

OCTOBER 7, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday October 7, 2024 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer and Michael McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Joe Moyer, Sara Kroft, Teresa Bryant, Chris Brucker, Dave Olds, Chuck Hendrickson, Beverly Smith, Jamie Murray, John Masterson, Jenny Knebel, Connie Ehrlich, Gail Lambert, Edwina Guffey, Darrel Gudeman, Brandi Larkin, Nathan Origer, Megan Galbreath, Tonya Keller-Martinez, and Chris Schramm.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: CASA

Permission requested to apply for State CASA Grants (\$7,466.00 and \$3,200.00), as has been done in the past. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the application, Michael McClure Seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: SPEED LIMIT

The road on CR640E, south of 600N near Monterey has a 45 MPH speed limit but road is curvy and hilly with blind spots and many drivers speed, making it hazardous. Therefore County is requested to reduce the speed limit to accommodate a special needs child, and put up a "School Bus Turn-around" sign. Highway has already placed a recommended speed of 30 MPH. Commissioners took this matter under advisement.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

The County Highway wants to purchase a 2018 Ram from the Sheriff's Department for \$10,000. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the purchase, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. The vehicle is currently titled to Pulaski County Commissioners so there should be no need for a title change.

IN RE: CDC

Change Order #30 addresses the removal of high-asbestos-content caulk in various places. Caulk removal already included in base bid for masonry work, so County will be receiving a credit from the masonry subcontractor but it will not cover the full cost of the Change Order which is expected to be \$46,230.93.

Change Order #31 addresses the basement walls and is estimated at \$59,264.90. As demolition has progressed, it has become clear the plaster's structural integrity is questionable in many places.

With the approval of these two Change Orders, our owner's contingency has an actual balance of \$268,135.15. Lead architect Matt Ireton feels that our Change Orders thus far have been within reason. Following the 6th disbursement request, which was submitted to First National Bank of Monterey Friday, that trache of funds has a remaining balance of \$609,666.13. The County-held trache, which contains \$9.38-million plus interest.

Concrete poured for the walls at the front steps and mini-plaza, as have most of the footers. New steps will be formed later this week. Masons finished waterproofing the foundation and began installing new mortar in the tower. The underground structures for utilities are now on site. Framing in basement is almost done while mechanical rough-ins continue. Painters have begun some of the prep work on the main floor. The next owner/architect/contractor meeting is tomorrow with Luminaut attending in person.

IBC Thermoplastic's auction discussed. Back in April 2024, Commissioners signed an ordinance making County Attorney their agent on foreclosed County property and to conduct sale of said property. Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) used for this property, which is a risky loan where owners cannot get bank loans. Payments were not made however, resulting in foreclosure. A large piece of equipment sold with the building by Olson Auctions on September 26, 2024. Tom Halleck purchased the property as high bidder for \$102,500. Michael McClure made a motion to approve the sale and Maurice Loehmer seconded. Over \$9,000.00 in delinquent property taxes will be paid out of the \$102,500.00 with the remainder going back into the RLF as it cannot be used for any other purpose. County will pursue the deficiencies. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HEALTH

The Public Health Immunization Nurse contract presented for approval (contract position). The following read from the Termination section: “The health officer/board of health shall have the right to terminate this contract at any time the health department is notified by the Indiana State Department of Health that grant funds will no longer be available”. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the contract as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve claims, payroll #20, Michael McClure seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Michael McClure made a motion to approve and sign the September 3, 2024 and the September 16, 2024 regular session minutes, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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

EMA: Richel Fox, IAHRM Indiana Hazmat Conference, Plainfield, October 21st to 23rd
EMA: Richel Fox, EMAI Conference, Indianapolis, October 16th to 18th
RECORDER: Marsha Tetzloff, Indiana Recorders Assoc Northern District meeting, Logansport, October 22nd

Letter from NIPSCO received regarding routine tree maintenance in Monterey. Maurice Loehmer will respond.

Roeing quote presented for nine drops at EMA for three work stations in the amount of \$9,969.00. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the quote as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Charles Mellon read a resignation letter received from County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to accept his resignation, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Dear Commissioners:
I am writing to inform you as board members that I will not continue my contract to provide legal services to the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners after December 31, 2024. My current contract requires me to provide you with written notice of my intent to terminate the attorney-client relationship at lease ninety (90) days prior to ending my contract. This letter is to serve as notice of termination of the attorney-client relationship as of December 31, 2024.

I want to thank you and all the previous board members for the opportunity to represent the Pulaski County in the capacity as county attorney for the last fourteen years. The ninety (90) day notice is to allow time for you to find alternative counsel and give them an opportunity to work with me to get up to speed on ongoing matters so that the transition can be as smooth as possible. I will do everything I can to assist you in this transition.

Commissioners received ten applications for EMA Director’s position and they will be interviewing all ten.

Clarification made on the Cardinal proposal (that Commissioners approved at a prior meeting) for some new printers effective March 1, 2025 rather than January 1, 2025.

Running total of Change Orders questioned by Brandi Larkin. Verbal reports to the Commissioners at public meetings only.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to adjourn at 6:44PM, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 4th day of November 2024 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**.