

JUNE 16TH 2025

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday June 16, 2025 8:30AM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Donald Street, Michael McClure, Jennifer Knebel with County Auditor Teresa Bryant and County Attorney Jacob Ahler.

Also present were Natasha Daugherty, Josh Stamper, Randy Davis, Terry Young, Joe Moyer, Jamie Murray, Chris Brucker, AJ Gutwein, Terri Hansen, Becky Dilts, Carolyn Hays, Connie Ehrlich, Darrel Gudeman, Gary Kruger, Jake Ballah, Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, Bev Smith, Theresa Calloway, Jeff Richwine, Nathan Origer, Chris Schramm, Megan Galbreath, Holly Van Der Aa.

President Street opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: NATASHA DAUGHERTY, EMS

Natasha presented "Paramedic Education Sponsorship Agreement" for Commissioners' approval. EMS received a \$30,000. grant that will help send 3 students to Paramedic school. The agreement is a 3-year contract, which starts the first day of school. Training takes about 1 year and Natasha has some starting school in July. Grant runs out December 2026. Donald made a motion to approve the agreement, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: JEFFREY RICHWINE, BECKY DILTS

Jeffrey was representing the Jane Dilts Rausch family, who wants to place a bench in memory of Richard Dilts at the SW corner of the lawn. Rick played Taps at Memorial Day and graveside services for veterans since High School (over 50 years). The family will pay for the bench and installation. Michael made a motion to give permission, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried. Jeffrey will need to work with Nathan Origer and Larry Weaver (Maintenance).

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

- A. Project Finances: Our contingency's current balance is down to \$54,052.98, which reflects the credit from the HVAC issue. Roeing's quotation for getting the building internet-ready came in much higher than budgeted. Nathan moved \$40,000. from the contingency to IT line. He is waiting to hear from Tonn & Blank on the construction contingency.
- B. Change Orders: No new requests but there are still a couple of matters outstanding than may require change orders.
- C. Project Progress: Nathan will be ordering 8 new microphones, Meridian Street and parking lot was paved over the weekend. Landscaping is done on Thursday and Friday. The second punch list-list from Luminaut is scheduled for July 1st. Furniture delivery pushed back a bit. There has been some internal confusion among personnel at the furniture company and the meeting table might be a bit delayed.

II. Comprehensive Plan

KIRPC has published legal notice for request for qualifications and sent the RFQ to five firms. Nathan has received inquiries from two additional firms not on the direct-mail list. Qualifications are due to Nathan by mid-July and then a committee will be assembled to interview and made a decision.

IN RE: ASSESSOR

Request made to let bids out for State mandated cyclical reassessment. Michael made a motion to approve letting bids for cyclical reassessment, Jennifer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: JENNIFER KNEBEL, COMMISSIONERS

Jennifer wanted a discussion on moratoriums for solar and battery storage projects. She would like a 12-month moratorium but it could be cancelled sooner if ordinances are put in place. County Attorney Ahlers said Indiana has a new law that limits a moratorium to 12 months and while the Commissioners can put a moratorium in place, it ultimately comes back to the APC. Donald said they should learn from what has happened in the past and do it correctly. A moratorium will only affect new projects, not those already approved. Donald would like a shorter time as long as APC does due diligence in amending County ordinances. Michael does not think a moratorium is needed. Donald said he would think about a 3-month moratorium. Jennifer offered a compromise and made a motion to put a 7-month moratorium on new solar and battery storage projects. Donald wants to think about it and talk to people about an acceptable length. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Mammoth was to pay \$120,000. and Moss Creek pay \$105,000. to reimburse County for legal and other expenses when agreements were completed. Jennifer asked if this was ever paid. Nathan said all money due under the EDA was paid to the County but did not know about other payments. He believed that the \$225,000. was paid to the County Attorney (Kevin Tankersley) and he disbursed the funds. Jennifer said this is a violation of the agreement as money is to be paid to the County. Nathan will check with Kevin and Jacob will talk to Doral.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Michael made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #12, Jennifer seconded. With no discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer made a motion to approve and sign minutes from 6/2/2025 regular session, Michael seconded. With no discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Bryant explained that the current timekeeping system does not work well with our payroll system and will be changing from Right Stuff to Advanced Time, which is more compatible and less expensive. Cost was paid out of ARPA funds. Auditor Bryant presented "Acknowledgement of LOW Associates Administrator Access to your Attendance on Demand Software" and "Acknowledgement of Temporary Date Storage for Advanced Data Connector". Donald made a motion to approve and sign agreements, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Indiana requires all counties to submit a Covered Bridge Certification annually, even if County has none. Jennifer made a motion to sign and submit agreement to State, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Bryant presented "Exclusive Agreement for Homestead Audit and Proactive Monitoring Services" for approval. This company will look for improperly applied property tax exemptions. Teresa originally thought the service was free except for True Roll's fee when back taxes are collected. There is a \$2500. Implementation Fee. Michael made a motion to approve and sign agreement with TrueRoll, Jennifer seconded. With no discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Donald reported that the Golf Cart & ORV Ordinance was revised to exclude agricultural and would be republished.

The Sheriff and departments off-duty officers are doing transport and the County is being reimbursed.

IN RE: TIM HOLLANDSWORTH, VS ENGINEERING

Tim reported that the executed map has been sent to Mammoth. Waiting on updates from Mayapple and Bottlebrush still has pending permits. He met with surveyor last week regarding wetlands in the buffer zone. Working on issues with SR39 closure and Town & Country is making repairs on 300. Working on rewriting ordinances. There was an auto accident on June 10th where the truck ended up on its top, but no injuries. Fine payments are being made. Jennifer asked what Tim's opinions on moratoriums. Tim said the County needs to work on our ordinances. A moratorium could create delays and hinder future development.

Jennifer has asked for a list of restaurant inspections from Edwina Guffey in the health department, by August 31st. Individuals can complete a form and request themselves from Health Department.

Indiana law requires certain meetings to be live streamed by July 1st. Jennifer has information for department heads on whether this includes their meetings.

Jennifer asked Nathan for a list of Pulaski County resident who work for solar.

Jennifer recommended cell phones not be used by board members at meetings as the public has concerns about who is actually making the decisions. Donald stated that cell phones do more than text. I have checked for information on the county website. Jennifer thinks it is rude and should not be done.

Jennifer asked Sheriff Schramm if his officers around the solar projects are just for security or law enforcement. Chris said both.

Jennifer asked about the Pulaski Memorial Hospital study. Attorney Ahler has reached out to Hospital Attorney Justin Schramm and waiting for response. Ahler said the agreement given to him did not make Pulaski County a part to the contract and EMS Director Daugherty would like to have sharing information in agreement.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

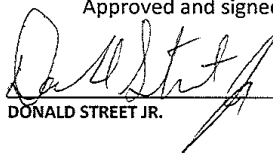
Highway Superintendent Gary Kruger asked if they could help with equipment during the County fair as in the past. All commissioners were in support.

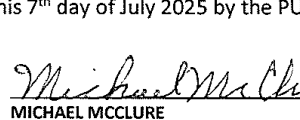
Gail Lambert—Thank Jennifer for asking for a moratorium. Moratoriums have been discussed since January as does not understand waiting.

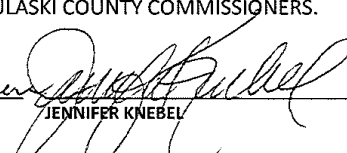
Connie Ehrlich—questioned the punch-list.

With no other business to discuss nor public comment, Michael made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 AM, Jennifer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 7th day of July 2025 by the PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.


DONALD STREET JR.


MICHAEL MCCLURE


JENNIFER KNEBEL

ATTEST: 
TERESA BRYANT, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN