

JULY 1, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday July 1, 2024 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon and Maurice Loehmer with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Commissioners Michael McClure absent.

Also present were Dan Muehlhausen, Joe Moyer, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez, Kyle Kruzick, Gary Kruger, Jennifer Johns, Don Street, Connie Ehrlich, Karen Fritz, Chris Brucker, Leeann Wight, Nathan Origer, Megan Galbreath, Chris Schramm, and Gary Kruger.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: CORONER

Stryker Co reported that Pulaski County could get a new cot at the used price. There will also be no freight cost. Charles Mellon made a motion to purchase Stryker power lift cot at \$36,000.00 to be paid from ARPA funds, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Vehicle pricing discussed.

IN RE: CDC

A resolution adopted by the Pulaski County Courthouse Building Corporation Board of Directors that designates Nathan Origer as an authorized representative of the Corporation presented for review and approval. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to affirm the resolution and authorize President Mellon to sign a letter to the First National Bank of Monterey stating Nathan as the designated representative, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Demolition and deconstruction work continues and earthwork/site-utilities and masonry subcontractors will start work in a few days. There are two issues at this time. Per the official bid results, the entirety of the perimeter retaining wall was to be removed with the lawn graded down to the sidewalk on all sides. An add-alternate bid for re-installing part of the wall was not submitted. Options have been reviewed for balancing the preference to retain as much of the wall as possible, the logistical challenges of storing it, the effects on the masonry schedule of any deviation from the planned course of action and costs associated with different options for either keeping it in place or removing and returning it. They reached the conclusion that best course of action is to remove the wall in its entirety, as originally planned, to store 350 linear feet (about ½) along with all corner pieces, to dispose of the remaining 335 linear feet and revisit the possibility of installing some or all of the stored section toward the end of the project. Luminaut specified the removal of the entire slab in the Courthouse and pouring a new one over a vapor barrier but this has been reduced to removal of those areas where utilities will be buried or the retention of the existing slab cannot be justified, with a vapor locking solution applied above the slab instead. More than expected of the slab needs to be removed and project manager/concrete specialist will be on site later this week before a final decision is made.

IN RE: MONTEREY LEGION ROAD

The Legion Road near Monterey discussed. Dan Muehlhausen claims that this is a public road and wants the County Highway to maintain it. County Attorney Tankersley will look into this matter.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve claims and payroll #13 as presented, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve June 3, 2024 and June 17, 2024 regular session minutes as presented, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the following conference requests, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Assessor: Holly VanDerAa, 3 Deputies, State called Assessor's Conference, 8/26-30, Ft Wayne
Health: Celinda Briney, IVRA Fall Conference, 10/10-11, Angola
Council: AJ Gutwein, Council Conference, June 22, 2024 Indy

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve signed Covered Bridge Certificate for 2024, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to appoint Melvin David Myers to Francesville Zoning Planning Commission for a 3.5-year term. Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

EMS (Brandon DeLorenzo) was requesting to purchase three new radios for \$13,404.54, which exceed his spending authority. EMS has the money to pay for this. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the purchase, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Under Public Comment, Joe Moyer heard that servers in Justice Center’s basement had overheated and he suggested that they have some kind of back up and warning system in the future.

Whoever is leaving small items in the county buildings is asked to stop as there is concern these can be picked up and swallowed by a young child.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to adjourn at 6:33PM, Charles Melon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 15th day of July 2024 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

absent

MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST:

LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN