

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday February 20, 2024 8:30AM (due to President's Day Monday) at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon and Michael McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Commissioner Maurice Loehmer absent.

Also present were Gary Kruger, Scott Hinkle, Jennifer Knebel, Connie Ehrlich, Matt Bristol, Dave Olds, Rodney Urbano, Nathan Origer, Mark Slaughter, Morgan Galbreath, Tony Olson, Chris Schramm, and Justin Schramm.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting recessed for a public hearing on request for a vacated road in Pulaski.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING

Justin Schramm appeared as Counsel for Michael Eggleston, who owns the old "Pulaski School" and is requesting the vacation of two public ways located in Pulaski. One is an unused public roadway, 40' in uniform width, known as Reutebuch Street, between Lots #52 and #53 in the Original Plat to Town of Pulaski. Second is an unused public alleyway, 14' in uniform width, between Lots #54 and #55 in the Original Plat to Town of Pulaski. Eggleston intends to fence his property for security issues. After some questions posed by the Commissioners, the hearing was opened for public comment. Petitioner has notified all property owners and followed the correct procedure. Dennis (Tony) Olson said that his family owns property to the northwest of Eggleston property and if the Reutebuch Street section is vacated, they would not have access to their property. He did not object to vacating the alley. There was no other public comment.

The public hearing closed and the regular session reconvened.

Michael McClure made a motion to retain Reutebuch Street section and vacate the 14' alley, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously. A revised Ordinance will be presented at next Commissioners meeting.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

After reviewing bids from Town & Country (\$598,679.00) and Central Paving (\$643,404.00) for the Community Crossing Matching Grant 2023-02 project, Town & Country was recommended as the lower bidder. Michael McClure made a motion to award the contract to Town & Country, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Michael McClure made a motion to approve and sign Claims and Payroll #4, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Michael McClure made a motion to approve and sign minutes from February 5, 2024 regular session, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Michael McClure made a motion to approve and sign the Sheriff's Employee Theft and Forgery Bond, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The following conference request presented for review and approval:

HEALTH: Edwina Guffey, Annual Septic System Training, Plainfield Center, March 6 & 7

Michael McClure made a motion to approve the Conference Request from the Health Department as presented, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The County's payroll time clock provider has informed us that the clocks are in need of replacement but Council last year decided to wait until after the Courthouse project is complete. This will need to be discuss during 2024 so funds can be allocated in the 2025 budget. Michael McClure made a motion to table this issue, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

At last week’s Joint Session, Jacki Frain of Pulaski County Human Services informed them that Human Services have 2 new vans coming and they still need \$36,000. for purchase. These vans will be in the name of KIRPC and used mainly for transport of Head Start and school students. Charles Mellon made a motion to donate \$16,000.00 from ARPA funds, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Matt Bristol from Jasper County REMC discussed broadband opportunities and wants to provide broadband services to the underserved areas along the 421 corridor for 10-15 miles in Pulaski County. The Pulaski County Building Department informed them that the project did not need Commissioners approval nor any permits.

The Community Crossing project award questioned.

With no other business to discuss, Michael McClure made a motion to adjourn at 8:56AM, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 4th day of March 2024 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**.

CHARLES MELLON

ABSENT

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST:

LAURA WHEELER, PULASKI COUNTY, IN