

Meeting Minutes August 13, 2025

This meeting was a public meeting and began at 7:10pm. We had 70 Pulaski County residents in attendance, 49 of which were Beaver township residents. The meeting began with the notice of the petition made to join the PCPL territory. Kaila explained the details of how the petition works for the residents to be familiar with the process. Katie Bierrum then spoke on behalf of the petition to join the PCPL. I, Tarrah Ledford, then spoke on behalf of the remonstrance to not join the PCPL. After the two sides were presented, there was time for public question and comment. Many residents stated their desire to support the Francesville Library over joining the PCPL during the time of comments. All of the library discussion was recorded live and available for public viewing at any time. The library discussion ended at 8:34 pm with a 10-minute break before the Beaver township board regathered to finish the agenda items of the meeting.

The board regathered at 8:45 to finish the evenings agenda. We discussed the Capital Improvement Plan and how Kaila hired Coonrod & Co to work up an official CIP for Beaver township. She handed out a copy of the plan to each of us and made a motion to officially approve the CIP. All were in favor of the plan. We also discussed the lawyer we hired to help in the process of the library petition/remonstrance, Dan Shackle, to make sure everything is done legally and correct. We have a budget of \$3000 for the lawyer.

We talked about the 2026 budget. Kaila gave the board and trustee raises to accommodate for the increase in meetings and work due to the additional meetings and work with the state legislation changes that have recently occurred. We also discussed how the result of the library petition could result in not needing an \$8000 budget line for library card assistance. Kaila then discussed the agenda for the September 18th adoption meeting at 10:00am. Kaila then made a motion to buy a new township computer for Tarrah to enter minutes onto the new Beaver township government website and receive training to do so. Don second the motion and all were in favor. The new Website will soon be live.

We ended the meeting talking about obtaining fire contracts for the next meeting as well as what we would donate to Gilsingers for allowing us to use The Meeting Place for our public meeting. We all agreed that \$150 seemed a reasonable donation, don motioned the approval and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.