SPECIAL SESSION **AUGUST 24, 2026**

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in special session Monday August 24th, 2026, at 9:30AM at the Pulaski County Courthouse meeting room. Council members present were Sheila Hazemi, Michael Tiede, Jeffrey Richwine, Tim Overmyer, Albert Gutwein, Bradley Bonnell with County Auditor Teresa Bryant. Councilmember Kenneth Boswell was absent.

Also present were Connie Ehrlich, Josh Stamper, Gail Lambert, Becky McLeroy, Karla Redweik, Natasha Daugherty, JoLynn Behny, Nathan Origer, Tabor Brown.

President Hazemi opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance,

IN RE: DISCUSSION OF 2027 DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

SURVEYOR: Reduced gas, oils, etc. 22100 from $3,000. to $1,000., equipment repair #36100 from $2,000. to $1,000., professional services #31801 from $10,000. to $6,000., field supplies #24000 from $5500. to $500. Total reduction $12,500.

AUDITOR: Part-time #11500 reduced from $28,000. to $20,000., office equipment #44100 reduced from $1500. to $1000. Total reduction $8,500.

TREASURER: Reduced part-time #11500 from $16,000. to $11,000. Total reduction of $5,000.

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION: Overtime 17000 reduced from $5,000. to $2,500. Total reduction $2,500.

CLERK: Microvote 31802 reduced from $133,000. to $60,000, miscellaneous services #34800 reduced from $7000. to 500. Switching to Pay Court for collection services.

ASSESSOR: Part-time #11500 from $26,728. to $15,000., office records #20400 from $800. to $500., office supplies from $800. to $500., cyclical reassessment #30899 from $12,000. to $8,000., travel #32200 from $3,500. to $1,500., schools # 32500 from $5,500. to $3,500. Pictometry was discussed. Still in budget as want to check on a shorter contract. Server maintenance WTH deleted as covered under Commissioners.

EMA: Reduced gas, oils, etc. #22100 from $5,000. to $4,000., reduced schools #32500 from $10,500. to $1,000.

VETERANS' OFFICE: This is a part-time job (28 hours weekly). Roy works in Courthouse Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and then he comes to Veteran's Court every other Friday. Council wants him to adjust his hours in Courthouse during those weeks he goes to Veteran's Court. Reduced equipment upgrades #44100 from $850. To $500.

RECORDER: Reduced overtime #17000 from $1,000. to $500., reduced envelopes #20300 from $500. to $250.

CORONER: Reduced autopsies #39400 from $28,000. to $17,500. Jennifer talked about taking her deputies' pay from hourly to per call. Sheila said they have been advised by counsel to not do per call, but she will check with present County Attorney.

COMMISSIONERS: Reduced consulting fees #30900 from $2,000. to $1,000., advertising #33200 from $10,000. to $8,000., electric/water #35100 reduced from $70,000. to $60,000. LIT: Reduced professional services #31801 from $15,000. to $10,000. Human tmentock@informationandrecords.com Services and fire departments are paid out of this fund and no change is made. 1217: Elected officials training #32200 reduced from $2,000. to $1,000. 1191: This is the fund that pays Pulaski Memorial Hospital and not sure if contract expired last year or there is one more year to go. Sheila will check on. HR: need to develop budget for new department. Wage will be $34.36 ($71,468.) plus COLA. Discussion on Sheriff having PERF, Social

Security and insurance in their budget instead of Commissioners. These items will be part of County General.

Session was recessed at 10:29 and resumed at 10:32AM

PROSECUTOR: Increased training #31100 from $1,500. to $2,000., transcripts #16400 reduced from $8,000. to $1,500., overtime #17000 reduced from $4,000. to $2,000. dues/subscriptions #39100 from $5,000. to $3,500., open position #10303 was eliminated and reduced from $42,081. to -0-., law books #45100 reduced from $2,000. to -0-, office supplies #31100 reduced from $500. to $100. 4D: Reduced overtime #17000 from $2,000. to -0-, office supplies #31100 reduced from $500. to $100. PRETRIAL DIVERSION: Reduced part-time #11500. from $14,700. to $8,000. This fund has been used to pay for summer interns.

IT: Reduced LIT (1138) overtime #17000. from $10,500. to $5,500.

SUPERIOR COURT: Reduced witness fees #13100 from $2000. to $1,500., overtime #17000 from $7,000. to $5,000., Meals #38202 from $7,000. to $5,000., Office Equipment #44100 from $37,650. To $500.

PROBATION: Reduced overtime #17000 from $25,000. to $20,000. 2100 Adult Probation is not out of County General.

CIRCUIT COURT: Reduced law books #45100 from $20,000. to $500., reduced overtime #17000 from $20,000. to $6,000., Reduced transcription #16400 from $15,000. to $10,000., parttime #11500 from $59,721. to $45,000. (will discuss with Judge Welker).

AVIATION: No changes. Have their own funds plus grants, does not affect County General.

EXTENSION: No changes.

HIGHWAY: No changes.

MAINTENANCE: Reduced ground maintenance #36701 from $6,000. to $2,500., reduced maintenance service charge #34800 from $1200. to $500., reduced equipment repair #36100 from $2,000. to $500., reduced copiers #20801 from $10,000. to $8,000, reduced office supplies #21100 from $17,000. to $15,000.

1138 CUM CAP: Reduced roof construction #36400 from $450,000. to $350,000.

CDC: Reduced group insurance #12300 from $70,000. to $35,000., assistant #10215 from $54,054 to -0-, PERF #12200 from $26,471. to $20,000.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Board pay #31801 reduced from $35,000. To $20,000., façade program #33601 from $100,000. to $50,000.,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Board pay #31801 reduced from $15,000. to $10,000.

Discussion followed Nathan's request for a full-time assistant. Decided that a contractual position will be added, to be shared with Building Department. Added contractual for $50,000., reduced professional services #33500 from $70,000. to $40,000.

HEALTH: 1159-- Reduced social security #12100 from $20,000. to $12,500., reduced PERF #12200 from $18,000. to $12,500., eliminated school liaison position, reduced group insurance #12300 from $52,000. to $40,000. 1161—Reduced dental #24600 from $5,000. to $2,500., building repairs #34801 from $4,000. to $2,000.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Moved Tina Dunn to deputy position @ $24.38, reduced part-time from $11,067. to -0-, reduced professional services #31801 from $10,000. to $5,000.

Session was adjourned from 12:00 AM and resumed at 1:30 PM.

SOIL AND WATER: Reduced rents #37300 from $3,000. to $500. They do not pay rent as located in a federal building.

SHERIFF: Deleted PERF, Social Security, Medicare and group insurance out on location #380. These have been moved to County General. Discussed Sheriff's request to make Animal Control a full-time position. Council will come back to Sheriff's budget.

VETERANS' OFFICER: Came back to discuss as not sure he has budgeted enough for his pay. Leaving as is.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT: They requested $10,000. after not asking for anything in 2026. Will be added to Commissioners' budget.

EMS: $550,000. moved into 1170 Professional Services.

EDA PAYMENTS: By the end of 2026, County should have $1.7-1.8 million in EDA payments and discussions held on what Council can do with the funds. Michael made a motion, as follows: $30,000. total to Pulaski County Public Libraries ($3,153. to Francesville-Salem, $2,475. to Monterey, $24,372. to Pulaski County). Amounts allocated on a proportional population basis. Use about $1.1 million to pay Court House bonds in 2027 and allocate $500,000. to Pulaski County Community Foundation to establish and administer a dedicated community fund for the benefit of residents of Pulaski County. Jeffrey seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried 4-2 with Sheila, Mike, Jeffrey, Tim in favor and Albert, Bradley opposed.

MUST: Sheila said the Town of Winamac wants County to pay part of the charge of Baker Tilly. Total charge is supposed to be $30,000. maximum. This will go on September's Council's agenda.

Michael made a motion to approve all changes made (excepting Circuit Court, Coroner, Sheriff) to budgets, Bradley seconded. With no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Michael made a motion to adjourn at 2:12PM, Bradley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 14th day of September 2026 by the Pulaski County Council.

SHEILA HAZEMI	MICHAEL TIEDE	JEFFREY RICHWINE
TIM OVERMYER	ALBERT GUTWEIN	BRADLEY BONNELL

absent
KENNETH BOSWELL

ATTEST: Teresa Bryant
TERESA BRYANT, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN