

MAY 13, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday May 13, 2024 7:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Councilmembers present were Kenneth Boswell, Jeffrey Richwine, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez, Jerry Locke, and Tim Overmyer with County Auditor Laura Wheeler. Councilmembers Michael Tiede and Bradley Bonnell were absent.

Also present were Connie Ehrlich, A J Gutwein, Teresa Bryant, Edwina Guffey, Judge Mary Welker, Daryn Wilder, Gail Lambert, Judge Krystal Kocher, Megan Wagner, Joe Moyer, Nathan Origer, Megan Galbreath, and Chris Schramm.

President Boswell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: TREASURER

Two CDs, Cum Jail for \$200,000.00 and Lit Econ Dev for \$580,000.00 coming due June and July. There is nothing coming before Council that these funds would be needed for at this time and it is recommended the CDs be renewed for 6 months. Tim Overmyer made a motion to renew both CD’s for 6 months, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF PULASKI COUNTY

Council reminded that there are five listening sessions coming in May and June.

IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A new logo and letterhead has been designed for the Health Department. Health Department applied for the 2024-2025 Immunization Grant for children thru the Indiana Department of Health Immunization Division and have been awarded \$156,221.60. Grant period starts July 1st. Any child, including out-of-county, can be immunized and Pulaski Health Department now has the means to bill insurance companies.

IN RE: CDC

Tax abatements discussed at length and Council presented with possible guidelines, scoring rubric and a comprehensive application. An application fee of \$200.00 recommended. Encouraging local development is the bottom line objective. This does not affect current abatements but applies to future applicants and includes an annual compliance check to make sure promises are being kept. An abatement training class is scheduled for June 4, from 1-4 at County Highway building and councilmembers advised to attend.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

The following transfers and additional presented for review and approval:

TRANSFERS:			
1112-0700 LIT Econ Development/CDC			
From:	33601 Economic Development	\$90,000.00	
To:	31801 Professional Services		\$85,000.00
To;	33500 Marketing		5,000.00
1000-0201 County General/Superior Court			
From:	Contracted Services	1,500.00	
To:	20300 Envelopes		1,500.00
1000-0003 County General/Treasurer			
From:	44100 Office Equipment	87.00	
To:	30500 Tax Statements Prcsg & Printing		87.00
ADDITIONALS TO BE ADVERTISED			
	1170-0305 Public Safety/EMS	34,302.93	
	1225-48000 Airport Improvement (Building)	164,575.69	
	4120-48000 Airport Improvement Donations (Building)	17,795.00	
ADVERTISED ADDITIONALS			
	1136 Cumulative Building/PMH Project	50,700.00	
	1176 Motor Vehicles 31801 Professional Services	400,000.00	
	1000 County General/Superior Court/Examination of Prisoners	16,765.00	

Jeffrey Richwine made a motion to approve transfers and additional as presented. Tim Overmyer questioned Nathan Origer on CDC’s additional request. The Professional Services line is for the last pre-bond architect invoice and solar legal funds while marketing line is adjustment for vendor contract change. Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez second the motion and motion carried unanimously.

Approved grant is for reconstruction of the oldest building at airport, which is a T-hangar built in 1969. This is a reimbursable grant and funds will not be received until 2025. They will use Airport Improvement Funds to pay for and then replace with the grant money when received. Jeffrey Richwine made a motion to approve Aviation’s request to be advertised, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez made a motion to approve and sign April 8, 2024 regular session minutes, Jeffrey Richwine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Weidner recommended to serve on the Monterey-Tippecanoe Public Library board, replacing Nicole Rodriquez. The term is May 7, 2024 through March 7, 2026. Jeffrey Richwine made the motion to appoint Nancy Weidner to the Board as recommended, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Budget hearings set for August 12 and 13, with budget public hearing set for September 9 and final adoption October 14.

Standard & Poor has affirmed Pulaski County’s existing “AA-“. This rating is as of now and does not include any anticipated solar funds.

The wage increase for the 2025 budget should not exceed 5%.

As there was no other business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Approved and signed this 10th day of June 2024 by the PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL.

KENNETH BOSWELL

SHEILA HAZEMI-JIMENEZ

ABSENT

BRADLEY BONNELL

JEFFREY RICHWINE

JERRY LOCKE

TIM OVERMYER

ABSENT

MICHAEL TIEDE

ATTEST: LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN