

JANUARY 8, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday January 8, 2024 at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Councilmembers present were Kenneth Boswell, Mike Tiede, Jeffrey Richwine, Tim Overmyer, Jerry Locke, Bradley Bonnell and Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez with County Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were Nathan Origer, Judge Mary Welker, Gary Kruger, Seth Barton, Judge Crystal Kocher, and Megan Galbreath.

IN RE: REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL BOARD

Jerry Locke nominated Kenneth Boswell to continue as President of the Board, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez seconded and motion carried unanimously. Tim Overmyer nominated Mike Tiede to continue as Vice-President, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

Enough revisions have brought the Courthouse renovation project within budget without cutting any corners and the architect is ready to commit the agreed-upon changes to drawings. Two service windows eliminated and HVAC revised to bring the renovation under budget.

Economic Development Commissions discussed briefly.

Plans for a multifamily-housing development east of the Winamac Plaza discussed. Application for Special-allocation tax credits from Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority to support this project submitted. In order for the plan to meet minimum eligibility requirements, the applications needs support letters from Board of Commissioners, Council and Winamac Town Council. Jeffrey Richwine made a motion to authorize Kenneth Boswell to sign letter of support for the Willow Creek Villas project to Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. Mike Tiede seconded and motion passed unanimously.

IN RE: SHERIFF, SETH BARTON

The 2023 six-month Jail Commissary Report presented for review. Beginning balance of Commissary fund was \$101,647.21, with total receipts of \$126,027.93 and total disbursements of \$150,890.67 leaving balance as of December 31, 2023 at \$76,784.47.

Sheriff’s Office has 8 Deputies whose primary responsibility is being available to respond to calls for service with 1 Supervisor assigned to oversee the patrol division. Detective Division consists of 2 Sheriff’s Deputies specifically assigned to conduct follow-up investigations, administrative search warrants, evidence logging and accountability. Chief Deputy and Sheriff oversee the Patrol Supervisor and Detective Division.

This year Deputies of the Sheriff’s Department logged 6898 calls for service. Of those calls logged, 2169 were traffic stops. Deputies issued 135 infraction citations. 87 of these traffic stops resulted in misdemeanor summons issued. Detective Division was assigned as having direct involvement with 160 calls for service. 510 field arrests were logged in 2023 and with three active canines that logged in 291 deployments in 2023.

Dispatch Center logged the following statistics for 2023: 4,213 9-1-1 calls; 32,477 administration calls; 357 animal control; 1,577 EMS calls; 947 Fire/First Responder calls; 31 Coroner calls; and 12 EMA calls. Jail maintained an average of 105 inmates, involving care, custody, medication pass, meal pass and general order. 214 inmate transfers logged.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez made a motion to reapprove October 09, 2023 regular session minutes, Jeffrey Richwine seconded and motion carried unanimously. These minutes had to be reapproved due to not having a quorum when previously approved.

Mike Tiede made a motion to approve December 11, 2023 regular session minutes, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Jeffrey Richwine made a motion to reapprove October 9, 2023 Joint Session minutes, Kenneth Boswell seconded and motion carried unanimously. Quorum issue when previously approved.

Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez made a motion to sign the “2024 County Matrix Ordinance for Salaries and Wages” as presented, Jeffrey Richwine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Aviation wages and board pay discussed and tabled along with Part-time and seasonal pay.

With no other business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 7:52PM.

Approved and signed this 12th day of February 2024 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**.

KENNETH BOSWELL

MIKE TIEDE

JEFFREY RICHWINE

SHEILA HAZEMI-JIMENEZ

BRADLEY BONNELL

JERRY LOCKE

TIM OVERMYER

ATTEST: LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN