

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday June 2nd 2025 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Donald Street Jr., Michael McClure and Jennifer Knebel (by Zoom) with County Auditor Teresa Bryant and County Attorney Jacob Ahler.

Also present were Tom Miller, Jerry Tuley, Frank Stone, Slater Rush, Nathan Origer, Richel Fox, Melinda Scheffer, Natasha Daugherty, Joe Moyer, Ashley Steeb, Ben Biberdorf, Jerry Locke, Judge Mary Welker, Connie Ehrlich, Kasey Lowry, Jamie Murray, Darlene Olds, Dave Olds, Darrel Gudeman, Sherry Fagner, Randy Davis, Chris Brucker, Gail ambert, Larry Lambert, Bev Smith.

President Street opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: ROADWAY CLOSURE-TOM MILLER, JERRY TULEY, FRANK STONE

Tom Miller, Jerry Tuley and Frank Stone are requesting the County close a roadway in Crestview Subdivision that abuts their property. There are issues with trees growing in the roadway and Ray Road is in very bad condition. If County will not close the roadway along their property, then open the entire roadway. Property owners Mark & Connie Ingram are against the closure as they have lots that would be considered landlocked. Donald said they would discuss this further with Highway Superintendent, EMS, Sheriff, Ingram and other people.

IN RE: HIGHWAY, SLATER RUSH & GARY KRUGER

Slater Rush works for Vialytics, which offers a full-automated AI road maintenance. This will allow the County to look at pacer ratings for roads. About 20 counties are now using Vialytics and cost runs \$33,775.00 annually. County Highway currently rates the roads but Vialytics is more accurate. Gary thinks the Community Crossing grants will require this within 3-5 years. State requires new ratings every 2 years. Donald asked that Gary research this more.

IN RE: CDC, NATHAN ORIGER

COURTHOUSE PROJECT

- A. Project Finances: Owner’s contingency balance is down to \$79,700.33 but does not include the return of \$14,352.66 due County from the HVAC issue or a credit for eliminating the east- lawn sidewalk.
- B. Change Orders: Nathan signed off on 2 change orders since last meeting. One had already been underway on a time-and-materials basis for various plaster repairs. Change Order #76 is just a little over \$14,000.00. Donald made a motion to approve Change Order #76 and Michael seconded. With no other discussion, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Project Progress: Luminaut will be on-site tomorrow for the punch-list walkthrough, but only for basement and first floor. Some of the work on second floor has been postponed to allow the new floor stain and clear coat to dry and cure properly. Luminaut will return in a few weeks. Interior work is mostly done. Meeting room ceiling wallpaper complete, staining/clear costing of the meeting room and upstairs hallway hardwood complete (stairs not yet stained). Concrete poured with ADA pad installation and paving expected to take place the end of this week. Landscaping should start next Monday and protective coating for the north steps should be applied Tuesday. Furniture delivery still on schedule for the week of June 16th. We are closing in on the right solution for allowing for remote control of the main doors from the Justice Center security desk. Roeing has assisted Nathan in upgrading the microphones for the meeting room with new units that will be compatible with our existing sound system.

IN RE: EMA, RICHEL FOX/MELINDA SCHEFFER

Richel requested approval for the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan proposal. This is required every 5 years for a reimbursable grant. Ashley Steeb of Indiana Department of Homeland Security said this is required if the County ever needs funding from FEMA. Michael made a motion to approve proposal and Donald seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Donald made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #11, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer made a motion to approve and sign minutes from 5/19/2025 regular session, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Michael made a motion to approve conference requests as submitted and Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

CLERK: JoLynn Behny/Becky McLeroy—Annual Clerk’s Conference, 6/16-18, Indianapolis
AUDITOR: Teresa Bryant-Auditor’s District Conference, 7/21-23, Indianapolis

Donald wanted to revisit the Golf Cart/ORV Ordinance recently passed by the Commissioners as he thinks agricultural (farmers) should be exempt as long as being used in agriculture. If pleasure use, then need to register. Commercial exemption was also discussed for local business but decided to bring this up at a later meeting. Jennifer made a motion to exempt agricultural use from the Golf Cart/ORV Ordinance and Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Tim Hollandsworth of VS Engineering gave updates on solar projects. Road repairs are taking place on the central and south projects. Emergency services throughout the County met last week with the developers and meetings will continue on a monthly basis. One trail camera has been stolen at the same location as prior damage. There have been no issues with other cameras. Donald said he would like to have new camera with a tracking device.

Tim presented On-Call agreement for their services. After some discussion, Donald made a motion to approve agreement, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Building Department issued a stop-work order last week to Mammoth due to issues with setbacks. County Attorney Ahler met with Mr. Shellman and others and he is concerned the ordinance wording is ambiguous on this matter. Michael made a motion to remove stop-work order, Donald seconded. Jennifer asked if he had received any documentation from Mammoth, which he has not. The CSES does not list fencing as a solar component but Ahler’s argument is the fencing would not be there without solar. Jennifer said she had just received a text from Ahler regarding the setbacks and she wanted time to review before voting. Donald asked Nathan regarding the UDO. Pulaski County does not have a Solar Ordinance but land use is regulated by our UDO (Unified Development Ordinance). Under section 5.6.C.1.D, “Fences and Walls” it states fencing and walls can be located within any setback. Motion passed 2-1 with Jennifer opposed.

Donald reported that the following information was provided by the building department. The total acreage for Mammoth/Doral is 9,722, Moss Creek is 1,708 and Mayapple is 2,328., total of 13,858. Invenergy/Bottlebrush will be providing additional information but project will be around 1,300, making 15,058 total acres at this time. Pulaski County has 278,101. total acres of which 245,345 is agricultural (88.2%) Total solar acreage is 5.4% acres.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONNIE EHRLICH—Questioned definition of components. What is the setback?

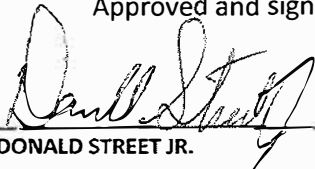
CASEY LOWRY---Looking at her back window, fencing is solar. It was not there before. How close is too close?

GAIL LAMBERT: Feels let down by the County regarding setbacks. Cabling is going down along the roadways.

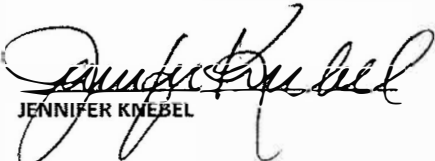
JAMIE MURRAY: What are the setbacks for the 4 current projects?

With no other business to discuss, Donald made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM, Michael seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 16th day of June 2025 by the Pulaski County Commissioners.


DONALD STREET JR.


MICHAEL MCCLURE


JENNIFER KNEBEL


ATTEST: TERESA BRYANT, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN