

JANUARY 6TH 2025

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session January 6th 2025 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Michael McClure, Donald Street, Jennifer Knebel with County Auditor Teresa Bryant and County Attorney Jacob Ahler.

Also present were: Blake Parker, Ed Cotner, Edwina Guffey, Chris Brucker, Niki Clemons, Dave Olds, Darlene Olds, Mark Cervenka, Diane Cervenka, Bill Smith, Bev Smith, John Smith, AJ Gutwein, Tom Thomas, Linda Hunter, Bryant Larkin, Keith Davis, Franna Barger, Robert Barger, David Martin, Levi Messer, Kevin Wyatt, Kathy Wyatt, Brandi Larkin, Natasha Daugherty, Bill Sehstedt, Michael Sehstedt, Joe Moyer, Josh Stamper, Marshall Field, Brandon Field, Larry Lambert, Connie Ehrlich, Gail Lambert, Gary Kruger, Tim Harmsen, Sara Harmsen, Judge Mary Welker, Jason ?, Megan Galbreath and Chris Schramm.

Auditor Bryant opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: ORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Michael McClure made a motion to elect Donald Street President of the Board of Commissioners, Jennifer Knebel seconded and motion carried unanimously with Donald Street abstaining.

Donald Street made a motion to elect Michael McClure Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners, Jennifer Knebel seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HEALTH, EDWINA GUFFEY

Edwina requested permission to paint all rooms at the Health Department. She submitted quote from Alexander Custom Contracting, LLC (Brian Alexander) of \$3,000.00 for labor only. They will purchase paint from Ace Hardware, estimated to be around \$750.00. Michael McClure made a motion to approve proposed work, Jennifer Knebel seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC, NATHAN ORIGER**1. Courthouse Project**

- A. Change Orders: No Change Orders for consideration tonight but Nathan approved one under his threshold. A little over \$5,000. was requested in carpentry work for a small amount of trim on a courtroom-turned-meeting room door and for medallions on the ceiling-mounted light fixtures in the meeting room and public corridor. Door trim is needed to clean up doorway where the massive I-beam is that required some floor plan changes several months ago. The medallions are necessary as the ceiling joists are running the wrong direction for the electrical subcontractors to install light fixtures as initially intended. Because they are removable, it will avoid cutting access panels into the ceilings in the primary public spaces. There are two Change Orders under review.
- B. Project Finances: Owner's contingency's current balance is \$217,565.60 (just shy of \$198,000. if the not-yet-approved sidewalk change order is accounted for) plus accrued interest for December.
- C. Project Progress: Scaffolding removed from clock tower and all of the masonry work at that level is complete. They are more than half-done with the work on the bulk of the exterior. Gibson-Lewis has begun reinstalling woodwork removed during demolition. Most dry wall on main floor is installed. Measurements taken last week for installation of cabinetry and casework trim. Expect trim and door frames to arrive this week with door slabs coming in a few weeks. Flooring installer will visit tomorrow in advance of installing tile floors, bases and set walls in the restrooms. MEP and painting subcontractors keep rolling along. Project may be complete by July 4th.

2. *Appointments*

Requested the following appointments to various commissions and other entities:

- A. Commissioners Street to replace Maurice Loehmer on the Community Development Commission effective upon appointment.
- B. Commissioners Knebel to replace Maurice Loehmer on the courthouse steering committee effective upon appointment.
- C. Maurice Loehmer to fill the vacant agriculture-specific seat on the Community Development Commission effective upon appointment.
- D. Claude LeMere to serve second term (first full term) as the Town of Winamac's nominee to the Economic Development Commissioner effective 1 February 2025.
- E. Stan Bennett, Kyle Sefchek, Jon Frain and Tiny Stacy to serve second one-year terms on Redevelopment Commission effective tomorrow.
- F. Ray Heabel and Kelsie Zellers to serve second terms (first full terms) on the Tourism Advisory Council effective upon appointment.

Jennifer Knebel made a motion to approve appointments, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Michael McClure made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #1, Jennifer Knebel seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Donald Street made a motion to approve and sign Special Session minutes from December 18, 2024, Jennifer Knebel seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Knebel made a motion to approve and sign 2025 Meetings, payroll, claims and holiday schedules, Donald Street seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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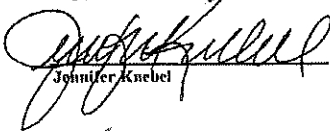
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2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King Jr Birthday
Monday, February 17	Presidents' Day
Friday, April 18	Good Friday
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day
Friday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 1	Labor Day
Tuesday, November 11	Veterans' day
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28	Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day
Friday, December 26	In Lieu of Columbus Day
Thursday, January 1, 2026	New Year's Day

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J Mike McClure

Attested:


Teresa Bryant, Auditor Pulaski County

2025 Pay Schedule

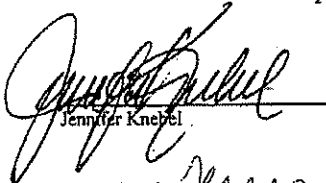
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1	12/23/2024	HRLY: 12/8/2024 THRU 12/21/2024	1/6/2025	1/3/2025
2	1/8/2025	HRLY: 12/22/2024 THRU 1/4/2025	1/21/2025	1/17/2025
3	1/22/2025	HRLY: 1/5/2025 THRU 1/18/2025	2/3/2025	1/31/2025
4	2/5/2025	HRLY: 1/19/2025 THRU 2/1/2025	2/18/2025	2/14/2025
5	2/19/2025	HRLY: 2/2/2025 THRU 2/15/2025	3/3/2025	2/28/2025
6	3/5/2025	HRLY: 2/16/2025 THRU 3/1/2025	3/17/2025	3/14/2025
7	3/19/2025	HRLY: 3/2/2025 THRU 3/15/2025	4/7/2025	3/28/2025
8	4/2/2025	HRLY: 3/16/2025 THRU 3/29/2025	4/21/2025	4/11/2025
9	4/16/2025	HRLY: 3/30/2025 THRU 4/12/2025	5/5/2025	4/25/2025
10	4/30/2025	HRLY: 4/13/2025 THRU 4/26/2025	5/19/2025	5/9/2025
11	5/14/2025	HRLY: 4/27/2025 THRU 5/10/2025	6/2/2025	5/23/2025
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15	7/9/2025	HRLY: 6/22/2025 THRU 7/5/2025	7/21/2025	7/18/2025
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17	8/6/2025	HRLY: 7/20/2025 THRU 8/2/2025	8/18/2025	8/15/2025
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20	9/17/2025	HRLY: 8/31/2025 THRU 9/13/2025	10/6/2025	9/26/2025
21	10/1/2025	HRLY: 9/14/2025 THRU 9/27/2025	10/20/2025	10/10/2025
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23	10/29/2025	HRLY: 10/12/2025 THRU 10/25/2025	11/17/2025	11/7/2025
24	11/12/2025	HRLY: 10/26/2025 THRU 11/8/2025	12/1/2025	11/21/2025
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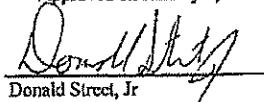
NOTE: ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL BE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:
 Their salary set for the year will be divided evenly over the 26 pays

THOSE PAID IN A WAY OTHER THAN BI-WEEKLY (MONTHLY, ANNUALLY, ETC.):
 We will continue to pay you in the same way as in the past which is on the second pay of the month in the month you are to receive that pay.

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2025 CLAIMS DUE SCHEDULE

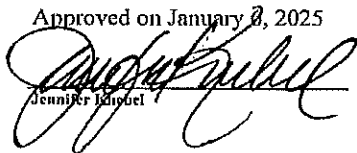
Encumbered or 2025 Budget

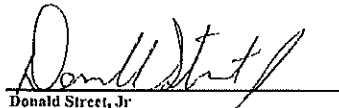
CLAIMS DUE TO AUDITOR	CLAIMS DATE PAID
Friday, December 20, 2024	Tuesday, January 07, 2025
Monday, January 13, 2025	Wednesday, January 22, 2025
Monday, January 27, 2025	Tuesday, February 04, 2025
Monday, February 10, 2025	Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Monday, February 24, 2025	Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Monday, March 10, 2025	Tuesday, March 18, 2025
Monday, March 24, 2025	Tuesday, April 8, 2025
Monday, April 14, 2025	Tuesday, April 22, 2025
Monday, April 28, 2025	Tuesday, May 6, 2025
Monday, May 12, 2025	Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Monday, May 26, 2025	Tuesday, June 3, 2025
Monday, June 9, 2025	Tuesday, June 17, 2025
Monday, June 30, 2025	Tuesday, July 8, 2025
Monday, July 14, 2025	Tuesday, July 22, 2025
Monday, July 28, 2025	Tuesday, August 5, 2025
Monday, August 11, 2025	Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Monday, August 25, 2025	Wednesday, September 3, 2025
Monday, September 8, 2025	Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Monday, September 29, 2025	Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Monday, October 13, 2025	Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Monday, October 27, 2025	Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Monday, November 10, 2024	Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Friday, November 24, 2025	Tuesday, December 2, 2025
Friday, December 8, 2025	Tuesday, December 16, 2025

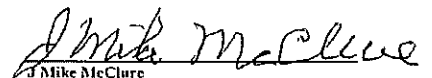
Invoices after December 8 will either be encumbered or paid out of 2026 budget on Tuesday January 6, 2026

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**PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Council and the Pulaski Board of Commissioners will meet in
Joint Session at the County Highway Garage located at 1131 North U.S. 35, Winamac, Indiana
on the second (2nd) Monday of every other month at 5:00 pm EDST
or the next work day after a County Approved Holiday for the year 2025

Monday, February 10
Monday, April 14

Monday, June 9
Monday, August 11

Monday, October 13
Monday, December 08

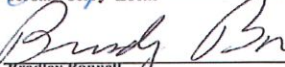
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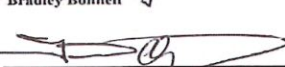

Albert Gutwein

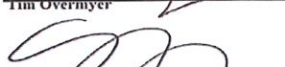

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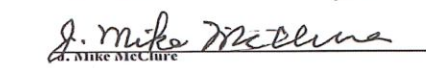

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Jennifer Knebel made a motion to approve "Pulaski County Acceptable Use" document, Donald Street seconded and motion passed unanimously. The purpose of this policy is to describe the acceptable use of Pulaski County's technology assets by Pulaski County workforce members.

Michael McClure made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2025-01 establishing the intent to conduct a Commissioners' sale to sell tax sale certificates, Jennifer Knebel seconded and motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2025-01

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT TO CONDUCT A
COMMISSIONERS' SALE TO SELL TAX SALE CERTIFICATES FOR PROPERTIES
THAT ARE SEVERLY DELINQUENT IN PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, there are several properties in Pulaski County that are severely delinquent in the payment of property taxes, having been offer for tax sales and which received no bids equal to or in excess of minimum sale price. The parcel numbers of those properties being attached to this resolution as "Exhibit A", and

WHEREAS, there is an assessed value associated with these properties for taxation purposes, but no taxes are being collected, therefore causing a lower than expected tax distribution to those taxing units and taxing districts within which the properties are located, and

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Commissioners desire to have these properties back on the tax rolls with taxes being collected, and

WHEREAS, IC 6-1.1-24-6, *et seq.* allows for the Pulaski County Commissioners to

acquire a lien on those delinquent properties and receive issuance of the tax sale certificates for those properties, without taking title to the properties, therefore limiting the liability and cost normally associated with taking title,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners that the County Executive shall acquire liens and receive tax sale certificates of the properties listed on Exhibit A that are severely delinquent and sell said certificates at a properly advertised Commissioners Tax Certificate sale.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners this 6th day of January 2025.

