

MAY 5TH 2025**REGULAR SESSION****PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday May 5th 2025 6PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Donald Street Jr., Michael McClure, Jennifer Knebel with County Auditor Teresa Bryant and County Attorney Jacob Ahler.

Also present were Joe Moyer, Jerry Locke, Rhonda Milner, Gary Kruger, Terri Hansen, Judge Mary Welker, Brian Young, Ken Boswell, Ed Baptiste Sherry Fagner, Tim Hollandsworth, Natasha Daugherty, Josh Stamper, Jamie Murray, Angie VanArsdale, Connie Ehrlich, Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, David Olds, Darlene Olds, Randy Davis, Ross Davis, Judy Heater, Jacki Frain, Kasey Lowry, Jeff Lowry, Isaiah Tidwell, Chris Schramm Fred Rogers and Megan Galbreath.

President Street opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: 911, ANGIE VAN ARSDALE & RHONDA MILNER

Indiana is offering a grant to update County data on WTH. There is no money upfront nor any matching funds required. Jennifer made a motion to approve WTH Grant for 911 updates and Michael seconded. Following no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

IN RE: INDOT TRANSPORTATION GRANT, JACKI FRAIN-HUMAN SERVICES

Jacki requested Commissioners approve and sign an Authorizing Resolution to file a grant application under the Federal Transit Act. KIRPC will submit the grant. Donald made a motion to approve the INDOT Transportation Grant and Michael McClure seconded. There was no discussion and motion passed unanimously.

Jacki explained that their new bus is equipped with harnesses for both adults and children. She hopes to get another bus next year to serve the day cares that are opening up in the County.

IN RE: COMMISSIONER MICHAEL MCCLURE, COUNTY ENGINEER

Michael would like to look into the feasibility of a County Engineer. Council would need to approve the funding. County Attorney is looking into codes for an engineering position. Michael thinks Surveyor's Office would benefit on ditches. Donald would like to have someone who can also write grants. This issue will be explored further.

IN RE: COMMISSIONERS JENNIFER KNEBEL, ROAD USE (RUA), DECOMMISSIONING BOND

Jennifer recently attended meeting in Starke County of their Commissioners and Council that discussed their Road Use Agreement. Once solar construction is complete, the solar companies are only required to repair roads to their prior condition. Starke County is to receive from the IDEC grant (estimated \$1.2 or 1.25 million) and \$200,000 from Mammoth Solar is for materials only. No money is provided for labor. Starke County had a bond in the amount of \$3,000,000 not \$25,000,000. Pulaski Counties bond is 425,000,000. There are 16 miles of roads that will need work. Highway Superintendent Gary Kruger said Indiana uses a Pacer Rating 1-10, with 1 being the worse. If the road was only rated a 4 before construction, the County is responsible for the expense of improving over the 4. Starke County has a \$25 million performance bond that has not been touched. The solar companies did the pacer ratings. Pulaski County agreement state the roads need to be brought up to current pacer rating or better. Starke County only negotiated for material, not labor.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Michael made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll#9 and Jennifer seconded. There was no discussion and motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer made a motion to approve and sign minutes from the 4/21/2025 regular session and Michael seconded. With no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Public Employees' Blanket Bond 1/1/2025 renewal and rider was presented for approval. Renewal had "Chief Deputy Coroner" and rider corrects to "First Deputy Coroner". Donald made a

motion to approve and sign bond and Jennifer seconded. Following no discussion, motion carried unanimously

Indiana recently passed House Enrolled Act No. 1167, which requires live transmission of governing body’s meetings. Donald said that they are in compliance of this requirement.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10
An ordinance regulating the use of county vehicles
Board of Commissioners
Pulaski County, IN
effective July 1, 2025

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners as follows:

Golf cart” means a four-wheeled motor vehicle originally and specifically designed and intended to transport one or more individuals and golf clubs for the purpose of playing the game of golf on a golf course, as defined in IC 9-13-2-69.7.

“Financial responsibility” means liability insurance coverage on a golf cart in an amount not less than the amount required by Indiana law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of Indiana.

“Off-road vehicle” means a motor driven vehicle capable of cross-country travel:

- 1. Without benefit of a road; and
- 2. On or immediately over land, water, snow, ice marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain;
- 3. And the term includes the following:
 - a. A multi-wheel drive or low-pressure tire vehicle;
 - b. An amphibious machine;
 - c. A ground effect air cushion vehicle;
 - d. An all-terrain vehicle as defined in IC 4-8-2-5.7;
 - e. A recreational off-highway vehicle as defined in IC 4-8-2-233.5;
 - f. Other means of transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind;
- 4. And the term does not include the following:
 - a. A farm vehicle being used for farming, including, but not limited to, a farm wagon as defined in IC 9-13-2-60(2);
 - b. A vehicle used for military or law enforcement purposes;

- c. A construction, mining, or other industrial related vehicle used in performance of the vehicle's common function, including, but not limited to, a farm wagon as defined in IC [9-13-2-60\(2\)](#);
- d. A snowmobile (as defined by IC [9-13-2-261](#));
- e. A registered aircraft;
- f. Any other vehicle property registered by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles;
- g. Any watercraft that is registered under Indiana statutes;
- h. A golf cart vehicle; and
- i. An electric bicycle as defined in IC [9-13-2-49.2](#).

PLACE AND TIME OF OPERATION

Golf carts and off-road vehicles may not be operated upon, along, or on the public highways, roads, or bridges within the unincorporated areas of Pulaski County except as provided in this section.

B. Golf carts and off-road vehicles may be operated upon, along, or on the public highways, roads, or bridges within the unincorporated areas of Pulaski County, only between sunrise and sunset.

C. Golf carts and off-road vehicles may cross a highway in the state highway system, at right angles, in order to travel from one Pulaski County highway to another Pulaski County highway when the operation can be done safely.

OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND OFF ROAD VEHICLES

Golf carts and off-road vehicles may not be operated on public highways unless all of the following conditions are met:

- A. A golf cart or off-road vehicle operator must hold a driver's license.
- B. The operator of a golf cart or off-road vehicle must carry proof of financial responsibility when operating a golf cart or off-road vehicle on a highway.
- C. Golf carts and off-road vehicles shall be operated in compliance with all traffic laws and regulations of the State of Indiana regarding motor vehicles.

D. The number of occupants in a golf cart or off-road vehicle shall not exceed the capacity shown on the golf cart or off-road vehicle's registration.

E. No one under two years of age may ride on a golf cart or off-road vehicle, and no one under 10 years of age shall be allowed on the back seat of a golf cart or off-road vehicle.

F. All passengers must be seated while the golf cart or off-road vehicle is in motion.

VEHICLE STANDARDS

Golf carts and off-road vehicles operating on public roads in Pulaski County shall meet the following requirements:

1. Brakes in good working condition;
2. Equipped with manufacturer's serial number plate, rear view mirror, headlights, taillights, brake lights, turn signals, front and rear reflectors, and a horn;
3. Vehicle seating capacity shall not exceed the vehicle's manufactured capacity;
4. The vehicle displays a triangular "slow moving vehicle" emblem on the rear of the vehicle in accordance with IC [9-21-9-2](#); and
5. The vehicle displays a registration sticker issued by the Sheriff in a location that is in plain sight.
6. Golf carts and off-road vehicles operating on public roads in Pulaski County shall be in good working condition.

REGISTRATION OF GOLF CARTS AND OFF ROAD VEHICLES

The owner of a golf cart or off-road vehicle to be operated on highways in Pulaski County must register the golf cart or off-road vehicle at the Sheriff's office annually. Golf cart and off-road vehicle registrations will be valid for one year beginning January 1st and ending December 31st each calendar year.

B. In order to register a golf cart or off-road vehicle, the owner shall submit to the Sheriff a registration application which shall include the following:

1. Owner shall provide the following information or certifications about the vehicle:
 - a. Make, model and year of golf cart or off-road vehicle if available;
 - b. Serial number of golf cart or off-road vehicle if available;
 - c. Vehicle capacity recommended by manufacture;

- d. Vehicle is a "golf cart" or "off-road vehicle" as defined by state law.
 - e. Brakes are in good working condition;
 - f. Equipped with manufacturer's serial number plate, rear view mirror, headlights, taillights, brake lights, front and rear reflectors, and a horn; and
 - g. The golf cart or off-road vehicle displays a triangular "slow moving vehicle" emblem on the rear of the vehicle in accordance with IC 9-21-9-2.
2. Copy of a valid driver's license;
 3. Proof of financial responsibility;
 4. Mailing address and telephone number of owner; and
 5. Annual registration fee.
- C. The Sheriff shall review each registration application for compliance with this section.
1. In the event that an application meets the foregoing registration requirements, the Sheriff shall:
 - a. Designate a unique registration number for a newly registered golf cart or off-road vehicle and retain the golf cart or off-road vehicle's registration information;
 - b. Issue a registration decal bearing the golf cart or off-road vehicle's registration number to the owner of a newly registered golf cart or off-road vehicle; and
 - c. Issue a registration decal bearing the calendar year to the owner.
 2. In the event that an application fails to meet the foregoing registration requirements, the Sheriff shall return the application materials to the applicant and delineate the reasons the registration application is rejected.
- D. The Sheriff shall maintain a record of:
1. Registration acceptances and denials;
 2. List of all golf carts and off-road vehicles with active registrations; and
 3. Registration documents submitted by owners of actively registered golf carts and off-road vehicles.

FEES AND EXPENSES

A. The annual golf cart or off-road vehicle registration fee shall be \$25.00. With the issuance of the golf cart or off-road vehicle registration, the Sheriff shall furnish a registration sticker to the owner.

B. Fees collected under this section shall be placed in the Sheriff's Accident Report Account No. 1101

C. Expenditures related to the performance of the Sheriff's duties in registering and inspecting golf carts and off-road vehicles shall be made from Sheriff's Accident Report Account No. 1101 pursuant to the claims process of the Board of Commissioners.

PENALTY

Operation of a golf cart or off-road vehicle on a highway in Pulaski County in violation of this chapter shall constitute an ordinance violation and the owner or operator shall be liable for a fine in the amount of \$200.00.

EXCEPTIONS

Employees, agents and officials of the State of Indiana, Pulaski County Government, and municipalities within Pulaski County while engaged in government business are exempt from application of this chapter.

B. Subject to the discretion of the Sheriff, temporary exceptions to this chapter may be granted to participants in parades, festivals and other special events.

PASSED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana on this 5 day of May, 2025

Donald Street
Donald Street
Jennifer Kirby
Jennifer Kirby
Mike McClure
Mike McClure

Attest: Teresa Bryant
Teresa Bryant, Auditor/Secretary

Sheriff Schramm and Fred Rogers have been working on an ordinance regarding the use of golf carts and off-road vehicles on County roads. Ordinance will be advertised twice and then effective July 1st 2025. Michael made a motion to approve and sign ordinance and Jennifer seconded. There was no discussion and motion passed unanimously.

Tim Hollandsworth gave updates for VS Engineering. Road repairs are underway on CR800W in the CR600N area and roads are to be left in preconstruction condition or better. Mammoth has fired drivers who have received violations. VS has issued 2 breaches and working on 1 more. 3 trail cameras have been installed and will install several more to catch breaches. Mammoth is controlling dust and County Highway will also be doing dust control. Speeding is still an issue. Discussion on lowering speed limit followed. Mammoth is agreeable to making changes to the RUA lowering speed limit. Commissioners agreed on a 40 MPH limit. VS will bring this back to the Commissioners after discussing with Mammoth. County is part of "Extra Duty Solutions" in which a group of counties' officers are shared when a county cannot cover all shifts due to solar. The solar companies pay for this. There was an issue where Mammoth was working at 2 wrong locations but this was rectified. Mayapple will start tree removal in the fall and then construction will start in spring 2026. Conversation has started regarding the shared roads of both developers. Highway Superintendent wants to install a 3 way stop sign at CR450W & CR300N, which will need an ordinance and then advertised.

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IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

CONNIE EHRLICH: Mammoth is in breach of the EDA and RUA so issue work stoppage or pull the building permit until they are in compliance. Starke Solar LLC is guaranteeing themselves for the EDA payment and agreement has never been signed. Mammoth violated the RUA by starting construction before the County approved the RUA. The RUA was never completely approved, as the agreement was not complete. Work stoppage should be issued.

JOE MOYER: Need more transparency with the RUA>

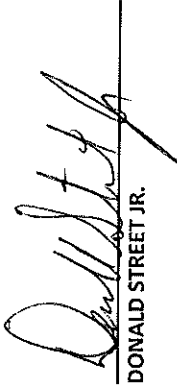
KEN BOSWELL: Pulaski County will be losing around \$500,000. next year due to changes to property taxes by the State.

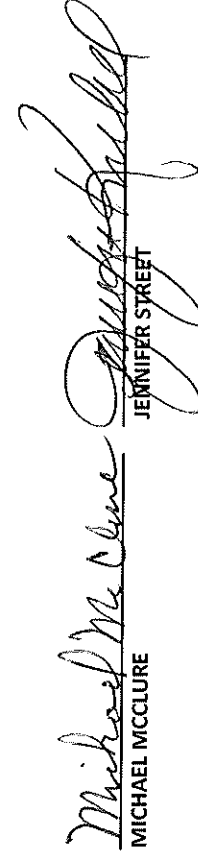
JUDGE MARY WELKER: Having issues with her personal cell phone being blocked when making calls to other County offices. Level 365 working on this.

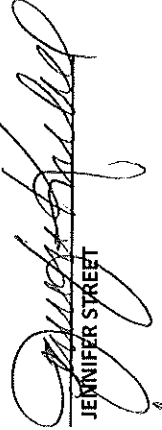
ROSS DAVIS: Does not think the RUA is enough. Speeding is an issue by his house. Make solar company accountable.

With no other business to discuss nor public comment, Michael made a motion to adjourn at 7:28PM, Jennifer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

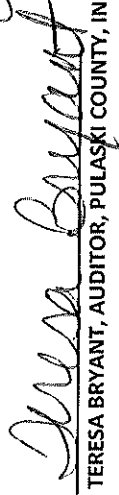
Approved and signed this 19th day of May 2025 by the PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.


DONALD STREET JR.


MICHAEL MCCLURE


JENNIFER STREET

ATTEST:


TERESA BRYANT, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN

