

AUGUST 5, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday August 5, 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 Karen Warren, Don Street, Joe Moyer, Gary Kruger, Judge Mary Welker, Brandon DeLorenzo, Nathan Origer, Chris Schramm, and Megan Galbreath.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: EMS

A new lease agreement with the Incorporated Town of Francesville for the EMS base presented for review and approval. Monthly rent will go up from \$650.00 to \$750.00 per month as of January 1, 2025. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign the Lease Agreement as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

A \$3,678.63 quote from Side Line Auto of Knox for front tires and shock absorbers presented for approval since this amount is above EMS spending limit. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the repairs, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

Sullivan Development requested the amortization period for the requested \$350,000.00 loan be extended from 15 years to 20 years. Their attorney advised that the term has to cover not only the minimum 15 years of low-income housing, but also cover the construction period and the time spent filling the units. The Commissioners gave approval of the 20-year term.

General demolition and deconstruction work has continued, removal of the rest of the slab has begun and almost all of the retaining wall has been moved to our off-site storage location. County Highway has removed most of the items from the building and those items not slated for refinishing nor going back to the building were delivered to Olson Auctions. There is still some woodwork in the building that needs to be put in storage as well as Circuit Court's gallery seats but we are mostly done with emptying the building. Nathan is making picture uploads to the County's Facebook page on Fridays to keep public apprised of the progress.

Nathan is waiting on one invoice and then will be prepared to submit Disbursement Request #3 to First National Bank (between \$530,100.00 and \$530,300.00). This will leave an unexpended balance in First National's funds of about \$1,712,000.

Change order #13 from Tonn & Blank for \$156,856.30 presented, which is for the installation of a new slab across all of the sections of the basement not originally planned to have the slab removed and replaced. The scope of the work includes required excavation, placement of a 6" layer of #53 stone, installation of a vapor barrier and the pouring of cement. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve Change Order #13 as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: SHERIFF

A 2010 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo and 2011 Dodge Durango requested to be sold, which will go through a bid process. Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve sale of the two vehicles, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. The vehicles will be parked at County Highway Garage.

Ordinance 2024-05, which amends sex or violent offender registration fees presented for review and approval. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign as presented, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously. The ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE 2024-05

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2007-11-5 ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL SEX
OR VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRATION FEE, A SEX OR VIOLENT
OFFENDER ADDRESS CHANGE FEE AND ESTABLISHING THE PULASKI
COUNTY SEX OR VIOLENT OFFENDER ADMINISTRATION FUND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County have the authority to amend their ordinances to stay current with new Indiana statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code 36-13-5-6 and Ind. Code 11-8-8-2; Section 2, fees in Ordinance 2007-11-5 is amended to include Section 2 (c) (d) and E and shall now read as follows:

Section 2. Fees

- a. *Registration Fee:* The annual fee for sex or violent offenders registering in Pulaski County shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Payment of the fee shall be made upon the offender's initial registration in Pulaski County and subsequently an address change with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department.
- b. *Change of Address Fee:* A fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be charged and collected each time a sex or violent offender registers an address change with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department.
- c. *Change of Employment Fee:* A fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be charged and collected each time a sex or violent offender registers a new place of employment with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department.
- d. *Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) 90-day Registration:* A fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be charged and collected every 90 days of registration of an SVP with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department.
- e. *Temporary Address Fee:* A fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be charged and collected for a temporary address each time a sex or violent offender registers a temporary address with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department.

WHEREAS, all other Sections of Ordinance 2007-11-5 remains in full force and effect.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PULASKI COUNTY that the above fees for Sex or Violent Offenders is hereby approved and said fees are effective as of the date of the adoption of this ordinance. All of which is ordained this 5th day of August, 2024.

IN RE: MONTEREY DAYS FESTIVAL

Burn-Out contest at Monterey Days Festival discussed briefly. County Attorney Tankersley recommend the Commissioners decline approval as he has issues with the insurance provided in prior years. He recommended that this be held on private property instead of a county road. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to reject the request, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

The County Road between 456E and 425 E will close Thursday as work begins on replacing Bridge #249. County schools have been notified.

Purchase of a new Western Star single axle dump truck discussed. Money is set in the 2025 budget. Commissioners agreed to move forward including other bids.

Highway has an old army generator that needs to be replaced as difficult to get parts. Small's Maintenance and Electrical LLC for \$48,000.00 which includes installation and Buckeye Power Sales for \$47,250.00 but does not include installation presented quotes. Discussion followed concerning what funds to use and will probably be ARPA funds but will be determined later. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the purchase of generator, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve claims and payroll #15 & 16 as presented, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign regular session minutes from July 15, 2024 and special session minutes from July 19, 2024 as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Soil & Water sent letter advising Commissioners that they will be hiring Michelle Fox as “District Support Coordinator”. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the hiring, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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

HEALTH: Edwina Guffey, Indiana Environment Health Association Fall Conference, Bloomington, 9/23-25
TREASURER/AUDITOR: Teresa Bryant & Laura Wheeler, Treasurer’s Conference, Evansville, 8/6-8

Sheriff and Prosecutor share cost of cell phone analyzer subscription at total cost of \$6,900.00. Prosecutor requested permission to spend \$3,450.00 as it is above her spending limit. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the purchase, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

LOW remote claim module at \$4,000.00 for the support fee requested. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the purchase, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Coroner has been looking for a newer vehicle and Charles Mellon has quote from Autobarn Sales & Leasing in Francesville for a 2019 Chevy Suburban with 72,055 miles. Total cost will be \$23,625.00. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the purchase, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

A Fee Ordinance for copying was tabled.

Attorney Tankersley reported that the large molding machine will be auctioned on-line by Olson Auctions on August 14, 2024. Four interested parties have requested bid numbers.

With no other business to discuss nor public comment, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to adjourn at 6:47PM, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 19th day of August 2024.

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST:

LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN