

SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday (due to Labor Day on Monday) September 3, 2024 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon and Michael McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Maurice Loehmer absent.

Also present were Brandi Larkin, Nathan Origer, Joe Moyer, Don Street, Jenny Knebel, Chris Brucker, Megan Galbreath, and Chris Shcramm.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: PULASKI COUNTY TRIBE

Pulaski County Tribe (PCT) is proposing the establishment of an amphitheater in Winamac to serve as a hub for community events and tourism. The project involves detailed research into location, costs, timelines and potential partnerships. Progress is contingent on site availability and obtaining contractor quotes. They are proposing an amphitheater, ADA-compliant restrooms, seating and extending the walking path. The location they are looking at is County owned behind Library’s parking lot. The property is not located in the floodplain but will require removal of the Historical Society’s cabin and transferring of the property to the Town of Winamac. PCT is also asking for financial consideration from the County. Michael McClure made a motion to pursue this project as long as it does not cost the County any money, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously. Survey will be at PCT expense. There is a potential for renting out the amphitheater and will be a tourist attraction. Cost estimated at \$300,000.00 just for the amphitheater.

PCT also proposing some-type of signage located on courthouse lawn. Looking at an LED sign that would cost around \$30,000.00 and County would need to run electrical lines from courthouse. Tabled for further consideration as biggest concern is the cost it would add to the courthouse project, as it is no simple task to integrate the electric into the courthouse project. Commissioners agreed to look into what is required to accommodate the sign.

PCT also proposes installation of community signage in strategic locations throughout the County. This would enhance communication, promote events and provide information across the entire county, ensuring all residents and visitors be well informed about local activities and attractions. The general consensus is that this should go through the Tourism Advisory Council.

IN RE: CDC

Court House project has had 25-change order requests: 17 approved, 7 under review and 1 on a time-and-materials work approved by Commissioner Loehmer to address flat roof areas. The first of three concrete pours for the slab happened last Friday with the second and third scheduled for tomorrow and Friday. There is still some bat removal and clean-up work in the attic but demolition has started. Electrical, HVAC and plumbing work continues. Preparation for remaining concrete, including vapor-barrier and rebar installation is taking place. Concerns about existing conditions observed. One of the project engineers will be investigating some spots where metal strapping previously installed.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Michael McClure made a motion to approve claims and payroll #18 as presented, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Charles Mellon made a motion to approve August 19, 2024 regular session minutes, August 26, 2024 special session minutes and August 16, 2024 Memorandum of Executive Session minutes as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Michael McClure made a motion to approve a 15,000 bond for Michelle Fox at Soil & Water, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Michael McClure made a motion to appoint Jennifer Mellon to the Board of Trustees of Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously. She will replace Valerie Leman with term of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2028. Jennifer is a Speech-Language Pathologist for West Central and Cooperative School Services.

With no other business to discuss nor public comment, Michael McClure made a motion to adjourn, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 7th day of October 2024 by the PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST: LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN