

NOVEMBER 4, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday November 4, 2024 7:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer and Michael McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Dominic Ricci, Lisa Ricci, Mary Welker, Gary Kruger, Joe Moyer, Anita Goodan, Don Street, Connie Ehrlich, Edwin Buswell, Natasha Daugherty, Jennifer Knebel, Nathan Origer, and Megan Galbreath.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: CDC

The Broadband Board has received statements of qualifications from three firms for this project and will conduct interviews Thursday morning November 7, 2024. There will be a special Commissioners' meeting scheduled for 6:30PM next Tuesday November 12, 2024, right before Council meeting, for the required public hearing. Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission (KIRPC) will submit the application after the public hearing.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2024-07 authorizing the submittal of the CDBG Planning Grant, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2024-07

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PULASKI COUNTY,
INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CDBG PLANNING GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS
AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, Pulaski County, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and to maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low-and moderate-income persons and/or the elimination of blight; and

WHEREAS, Pulaski County, Indiana has conducted or will conduct public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low-and moderate-income residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana that:

1. The Board President is authorized to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address the completion of a Broadband Plan and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulation of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
1. Pulaski County, Indiana hereby commits the requisite local fund in the amount of five thousand six hundred dollars (\$5,600.00) in the form of cash from the county's American Rescue Plan fund, as matching funds for said program, such commitment to contingent upon receipt of CDBG funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Adopted by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners on this 4th day of November 2024 at 6:10PM.

Application is for \$50,000.00 and will be submitted by November 15, 2024 and award will be on December 15, 2024.

Change Order #26 for \$22,033.24 presented for Commissioners review and approval. This addresses the deteriorated portions of the walls on either side of the north stairs. Four Change Orders were approved by Nathan Origer for a total of \$15,900.00. This covered sheet-metal infill of a closed-off window by the generator pad, remediation of asbestos found after original C. O. executed and some work to correct problematic existing conditions with the floor where the new women's restroom on the upper floor will be built. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign Change Order #26, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The contingency has current balance of \$250,512.44 and around \$73,000.00 in future interest that can be added to the contingency. Tranche at First National Bank of Monterey has \$612,711.09 balance with invoices totaling \$842,000.00 to be submitted so part of Tonn & Blank bill will be paid as part of the first claim submission for County-held funds.

Spray-foam insulation completed last week with drywall continued. Painters have completed encapsulation work and begun priming parts of the clock tower to paint while masons have continued mortar removal and tuck pointing lower on the building. A few pieces of the retaining wall reinstalled

on the sides of the mini-plaza at the north entrance. Concrete poured over the steps in the vestibules on the east and west side of the main floor, west side ramp running from Meridian Street to the lower-level entrance and for the floor for the new woman’s restroom upstairs. Some more work done for new storefronts: mechanical, electrical and plumbing installation is ongoing and the interior painters have continued with wallpaper removal and prep work.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve all claims and payroll #22 as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Claims included a payment from ARPA funds for the new ambulance.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign October 7, 2024 and October 21, 2024 regular session minutes, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign “Extension Contractual Services Agreement” for 70,835.00 with Purdue University, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve conference request, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

CDC: Nathan Origer, Indiana Economic Development Annual Conference, December 12 and 13, Indianapolis

Veterans’ Service Officer William Walker resigned due to health reasons, but he will continue until there is a new officer. The job opening has been advertised.

LOW Associates will charge \$56,800.00 for new time clocks and \$19,840.00 annually. County currently pays approximately \$30,000.00 annually for time clocks. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the time clock purchase from LOW paid out of ARPA funds, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

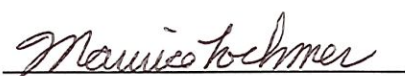
Health Department signed contract with Scott Campbell as Public Health Immunization Nurse. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to agree to the contract, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

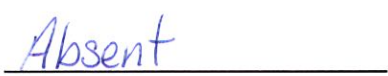
Information Records submitted a quote for \$1,542.70 to convert PDF files to microfilm for County transfer books. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the quote as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to conduct nor any community comments, meeting adjourned at 6:21PM.

Approved and signed this ^{2nd} ~~15~~^{December} day of ²⁰ ~~November~~ 2024 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**


CHARLES MELLON


MAURICE LOEHMER


MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST: 
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN