

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR SPECIAL MEETING
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At a special meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Information Technology Training Room located on Commerce Street in the Town of Pulaski, the following Board of Supervisors members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Charles Bopp, Vice-Chairman; Andy McCready; Ranny O'Dell; and Dean Pratt.

County staff present included: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator; Karen Thompson, Assistant County Administrator for Management Services; Diane Newby, County Finance Director; and Gena Hanks, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

1. Dinner, Welcome and Call to Order

Mr. Sheffey welcomed those in attendance and advised the purpose of the meeting was to allow for a budget work session.

2. FY 16 Budget Review

A. Treasurer's Office Security System

Staff advised that Treasurer Worrell had reported the final quotes for cameras and panic buttons to cost \$12,524, which had been included in the FY 16 budget.

B. School Board Budget Considerations

Board members discussed school pay raises, noting the lack of increases for school bus drivers and the frequent turnover in staffing of school bus drivers.

Board members also noted that decisions related to spending of funds allocated by the Board of Supervisors to the school fund was at the discretion of the School Board.

By consensus, the Board approved budgeting \$13,959,176 for transfer to the school system, which is \$655,306 above the current FY 15 transfer to the schools from the General Fund, with additional \$655,306 to be used for the following:

- \$104,295 amount previously approved by the Board of Supervisors for the health insurance increase;
- \$145,636 actual costs to enroll newly eligible employees for ACA compliance;
- \$305,375 local cost of salary increase (2% teachers / 1.5% for all other staff;

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- \$100,000 increase to local maintenance budget for schools and infrastructure repairs, with a recommendation to the School Board to using approximately \$92,000 of the \$100,000 to finish the roof section over the automotive department at PCHS)

C. Health Department Funding

Staff shared a response from Dr. Molly O'Dell, Health District Director, in response to questions posed by Board members at the May 4, 2015 budget work session.

Mr. McCreedy expressed concern over the lack of assistance provided by the two soil specialists located in Pulaski County's local Health Department, specifically noting the soil specialists will often refer citizens to private contractors for soil testing.

Mr. Huber shared email from Gary Coggins, Environmental Health Manager, and reviewed in detail a "Bare application" table provided by Mr. Coggins which provides the Time Period, Total Applications, Bare Applications, etc.

Board members discussed the following: recent increase in rental fees charged the Health Department; providing level funding to the Health Department; and providing additional Funds to the Free Clinic.

By consensus, the Board approved providing an additional \$26,000 to the Free Clinic and level funding to the Health Department.

D. FY 16 Budget

Board members reviewed with staff the previously discussed line items in county departments and agencies, with additional discussions and action (by Board consensus) as follows:

- Staff to provide explanation related to increase in "Public Works – General Properties – Grounds";
- Staff to transfer \$625 from Children's Advocacy Center to Social Services and adjust budget for Children's Advocacy to \$0;
- Staff to remove \$9,000 allocated "Courthouse Roof";
- Include \$20,000 for Randolph Park pool repairs;
- Create new line item entitled "Randolph Park Ball fields & Safety Improvements" and include \$20,000 in budget to allow for repairs to dugouts;
- Staff to review issues with fencing at Randolph Park and provide update on costs to repair, etc;

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- Provide costs for HVAC improvements at middle schools once received from School staff;
- Staff to provide update on any additional staffing needed for addressing maintenance issues.

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. O'Dell and carried, the Board approved advertising the FY 16 budget, with changes listed above and at previous budget work sessions, with a public hearing to be scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Voting yes: Mr. McCreedy, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp,
Mr. Pratt.

Voting no: None.

E. Board of Supervisors Salary Adjustment

Staff advised the last increase in salaries for Board members to be in 2008 and recommended an increase in Board salaries from \$8,400/yr to \$10,000/yr for Board members and from \$10,500/yr to \$12,100/yr for Chairman.

Board members expressed concern over the amount of the recommended increase, specifically noting a desire to keep increases in line with those received by county and school employees.

By consensus, the Board approved a 10% increase in Board of Supervisors compensation as follows: Board members from \$8,400/yr to \$9,240/yr and Chairman from \$10,500/yr to \$11,550 with said increases effective January 1, 2016.

Staff was requested to provide a listing of the percentage of pay raises over last 10 years for county employees.

3. Other Matters

A. Joint Garage Agreement

Mr. Huber distributed and described a copy of the Joint Garage agreement as approved by the School Board, as well as an agreement with revisions provided by Supervisor McCreedy.

Board members reviewed in detail the proposed changes in the agreement (a copy of which is filed with the BoardDocs agenda for meeting).

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On a motion by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. McCready and carried, the Board approved the Joint Garage Agreement with changes as recommended by Mr. McCready, a copy of which is filed with the BoardDocs agenda for this meeting.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp,
Mr. Pratt.

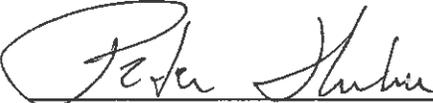
Voting no: None.

4. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Mr. Sheffey reminded the Board of the seasonal "no tie" Policy beginning with the May 18, 2015 regular Board meeting.

Mr. Sheffey described the following meetings for which there is potential for three or more Board members to be in attendance: Gas Turbine meeting, Cloyd's Mountain Landfill, May 13, 2015, 10:00 a.m.; and Groundbreaking Ceremony, Dublin Elementary School, May 14, 2015, 1:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Bopp, the Board adjourned its budget work session. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 beginning with a Closed Session at 5:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. with said meeting being held in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski.


Peter M. Huber, County Administrator


Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman