003		
1000-44100	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	17.88
		17.88 TOTAL TREASURER
TOTAL ENCUMBERED BY OFFICES		82080.06
1000 COUNTY GENERAL		42317.82
1112 LIT ECON DEVE		13849.41
1138 CUM CAP DEVE		4835.95
1170 LIT PUBLIC SAFETY		164.50
1181 PLATBOOK FEES		2801.89
2501 PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION		105.04
9143 VET COURT GRANT (ODD)		1627.13
9145 DRUG COURT GRANT (ODD)		6130.37
9147 FAMILY RECOVERY GRANT (ODD)		2222.95
9148 FAMILY RECOVERY GRANT (EVEN)		8025.00
TOTAL ENCUMBERED BY FUND		82080.06

Mike Tiede made a motion to approve, and sign revised Ordinance for Salaries & Wages for 2026, Bradley seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

**REVISED ORDINANCE FOR
SALARIES & WAGES FOR 2026
Monday, March 09, 2026**

Per Hour Wage Change as follows: Status chang/Matrix Increases	Requested Revision from	Requested Revision To	Effective Date
1176 MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY			
0531 Maintenance & Repair			
11201 Tim Shively (0-4 years to 4-8 years)	\$22.76	\$23.52	03/01/2026
1170 LIT PUBLIC SAFETY			
0301 EMS			
10204 Steven Nellans (Basic EMT Shift Captain to Basic EMT)	\$19.03	\$17.15	01/18/2026
10204 Cally Wall (Paramedic to Paramedic Shift Captain)	\$24.03	\$25.31	02/01/2026
10205 James Handy (Paramedic to Paramedic Shift Captain)	\$22.78	\$24.03	02/01/2026
1235 LIT PSAP			
0005 Sheriff			
10902 Jill Swanson (Matrix increase 3-8 years to 9-14 years)	\$23.19	\$23.90	02/01/2026
1000 COUNTY GENERAL			
0009 Prosecutor/0660 IV-D/0201 Superior Court			
10303.0660 to 30920.0201 Sharon De Moss (IV-D Admin to Co Navigator)	\$22.80	NO CHANGE	03/09/2026
10404.0009 to 10303.0660 Mary Ann Sallee (Legal Sec'y to IV-D Admin)	\$22.80	\$23.59	03/09/2026

Approved and signed this 9th day of March 2026

IN RE: TRANSFERS

Michael made a motion to approve CDC transfer, Bradley seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

FROM: 32500	Schools, Meetings & Seminars	\$220.00
TO: 32400	Internet Services	\$220.00

Roeing asked Nathan not to shut off internet service at his old office until they can perform additional work at EMS base.

IN RE: ADDITIONALS

Already discussed and approved for Health Department

IN RE: ADVERTISED ADDITIONAL

There were no advertised additional.

IN RE: DISCUSSION

Board Appointment Rules: Council was given a copy of the resolution passed by Commissioners regarding public advertising of appointments. This matter was tabled.

Knights of Columbus Resolution: Discussion was opened regarding the Commissioners' purchase of the Knights of Columbus property. Bradley drove around property. It appears to be maintenance free vinyl siding with metal roof. Most of the 20 acres is in the flood zone outside of building/parking lot. He has talked to 2 of the Commissioners. He would like for County to continue use as a public venue. K of C charging \$600./night for events. Use rainy day of solar money. Sheila toured inside. Possible to move east and west annex there. County has about \$900,000. in rainy day and would prefer using this rather than solar funds. If sell east or west annex, could put money back in rainy day fund. Michael likes the idea of a committee. Although Commissioners signed a purchase agreement, it is contingent on appraisals and Council passing resolution. Commissioners cannot move forward without Council. Bradly made a motion to approve "Resolution to Purchase Real Estate #2026-04, Michael seconded. Albert asked if it cost too much to convert to offices, is it too late? Would like more information. Motion carried 5-1 with Sheila, Michael, Bradley, Tim, Jeffrey in favor and Albert opposed. Michael wants committee formed but Bradley thought it was up to Commissioners. As it would be both boards, Sheila asked County Auditor to send out email to both boards and ask how they want to form committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, THE PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL (the "County") is required to pass a resolution if the County becomes desirous of purchasing real estate.

WHEREAS, Indiana law provides that powers not specifically reserved for the State are delegated to the local government and may be regulated by a municipality (Home Rule), as delineated in I. C. 36-1-3; and

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Commissioners are authorized through the fiscal body to purchase real estate on behalf of the County by resolution as codified under I. C. 36-1-10.5-5.

WHEREAS, The County desires to purchase real estate located at 340 E 50 N Winimac Indiana 46996 for County use.

WHEREAS, The County may proceed with the purchase of said real estate after provided the requirements of I. C. 36-1-10.5-5 are duly followed and satisfied.

So resolved this 9th day of March, 2026

Department Assignments: Sheila read the 2026 department assignments.

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| Albert Gutwein | Sheriff, Clerk, Recorder, Aviation |
| Kenneth Boswell | Highway, Maintenance, Extension, Assessor |
| Jeffrey Richwine | EMS, Surveyor, Probation |
| Bradley Bonnell | Circuit Court, Superior Court, Soil & Water |
| Michael Tiede | CDC, Building, Veterans |
| Tim Overmyer | Health, Coroner, Auditor, Commissioners |
| Sheila Hazemi | Treasurer, Recycling, Prosecutor, EMA |

Budget Hearings Dates: Sheila asked Board to think about dates for budget hearings.

Matrix Rules: In 2024, corrections to Matrix were approved but document did not get signed. Michael made a motion to approve the corrections, Jeffrey seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Budget Hearing Dates. It was agreed to hold the budget hearings on August 18th and 19th, starting at 9 AM.

Solar Money Interest: Board wants information on interest that solar money is earning.

With no other business to discuss, Michael made a motion to adjourn at 6:46 PM, Bradley seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 13th day of April 2026 by the Pulaski County Council.


SHEILA HAZEMI-JIMENEZ


MICHAEL TIEDE


JEFFREY RICHWINE


TIM OVERMEYER


ALBERT GUTWEIN


BRADLEY BONNELL

ABSENT
KENNETH BOSWELL

ATTEST: 
TERESA BRYANT, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN

