

JUNE 17, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday June 17, 2024 8:30am at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were Jennifer Johns, Edwina Guffey, Teresa Bryant, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez, Larry Weaver, Joe Moyer, Colleen Denham, Megan Galbreath, Chris Schramm, Nathan Origer, Jeff Larrison, and Gary Kruger.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Regular Session was recessed and a Board of Finance meeting was opened by Board President Maurice Loehmer.

IN RE: BOARD OF FINANCE

Investment of bond money discussed. County will be receiving \$13.3 million of bond money for the renovation of the Courthouse. Slightly less than \$4,000,000.00 to be held by First National Bank of Monterey as Trustee and Pulaski County retains \$9,380,000.00. Reimbursements will be paid out of the money held by First National Bank of Monterey. Charles Mellon made a motion to invest \$3,380,000.00 in a 3-month CD and \$6,000,000.00 in a 6-month CD, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Additional Opioid funds discussed and Community Foundation needs to be asked about any upcoming claims on these funds before investing.

With no other business to discuss, Michael McClure made a motion to adjourn Board of Finance meeting at 8:40am, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Regular Commissioners' meeting resumed.

IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Health Department wants to hire the following three positions:

IMMUNIZATION NURSE: To help administer vaccines and assist PHN when needed, with a minimum of 4 hours and no more than 6 hours per week. This can be paid out of "Vaccines for Children Grant" which is available from 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025.

SEPTIC PERMIT OFFICER: To evaluate all soil samples, design, permit and inspect all OSS systems. Position can be paid out of Health Department Fund 8912 as a contracted position.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OFFICER: To make and plan necessary procedures in the case of an emergency evacuation situation. A part-time position that can be paid out of the IDOH-Emergency Preparedness Grant for the period of 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025.

Septic Permit Officer will need to be certified by the State. Immunization Nurse will work from a mobile unit primarily. Charles Mellon made a motion to hire Immunization Nurse and Emergency Preparedness Officer as contracted positions and Septic Permit Officer as a part-time position, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CORONER

The purchase of a power cot lift system and a vehicle discussed. The used power cot lift system will come with a 1-year manufacturer's warranty. The coroner's department can take care of installation. The over-all length of cot is 89.5" and the 2022 Jeep that she had a quote for at last meeting is not long enough. Don Dobson provided quotes on 2 vehicles: 2024 Chrysler Pacifica with 57,000 miles for \$31,329.00 and 2013 GMC Yukon with 151,000 miles for \$14,000.00

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to move forward on the Stryker power lift system, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Funds will come from the ARPA fund. The current Coroner's vehicle can be used for a trade-in. Commissioners want a purchase contract at next meeting.

IN RE: CDC

Change order process discussed. For the Courthouse project, Nathan to approve everything up to 2.75% of the contingency balance (including the architect fee). From 2.75% to 5.5%, Nathan can approve with Maurice Loehmer’s blessing, as the Board’s representative on the steering committee. Anything over 5.5% will require full Board approval. Charles Mellon requested that the board receive an email from Nathan on every change order. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the above change order process, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

RE: HIGHWAY

Two bids received for the replacement of Bridge 249 over Mill Creek.

Milestone Contractors, LLC	\$1,040,012.60
LaPorte Construction	\$918,009.42

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve LaPorte Construction as the low bid, pending engineering review, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve claims and payroll #12, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 6/3/2024 minutes was tabled.

Commissioners received letter from Indiana Department of Natural resources explaining steps Pulaski County can take to maximize benefits from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). They encourage our community to consider NFIP’s Community Rating System (CSR). CSR is a voluntary incentive program that encourages floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements, resulting in premium discounts. This will be turned over to the Building Department.

The ADA Board sent a request to the Commissioners remove the ADA Board from EMA supervision. As ADA mostly deals with code violations they want to either go as a stand-alone board or have Building or Health oversee them. No decision was made.

Annual elevator inspections are coming up in July. Will the Court House elevator be included in this inspection? Although the Courthouse is closed at this time, the elevator is probably used more now than before, so it does need to be inspected. Jail roof that was installed in 2021 is leaking. It is thought that the roof is getting so hot that the rubber is shrinking and seams are separating. Firestone is here today to work on the roof.

Maurice Loehmer said final work on west parking lot is almost completed with striping done after sidewalks installed.

Air conditioning in Auditor, Recorder and Assessor’s offices discussed as it is not keeping up with the hot weather.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:24am, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 1st day of July 2024 by the PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST: LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN