JUNE 8TH 2026 **REGULAR SESSION**

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Council met in regular session Monday June 8th 2026 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Courthouse meeting room. Council members present were Sheila Hazemi, Michael Tiede, Jeffrey Richwine, Tim Overmyer, Bradley Bonnell, Albert Gutwein, Kenneth Boswell with County Auditor Teresa Bryant.

Also present were Connie Ehrlich, Stephen Tabler, Nathan Origer, Natasha Daugherty, Sherry Fagner., Tonya Bonnell, Ed Cotner, Gary Kruger, Kathy Wyatt, Kasey Lowry, Jeff Lowry, Josh Stamper, Maddie Stamper, Stephen Tabler

President Hazemi opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Connie Ehrlich: Invenergy signed an Economic Development Expense Agreement 2/13/2023 in which they agreed to pay the County $55,000. to reimburse County for legal expenses. Connie checked with Auditor and there was no such payment made. There are no procedures in place to get the funds from the developer. This could have paid for Sheriff's van he wanted. Please put some procedures in place.

Sherry Fagner: Leaving money on the table. What is the plan for the money when it comes in? What happens if they back out? Public would like to know.

IN RE: NATHAN ORIGER, CDC

Nathan asked for County's support on three projects that he believes have sufficient community-development value to justify County's investment.

1. *Redevelopment Commission Façade Improvement Grant Program: $50,000.*
   Maximum of $10,000. per building per year, 5-year maximum of $30,000. per building. Requesting funding to kick the program off.
2. *Friends of the Medaryville Gymnasium Roof-Stabilization Project: $15,000.*
   Grants have been applied for to move the former school annex/Legion Hall from vacant/dilapidated to thriving/contributing but there are immediate concerns. Roof needs to be adequately repaired to prevent further damage to the sub-roof structure and closing off open window frames.
3. *Pulaski County Human Services Low-floor Minivan and Tech Upgrades: $25,000.*
   They have opportunity to obtain a new, more convenient vehicle and to upgrade critical technology hardware and software to improve operations and safety. This comes with a local-match requirement totaling $23,669.99 (15% of total purchase).

Sheila asked about timelines as County is 2 months out of budget hearings and BakerTilly report and would like to wait. Nathan said project #2 and 3 cannot wait. Kenneth reminded board that they did not give any money to the Sheriff for new vehicle. Albert would like to know how many vans and mileage. Michael made a motion to fund project #2 and 3 out of Economic Development Fund 1112, Jeffrey seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried 5-2 with Bradley and Albert opposed.

IN RE: STEPHEN TABLER, SHERIFF

Stephen asked for $36,450. additional from Federal Housing funds to cover Luminaut estimate of architect fees. Showers are going to be replaced in the County jail. Nathan suggested asking for a little more for unseen expense, Kenneth made a motion to advertised $40,000. additional from Federal Housing funds, Jeffrey seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: APPROVE AND SIGN

Michael made a motion to approve and sign regular session minutes from 5/11/2026, Bradley seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: TRANSFERS:

Bradley made a motion to approve presented transfers, Kenneth seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH:	**$1500.00 from Insurance to Printing/Advertising**
	$2500.00 from computer Supplies to Medical/Dental
EMA:	**$ 900.00 from DRMO to Equipment Repair**
HIGHWAY:	**$2,510.50 from Salt to Service/Maintenance**
	$3,000.00 from Gas/Oil to Mechanic OT
	$3,000.00 from Professional Services to Superintendent OT
PROSECUTOR:	**$1,000.00 from Overtime to Equipment Repair**

Probation had a transfer on agenda but it had been approved at Joint Session.

IN RE: ADDITIONALS

CDC and Sheriff both had requests for additionals but were approved earlier in the meeting.

IN RE: ADVERTISED ADDITIONALS

Kenneth made a motion to approve advertised additionals, Bradley seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

1000-31600	**SHERIFF-County General-Medical**	**$45,000.00**
2501-44301	**PROSECUTOR-Pre-Trial-Equipment**	**$2,400.00**

IN RE: DISCUSSION

Right now EMS has longevity tiers of 2.2%, 2.3% and 2.4% and discussion held on raising all to 2.5%. Bradley made a motion to raise all tiers to 2.5%, Albert seconded. It was determined increase will not be effective until next pay cycle (not current one). Bradley amended his motion to include this and Albert amended his second. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Michael asked Nathan for explanation of some of the upcoming overhaul of the income tax by Indiana. The Property Tax Relief (from income taxes) will disappear. Pulaski County rate for PTR is .35%. LIT Public Safety, LIT General and LIT Economic Development will also be gone. Property tax bill will increase. Maximum County rate will drop from 2.5% to 1.7%. There will be a new public safety for fire and EMS, sheriff will be a general rate separate township and library rate and schools no longer get income tax. County will need to determine how much of the 1.7% goes for operations versus sharing with libraries and townships.

Sheila informed Board that Steve McKinney will have abatement training July 28th at the Courthouse meeting room and encouraged all to attend as very informative.

Sheila asked Auditor to allot one hour during budget hearings to discuss ideas for solar money.

With no other business to discuss, Michael made a motion at 6:35PM to adjourn, Kenneth seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 13th day of July 2025 by the PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

SHEILA HAZEMI

MICHAEL TIEDE

JEFFEREY RICHWINE

TIM OVERMYER

ABSENT
BRADLEY BONNELL

ALBERT GUTWEIN

KENNETH BOSWELL

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