

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

JOINT SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in joint session Monday February 12, 2024 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Councilmembers present were Kenneth Boswell, Mike Tiede, Tim Overmyer, Jeffrey Richwine, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez, Jerry Locke and Bradley Bonnell.

Also present were Jacki Frain, Judge Crystal Kocher, Gail Lambert, Judge Mary Welker, Edwina Guffey, Celinda Briney, Kathy Meyer, Isaiah Tidwell, and Gary Kruger.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: CDC

A summer intern for the CDC office discussed. There is no job description and position would run from first of June to late July or August. Charles Mellon made a motion to approve the summer intern position, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Updated drawings for the Courthouse renovation expected to be finished by this Friday, February 16, 2024 and then pre-bid budget estimates can be set for rebidding. Advertising for bids via legal notice will be during the first two weeks of March, in addition to other mechanisms Tonn & Blank employs. Bids will be due in CDC office by 4:00PM ET Monday April 8, 2024 and Commissioners will open the bids in a special meeting prior to the joint session that night. If bid totals are where they need to be, BakerTilly intends to sell bonds around May 7, 2024, with closing expected in early July. In the interim, Tonn & Blank will start site mobilization about May 15, 2024. Project is expected to take 13 months, with expected completion in the middle of June 2025.

IN RE: PULASKI COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

Human Services came before the Boards requesting help to purchase two new vans. A grant will cover 80% of the cost, but \$36,000.00 is still needed. KIRPC owns the vehicles and vans will have convertible seats so they can haul Head Start students and then change over to adult seats. The Vans will haul 11 people and 2 wheel chairs. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to table the request for further review, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

ARPA Funding discussed. The funds must be committed by December 2024 and spent by December 2026. Some funds have already been committed to payroll, Broadband, 2 ambulances, Clerk’s records scanning, Coroner’s freezer, West Annex HVAC.

Rochester Glass and Harris Glass provided bids to install handicap door and wiring for the outside door to the Highway Garage training room. The low bid was around \$4,500.00.

Michael McClure made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to approve and sign the December 11, 2023 Joint Session minutes as presented, Charles Mellon seconded and motion passed with Maurice Loehmer abstaining as he was not present at the meeting. Jeffrey Richwine made the same motion on behalf of Council, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Michael McClure made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to adjourn, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 6:49PM.

Approved and signed on 8th day of April 2024.

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST: LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN

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KENNETH BOSWELL

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