Jennifer Knebel spoke of the need for Pulaski County to place a moratorium on new Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS), Data Centers and Industrial Solar. A moratorium is just a pause but it would allow the County to put protections in place, as there are no ordinances regarding BESS, CCS and Data Centers at this time. This would give EMA time to come up with a plan regarding responding to toxic chemicals and fires. Donald Street believes in property owner rights and ordinances are in place to protect people and he would not be opposed to a moratorium, as long as it is done legally and correctly. County Attorney Jacob Ahler said the process is to work with the plan commission. Jennifer asked if separate moratoriums can be done or as one. Jacob said doing separate would be easier to defend in court. No motion was made as this process has to start with the plan commission.

Jennifer also talked about a moratorium on solar. Latest count of solar acreage is at 26,000. acres. Solar companies have 45 days to record lease and are not doing so. Baker-Tilly did an economic impact study back when it was only Mammoth and Moss Creek (10,819. acres). Jennifer would like to have another economic impact study done with current acreage. There is still 1 case in litigation and solar companies have been sent letters advising them of this. A solar moratorium would follow the same process through the planning commission.

Donald Street made a motion to appoint Michael McClure and reappoint Nathan Origer to membership on the Kankakee-Iroquois regional Planning Commission, Jennifer Knebel seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Michael McClure made a motion to approve and sign presented bonds, Jennifer Knebel seconded and motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER: Laura Wheeler, \$300,000.

AUDITOR: Teresa Bryant, \$30,000.

SOIL & WATER DISTRICT SUPPORT COORDINATOR: Michelle Fox, \$15,000.

Jennifer Knebel made a motion to approve 2 conference requests, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

CLERK: JoLynn Behny & Becky McLeroy, Association of Indiana Counties, February 4-5, Indianapolis

ASSESSOR: Assessor and Deputy, Association of Indiana Counties, February 4-5, Indianapolis

As there was no other business to discuss, meeting opened up for public comment.

Darrell Gudeman: Retired farm, life-long Pulaski County resident. This is an agricultural community with 231,188. farm acreage. Solar acres are at 11% of the farm acreage. Does not think solar is good for the County as it affects local businesses (seed dealers, equipment, fertilizer, etc.) He would like to see a map showing solar acreage and publish in Journal.

Brandi Larkin: Any studies been done showing solar's impact on the County? Public should be made aware of any health issues.

John Kramer: AI Data Center are huge buildings that take a lot of energy for cooling.

Current grid cannot support AI data centers. Jennifer said that Governor Holcomb has designated NW Indiana to supply the amount of water needed for cooling.

Energy Department of the state

Joe Moyer: Joe thanked the Commissioners for their conduct at this meeting.

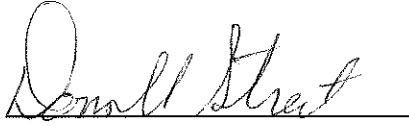
Tom Thomas: He is President of Francesville town Board and said solar wanted to move in on acreage next to city limits and their zoning stopped it. Tom does not think carbon capture is good for the County and will affect industries throughout the County.

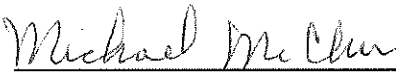
Brandi Larkin: She again talked about the health impact.

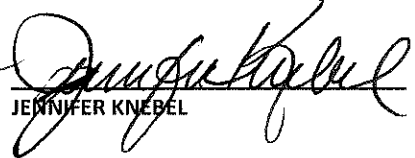
Connie Ehrlich: Connie thanked the Commissioners for allowing public comments and asked that the new County Attorney Jacob Ahlers be introduced.

With no other public comment, Michael McClure made a motion to adjourn at 8:14PM, Jennifer Knebel seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 21st day of January 2025 by the PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.


DONALD STREET


MICHAEL MCCLURE


JENNIFER KNEBEL

ATTEST: 
TERESA BRYANT, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN