

**OCTOBER 21, 2024**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday October 21, 2024 8:30AM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer and Michael McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and Colleen Denham representing Tankersley Law.

Also present were Mark Ingram, Nathan Origer, Jason Fort, Lisa Dan, Marsha Tetzloff, Frank Stone, Don Street, Connie Ehrlich, Natasha Daugherty, and Joe Moyer.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: ROAD CLOSURE**

Vacation of Merle Avenue in Crest View Sub-Division contested by Mark Ingram. Frank Stone had appeared at an earlier Commissioners meeting wanting the road vacated. Mark said if road was vacated, four of his lots would be land-locked. In 2008, he paid to have the road cleaned from his property to CR300S but now debris and logs cover the road. Commissioners suggested talking to neighbors and possibly an attorney. Frank Stone, Tom Miller and Jerry Tuley are working with an attorney. Written notice to adjacent property owners is required.

**IN RE: CDC**

There were no change orders for Commissioners approval but Nathan Origer had approved two under his threshold for \$4,750.00. These covered upgrades to the electrical scope, tweaks to electrical scope pertaining to HVAC in attic, adjustments to restroom tile and reductions to the interior carpentry scope. The contingency has a balance of \$261,683.32 with one pending expenditure out of that line item totaling \$3,500.00 and a credit back into the contingency between \$7,200.00 and \$8,000.00. The basement framing is almost complete and spray-foam-insulation should begin next week followed by drywall. All underground utility structures installed in the lawn, Terne metal repairs on the tower are wrapping up and painters will begin prepping them in the next week or so. Mechanicals, grout work and concrete pours continue.

Pleasant View Village on the County farm property on CR60S discussed. County Attorney, Town Attorney and the Hub's attorney have all reviewed and okayed a memorandum of understanding pertaining to pre-development efforts and costs for this project. Eric Galbreath has proposed a land swap between County and GALCO, Inc. Galco has 110+ acres on north side of Winamac and east of 35, annexed into Winamac's corporate limits and Eric has offered to make a dollar-for-dollar trade for County farmland. Exact acreage will be determined based on updated appraisals. The Northwest Indiana Forum sees no problems in transferring the tentative READI 2.0 funding commitment to the new site. The new location will likely require less of an investment to connect to municipal utilities and permission requested to move forward with appraisals to determine the viability of this transaction. CDC has funds to pay for the appraisal.

Charles Mellon made a motion for Nathan to move forward with securing appraisals, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #21, Michael McClure seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Michael McClure made a motion to approve and sign "Flexible Cash Rent Agreement County Farm-2025" with Tim Alexander, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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

**HIGHWAY: Gary Kruger & Dave Olds, Indiana County Commissioners, Indianapolis, December 3 & 4**

Charles Mellon said they had received good applicants for the EMS Director position and had two rounds of interviews. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to appoint Natasha Daugherty as EMS Director effective immediately, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Two Independent Contractor Agreements for the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Septic Permit Officer presented for approval. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the content of the two contracts, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Legal counsel position was advertised locally and on a web site. Deadline for applications is November 15, 2024. There is a claim of \$499.00 for the advertisement. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the claim of \$499.00, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Dan, Indiana Director of Center for Energy Education, invited anyone interested to a “Utility-Scale Solar Workshop for Public Officials and Community Leaders” to be held October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Bass Lake Fire Department 4-8 PM CDT.

With no other public comments nor business to discuss, Michael McClure made a motion to adjourn at 8:58AM, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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

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CHARLES MELLON

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MAURICE LOEHMER

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MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN