

MARCH 4, 2024

REGULAR SESSION
PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday March 4, 2024 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Jenny Knebel, Julie Girton, Judge Crystal Kocher, Judge Mary Welker, Connie Ehrlich, Carmin Ruff, Kurt Dickey, Megan Galbreath, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez, Chris Schramm, Nathan Origer, Scott Rudd, and Ron Fox.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: SUPERIOR COURT

A letter of support requested for the 2025 Pre-Trial Release Program Grant Application. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign the Letter of Support for the pretrial 2025 grant, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

Legal notice for bidding, labor pool and subcontractor availability, and the cost of the proposed HVAC upgrades discussed.

Some of the major cost-savings adjustments include: Removing parts of the retaining wall instead of replacing in full; repairing windows and replacing only as needed; a few changes in room assignment; reduction in number of built-in service window counters; as-needed slab replacement instead of full replacement; less expensive plan for the meeting table.

At least 5 providers submitted Next Level Connections-Round 4 grant applications to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for Pulaski County projects. OCRA is currently conducting its first-round review with second round expected in early April and award announcement projected for early June. Kurt Dickey (Broadband Taskforce chairman) and consultant Scott Rudd, who will continue to work with Pulaski County until June without additional cost, gave an overview of the Broadband Taskforce committee and what actions they have taken.

Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority will announce which two projects will be funded as part of this year's special LIHTC allocation round on April 25. Four submissions were received including Pulaski County's Willow Creek Villas.

Housing Resource Hub regarding the Hoosier Homes down-payment assistance program has provided the marketing and Partnership materials. The program will be introduced to local bankers, real estate agents and builders over the next few weeks.

Pre-development agreements to be executed by the Town of Winamac, the Redevelopment Commissioner and the HUB regarding the proposed County-farm project has been sent to HUB's attorney for review then will present to Town's Attorney and begin filling the membership of the project steering committee.

Lafayette based MatchBOX Coworking Studio will again be offering free, WHIN-funded regional Accelerator Entrepreneur training in Pulaski County starting March 21.

As part of the Northwest Indiana Forum's proposal to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, two projects submitted for potential inclusion: Infrastructure costs for the proposed County Farm residential development and extension of the Panhandle Pathway past the State Park.

The 2024 Economic Development Annual dinner will take place April 23 in Winamac but specific location has not be set.

Individual bonds for the Redevelopment Commission Members were presented for Commissioners' approval. Principals are Brian Ledley, Tina Marie Stacey, Kyle Sefchek, Stanley N Bennett, Katelyn Bierrum, Jon Maxwell Frain, and Isaiah Tidwell, each bonded for \$15,000.00.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve claims and payroll #5, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Charles Mellon made a motion to approve and sign the February 20, 2024 regular session minutes, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously with Maurice Loehmer abstaining as he was absent from that particular meeting.

Electronic Map Data Application Agreement with CoreLogic was presented for approval. This gives them permission to purchase and use GIS data for a \$750.00 fee. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign agreement as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Public hearing was held at Commissioners’ 02/20/24 meeting regarding vacation of 2 unused public roadways. Commissioners approved the vacating of a 14’ public alleyway but denied the vacation of Reutebuch Street. Revised Ordinance 2024-02 presented for Commissioners approval and signatures and reads as follow:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC ROADWAYS
AND EXTINGUISHING PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA’S CLAIM TO
UNIMPROVED PUBLICLY UNUSED ROADWAYS
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana (the “Commissioners”) had previously met on or about February 20, 2024, in order to consider a Petition to vacate two (2) public roadways and to extinguish claims to two (2) unimproved publicly unused roadways; and
WHEREAS, the two (2) unused public roadways are as follows:

(1)

An unused public roadway, being forty feet (40’) in uniform width, more commonly known as Reutebuch St, located in the unincorporated rural village of Pulaski, located within Indian Creek Township in Pulaski County, State of Indiana and bordering parcel number 66-10-09-321-012.000-007 to the north, parcel number 66-10-09-321-013.000-007 to the south;

ALSO:

(2)

An unused public alleyway, being fourteen feet (14’) in uniform width located in the unincorporated rural village of Pulaski, located within Indiana Creek Township in Pulaski County, State of Indiana, and bordering parcel number 66-10-09-321-014.000-007 to the north, parcel number 66-10-09-321-015.000-007 to the south;

and
WHEREAS, after public hearing and public comment, the Commissioners have determined that one (1) alleyway should be vacated and divided equally between the adjoining landowners, with the legal owner of the parcels identified in the Petition receiving one-half (1/2) of each roadway; and
WHEREAS, the roadway more commonly known as “Reutebuch St.” shall not be vacated; and WHEREAS, the one (1) alleyway is neither needed or necessary to the public at large nor to
Pulaski County, Indiana.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

SECTION 1. The unused public roadway, being 40 feet (40’) in uniform width, more commonly known as Reutebuch St, located in the unincorporated rural village of Pulaski, located within Indian Creek Township in Pulaski County, State of Indiana, and bordering parcel number 66-10-09-321-012.000-007 to the north, parcel number 66-10-09-321-013.000-007 to the south, and Pulaski County, Indiana’s claim to the platted and unimproved publicly unused roadway shall not be extinguished, as it has been determined that vacation of this thoroughfare would be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the public.

SECTION 2. The unused public alleyway, being fourteen feet (14’) in uniform width, located in the unincorporated rural village of Pulaski, located within Indian Creek Township in Pulaski County, State of Indiana, and bordering parcel number 66-10-09-321-014.000-007 to the north, parcel number 66-10-09-321-015.000-004 to the south, and Pulaski County, Indiana’s claim to the platted and unimproved publicly unused roadway is extinguished, and the fourteen feet (14) strip of land shall be divided, as more fully set forth in the Recitals, between the adjoining landowners on the north and south.

SECTION 3. The Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana, published notice of this Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks, and on February 20, 2024, at 8:30 a. m. (EST), a public meeting was held at the Pulaski County Highway Garage, located at 1131 North U.S. 35, Winamac, IN 46996, to consider any remonstrance for persons interested in or affected by the proceeding. After such remonstrance have been taken into consideration, final action was taken to modify this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage, after the procedure in Section 3 of this Ordinance has been followed, and a copy shall be recorded in the Pulaski County Recorder’s Office and a copy delivered to the Pulaski County Auditor’s Office.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign Ordinance 2024-02 as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the following conference request, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER—Marsha Tetzloff, State Called Recorders’ Conference, Indianapolis, April 16 – 18

Roeing IT Solutions quoted \$8,350.00 for necessary work at the Pulaski County Highway Garage to accommodate the Clerk for early voting and the Treasurer for property tax collection. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the quote as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss nor public comment, meeting was adjourned at 6:32PM.
Approved and signed this 18th day of March 2024 by the PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.