

AUGUST 19, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday August 19, 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 Chris Schramm, Gary Kruger, Nathan Origer, John Allen, Joe Moyer, John Kegarise, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez, Megan Galbreath, and Ron DeSabatine.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: SHERIFF

9-1-1 Assistant position requested to be added. There will be no change in number of staff and pay depends on Council. A job description is needed. Charles Mellon made a motion to approve the requested position, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Three estimates for a new generator for Highway presented as follows:

Small’s Maintenance & Electrical LLC	\$49,000.00
Buckeye Power Sales	47,254.00
MacAllister CAT	54,316.00

Small’s estimate includes installation but Buckeye and MacAllister does not. County and Highway will share the cost evenly. Charles Mellon made a motion to approve generator purchase from Small’s with County’s half coming from ARPA and remainder from Highway funds, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The highway is extending summer hours to September 16, 2024 due to heavy rains causing a delay in mowing and other work.

IN RE: CDC

Remaining funds corrected as they did not include interest earned. As of today, there is a contingency balance of \$456,013.09 (about \$35,000.00 higher than previously stated). First National Bank is holding \$1,756,254.20 (\$43,867.91 higher than previously stated).

A sewer line shown on older drawings does not exist; therefore, a change order for \$12,080.46 is probably necessary but can change if subcontractor does not have to install conflict structures under Meridian Street. Also, changes to exterior electrical components returned \$2,600.00 to our contingency. A time-and-materials cost to address a corroded beam under the old storefront at the main level west entry is under review. This is likely to cost between \$22,000.00 and \$33,000.00 for both redesign work and the actual change-order request. A structural beam at the base of the wall between courtroom and jury room discovered causing an obstacle for installing an ADA compliant doorway impossible. Solutions discussed and waiting for feedback along with changes to the electrical scope that will likely add some costs.

Project Superintendent John Allen was present to give updates. Seating reduced in the meeting room upstairs and breakroom and the tech room eliminated. Scaffolding is in place to start repairs to the roof and bell tower. 85-90% of demolition complete and earthwork continues this week. There is still 200 square feet of the basement slab that needs removed. 60-80’ of sewer piping will be added through Auditor’s storage room and across the road. The entire building needs retucking then it will be washed with a substance more gentle than acid. There could be supply chain issues with lighting and doors.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #17 as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign August 5, 2024 regular session minutes 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.

ASSESSOR: Holly VanDerAa and Deputy, AIC Annual Conference, 9/23 to 9/26, Florence, IN

Sheriff’s Office has 2 old copiers that were originally leased from Advanced Imaging and then purchased by County for \$1.00 each when lease ran out. Cardinal copiers proposes to replace eight copiers and give three of the old copier/printers to the County at no cost. The Current lease, which runs until August 1, 2025 will now expire January 2, 2025 with the lease fee going from 1035.00 per month to 1,135.00 per month. Charles Mellon made a motion to approve this proposal, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried.

The auditor’s office received a phone call last week from a private citizen expressing their concerns that local vendors should be considered for bids whenever possible.

Brandon DeLorenzo resigned as EMS Director but will continue as a full-time paramedic. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to accept Brandon’s resignation, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Quotes from Ramco Builder of Rochester and two other contractors presented to replace roof on recycling storage building and new gutters. This will be a metal roof, with lifetime warranty on materials. Ramco was the only quote that included any warranty. Total quote is \$38,764.51 for the roof and \$2,165.32 for the gutters. Michael McClure made a motion to approve Ramco’s quote, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Recycling equipment for sale includes: MACK roll-off truck, several trailers—most not in working condition. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the sale, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Increasing the cost to bring in car tires from \$4-5., semi-tires from \$8-10., and farm tires at recycling discretion discussed but tabled for further consideration.

Panhandle Pathway wants the use of a County mower or have the County mow the pathway but the issue tabled for further consideration.

With no other business to discuss or public comment, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:13AM, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 3rd day of September 2024 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST: _____
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN