

MARCH 18, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday March 18, 2024 8:30AM 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 Anthony Pesaresi, Garrett Pesaresi, Timothy McQuinn, Gary Kruger, Connie Ehrlich, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez, Gail Lambert, Nathan Origer, Megan Galbreath, and Chris Schramm.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: CDC

Forgiveness of the 150,000.00 Winamac Coil Spring (WCS) revolving loan to assist with the acquisition and rehabilitation of the former Eaton/Chesapeake building discussed. The loan agreement calls for the final \$15,000.00 to be forgiven as long as WCS has a minimum of 25 full-time employees in Winamac. Today they have 22 full-time employees on the day shift and 5 on the night shift. WCS President Tony Pesaresi and Winamac Division Manager Garrett Pesaresi expressed their thanks to the Commissioners.

Michael McClure made a motion to approve the forgiveness of the last 10% of the loan, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez has fully repaid her \$25,000.00 loan 10 months ahead of schedule. Sheila has a \$10,000.00 loan that is still active and in good standing with repayment expected several months in advance. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to authorize President Mellon to execute documents required to release the 2017 loan’s collateral and close the loan. Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Excess personal property—primarily furniture that has been removed from the Courthouse and other odds and ends discussed. Indiana Code outlines the required steps to sell or auction these items. Maurice Loehmer made a motion move forward with the elimination of excess furniture, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The Sheriff’s sale on property on 200S that the County holds the mortgage (\$235,755.30) on, discussed. The Sale will be conducted through SRI tomorrow, March 19, 2024 on Zeus.com.

IN RE: NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Timothy McQuinn is a family case manager for DCS and asked permission to again place pinwheels/signage on the Court house lawn for the National Childhood Abuse Month of April. Pinwheels would be placed just in the corners of the lawn on April 1, 2024 and removed May 1, 2024. Michael McClure made a motion to approve the request, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #6, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign March 4, 2024 regular session minutes, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The Election board is applying for a \$22,300.00 grant to cover the software cost on the ten voting machines donated from Jasper County. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the grant application, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Council needs to determine the funding source since this is a reimbursable grant, meaning County has to spend the funds first and then get reimbursed.

Another round of Opioid Settlement funds brings the County \$60,052.98 in restricted funds and \$17,262.00 in unrestricted funds plus some smaller amounts.

With no other business to discuss and no public comment, meeting was adjourned at 8:49AM. Approved and signed this 1st day of April 2024 by the PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.