

MARCH 3RD 2025

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met Monday March 3rd 2025 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Donald Street Jr., Michael McClure and Jennifer Knebel with County Auditor Teresa Bryant and County Attorney Jacob Ahler.

Also present were: Darlene Olds, Dave Olds, Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, Jamie Murray, Mike Craft, Chris Brucker, Isaiah Tidwell, Tim Harmsen, Sara Harmsen, Natasha Daugherty, Darrel Gudeman, Brandi Larkin, Jerry Locke, Joe Moyer, Terri Hansen, Raymond Hansen, Jason Fagner, Judge Mary Welker, Franna Barger, Bob Barger, Josh Stamper, Michael Sehstedt, Guy Rugg, Karla Redweik, Connie Ehrlich, Ken Becker, Niki Clemons, Raquel Gutwein, AJ Gutwein, Margarita Bope, Dennis Bope, Beverly Smith, Bill Smith, Ross Davis, Brian Smith, Chris Schramm and Nathan Origer

President Street opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: EMS, NATASHA DAUGHERTY

2026 ambulance is on order and should be completed by April 2026. Natasha presented list of additional equipment she would like to have added to the ambulance: Cabinet above CPR seat, "D" bottle storage on S/E door, Zico O2 bottle lift in D1 compartment, Backup cameras, and upper front bulkhead storage compartment (lockable). Additional cost is \$6,786.00. Michael made a motion to approve purchase of additional equipment, Jennifer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: TREASURER

Teresa spoke on behalf of Laura Wheeler, Treasurer. Laura requested permission to collect spring installment taxes at the Pulaski County Highway Garage from April 14th to May 12th 2025 due to offices not being back in the Courthouse. Michael made a motion to give approval, Jennifer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Agency Service Agreement with PayGOV.US,LLC was presented for approval. County Attorney has signed off. They provide an internet payment processing system. Jennifer made a motion to approve agreement, Michael seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Change orders: No new change orders but will have a handful coming. Nathan is expecting one more plaster-related CO. In the north hallway of the main floor (where photos of veterans were hanging) additional weak plaster has been discovered. This condition potentially linked to the stress created by the installation of those photographs, which required a lot of boring into the plaster.
- B. Project Finances: Owner's contingencies current balance is just above \$196,000. minus the costs for the sidewalk. Will be submitting Tonn & Blank's January and February invoices for payment this month, which will bring us to the point of having to cash out part of the \$5,000,000. CD. We have a current total of \$60,160.90 in ineligible interest funds, which we cannot use on the project per Indiana code. It can only be used for improvements to other County-owned facilities and any interest accrued from current CD will go to this fund pool. Jennifer mentioned EMS and West Annex having some maintenance issues.
- C. Project Progress: Delta III connected the building's plumbing to the Winamac water system today. Meridian Street will be repaved. MEP installations continue, including hanging of more light fixtures, as does the cleaning and repair of the exterior block walls. Have countless boxes of lighting and plumbing fixtures in the building. Prepping and painting continues as well as new millwork staining. Tiling of the lower level hallway should continue next week. Still looking at July 4th for substantial completion.

THEREFORE, Any purchase that exceeds that department's limit is required to receive approval first from the Commissioners before the purchase can be made. To obtain approval for a purchase, the department head/elected official is to complete a Request Form available in the Auditor's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding the meeting to attend and receive approval for said purchase, and

THEREFORE, The Board reserves the right to reject any request; and

THEREFORE, The Board now authorizes any department to follow I.C. 36-2-6-4.5 that authorizes purchases or payments prior to approval as well as other codes:

Property or services purchased or leased from the United States government, its agencies, or its political subdivisions.(2) License or permit fees.(3) Insurance premiums.(4) Utility payments or utility connection charges.(5) General grant programs where advance funding is not prohibited and the contracting party posts sufficient security to cover the amount advanced.(6) Grants of state funds authorized by statute.(7) Maintenance or service agreements.(8) Leases or rental agreements.(9) Bond or coupon payments.(10) Payroll.(11) State or federal taxes.(12) Expenses that must be paid because of emergency circumstances.

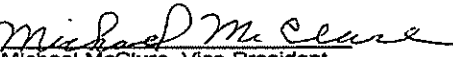
THEREFORE, The Board recognizes and acknowledges that emergency purchases may be necessary for operation of the County. Any department head/elected official needing to make a purchase for an emergency over the departments spending limit must complete a Request Form and receive emergency approval from the President of the Commissioners or if not available the Vice-President of the Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the department heads/elected officials are authorized to make purchases within their spending limit set forth above.

Signed this 3 day of March, 2025.

Pulaski County Commissioners


Donald Street, Jr., President


Michael McClure, Vice-President


Jennifer Knebel
ATTEST 
Teresa Bryant, Auditor

Councilman Albert Gutwein filed a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement as his company, Gutwein Bulldozing & Excavating, will bid on Highway and Surveyor projects. Michael made a motion to accept the conflict form, Donald seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer made a motion to approve submitted conference request, Michael seconded and motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY: Gary Kruger/Dave Olds, Road School, Purdue, March 18-19

IN RE: DISCUSSION

Ordinance 2025-05 Amending Pulaski County Development Fee Schedule was presented at Commissioners' 2/18/2025 meeting and tabled. Attorney Ahler was asked to review ordinance and cleanup language if needed. Jacob expressed no objection to wording of ordinance. Fees are reasonable and similar to surrounding counties. Money will go into General Fund and then transferred into correct funds. Donald made a motion to approved Ordinance 2025-08, Michael seconded and motion carried unanimously. Ordinance number was later corrected to 2025-05 and Jennifer made a motion to approve 2025-05, Michael seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Pursuant to Ind. Code 36-2-4-8 (e) this ordinance will be published one time within thirty (30) days from February 6, 2025 in accordance with Ind. Code 5-3-1. Implementation of the fee increase shall begin ninety (90) days after the date of publication.

Passed and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana, this 13 day of ~~February~~ March, 2025 and effective ninety (90) days after the first publication, but no later than May 7, 2025.

Donald "Don" Street, President

John M. "Mike" McClure, Vice-President

Jennifer "Jenny" Knabel, Member

Attest:
Teresa Bryant
Teresa Bryant, Auditor

ORDINANCE AMENDING
PULASKI COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Ordinance 2025-03 amending Unified Development Ordinance of Pulaski County was also presented at the 2/18/2025 and tabled. Jacob was asked to review language and he stated that he was OK with how it was presented. UDO cannot trump statutory requirements. Donald made a motion to approve and sign Ordinance 2025-03, Jennifer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

7.1.C.1. Applicability

The provisions of this Section are applicable to those districts which allow WECS and/or SES, govern the siting of WECS, SES, and substations that generate electricity to be sold to wholesale or retail markets, or that generate electricity for commercial use. Residential use is exempt from these terms. CSES/WECS applicant shall notify all property owners via certified mailing-form 3800 within the defined area up to 2,640' of the WECS or SES project 45-60 days prior to submitting application for a WECS and/or CSES permit. Additional notification may be done by media, separate mailings, or through the public notice requirements prescribed by IC 5-3-1 as amended from time to time. Said notice shall inform land owners of the intent to build a WECS and/or SES. Any recorded plat or any part of any recorded plat may be vacated by the owner(s) of the premises at any time before the sale of any lot therein, by a written instrument, to which a copy of such plat shall be attached, declaring the same to be vacated. The vacation of a plat is subject to the approval of the Plan Commission. The modification will not in any manner contravene provisions of this Ordinance, the Comprehensive Plan, or the Official Zoning Map, as determined by the Plan Commission.

7.14.B.3. Safety, Design, and Installation Standards for SES

The planting of landscaping along the perimeter of the CSES shall be required on the outside of the perimeter fencing along road frontage of solar panels and all equipment and fencing for CSES and facing all habitable dwellings fit for human occupation on non-participating properties within a half (1/2) mile of a CSES.

7.16.A. SES Operations & Maintenance

Physical Modifications

Any material change and parcel "swap/addition/trade" in layout or major equipment that is a part of the CSES shall require reapplication. Like-kind replacements or other ordinary repair and maintenance shall not require re-application.

7.17 Commercial SES Setbacks Table 7.3 Minimum Setbacks Distance from A...

Minimum Setback Distance From any CSES component (including all CSES site fencing) to either side of an Internal ditch - 75'

From any CSES component (including all CSES site fencing) to a non-participating/non-included property line or any right-of-way - 150'

From an inverter or converter to a communications tower 1.1 times the total height of the tower

7.20 Commercial SES Post-Construction Requirements A. Post-construction, the owner/operator must comply with the following provisions. 1. Any road damage caused by the construction of project equipment, the installation of the same, or the removal of the same, shall be repaired pursuant to all expectations and requirements set forth in the RUMA or any additional addendums or agreements made between the Pulaski County garage superintendent and developer/owner/operator.

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SO BE IT ORDAINED THAT:
The Unified Development Ordinance of Pulaski County No. 2022-05, is hereby amended as favorably recommended by the PCAPC and as attached hereto. As amended hereby, the UDO shall be in full force and effect February 6, 2025.
Passed and adopted by the County Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana on March 3, 2025.

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John M. "Mike" McClure, Vice-President

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