

DECEMBER 8, 2025

JOINT SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in joint session Monday December 8th 2025 5:00PM at the Pulaski County Courthouse meeting room. Commissioners present were Donald Street Jr., Michael McClure, Jennifer Knebel and Councilmembers present were Michael Tiede, Sheila Hazemi, Bradley Bonnell, Albert Gutwein, Tim Overmyer with County Auditor Teresa Bryant. Jeffrey Richwine joined the meeting at 5:30PM and Kenneth Boswell attended through Zoom.

Also present were Judge Mary Welker, Sherry Fagner, Connie Ehrlich, Gary Kruger, Justin Granberg, Mercy ?, Bob Barger, Franna Barger, Daryn Wilder, Laura Wilder, Darrel Gudeman, Gail Lambert, David Meihls, Brandi Larkin, Katie Surma, Lindsay Barts, Dave Olds, Darlene Olds, Richel Fox, Nathan Origer, Natasha Daugherty.

President Street opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: APPROVE AND SIGN

Jennifer made a motion to approve and sign minutes from 10/13/2025 joint session on behalf of Commissioners, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. Tim made the same motion on behalf of Council, Albert seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

2026 Joint Session meeting schedule was presented. Donald suggested meeting less than every even month but Kenneth was against. He said if the meetings were utilized for their original purposes, they would be more beneficial as sometimes joint session seem like a commissioner or council meeting. Jennifer made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to approve the 2026 Joint Session meeting schedule as submitted, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. Tim made the same motion on behalf of Council, Bradley seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: RICHEL FOX, EMA

Richel is the Pulaski County Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Coordinator and David Meihls is from ADA Consulting of Indianapolis and spoke of the ADA Transition Plan and Title VI Implementation Plan. The ADA plan requires all programs, services and activities that the County provides are all accessible to people with disabilities. The Title VI plan deals with contract administration when County builds things. The ADA compliance deadline was 1/26/93 but very few in Indiana met that deadline. Now the federal government is demanding that we do it or face the risk of losing federal funding altogether. David said it could take 20-30 years for Pulaski County to be compliant on our buildings. Jennifer made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to approve and sign the Title VI ADA Transition Plan on behalf of the Commissioners, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. Bradley made a motion on behalf of Council to approve and sign the ADA Transition Plan, Albert seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: NATASHA DAUGHERTY, EMS

Natasha brought Justin Granberg from MacQueen Emergency Group to share information. MacQueen is an ambulance dealership and full-service remount facility. The pandemic plus shortage of microchips put a strain on emergency vehicle lead times. Lead time is 30 months on a new ambulance while remounts can take 120-150 days. New ambulances are \$260-270,000. while remounts are \$225,000. They do offer some payment plans and lease options. The Commissioners agreed to a replacement plan in October. EMS paid out \$8500. in repairs last month. County's two oldest ambulances cannot be remounted. Kenneth asked about the PMH survey. Natasha said the Hospital wants to make a donation. Michael McClure asked about buying a local truck and doing a remount. Need to make sure MacQueen can do it. Natasha cancelled the order on the 2026 and has moved to a 2028.

Natasha wants to hire a third captain, who would be someone currently on staff. Additional cost would be \$4141.60. It would help eliminate some of the lower-level activities that she has to do along with her administration duties. Both board are in favor of the position but want to see the PMH feasibility study first.

IN RE: NATHAN ORIGER, CDC**I. APPOINTMENTS****A. COUNTY COUNCIL:**

Nathan asked Council to make the following reappointments:

Katie Bierrum, Brian Ledley, Isaish Tidwell for one-year terms on Redevelopment Commission effective January 1, 2026. Kenneth made a motion to approve reappointments, Bradley seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Christie Nicholson of Acorn Oaks Campground for a two-year term on Tourism Advisory Council effective January 1, 2026. Kenneth made a motion to approve reappointment, Albert seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Nathan ask Council to make the following nomination to the Board of Commissioners:

Parker Fox for a four-year term on Economic Development Commission effective February 1, 2026. Bradley asked if anyone else applied and Nathan said Connis Ehrlich. She is not eligible for the Tourism board as she is not a Pulaski County resident. She is eligible for the Economic Development Commission as there is no residency requirements. While Connie has banking and manufacturing experience, Parker is a permanent resident of Pulaski County and in a managerial position with BraunAbility. Bradley made a motion to appoint Connie Ehrlich, Albert seconded. With no further discussion, motion did not pass 2-5. Michael, Sheila, Jeffrey, Tim, Kenneth were opposed and Bradley, Albert in favor. Jeffrey made a motion to appoint Parker Fox, Kenneth seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried 5-2. Michael, Sheila, Jeffrey, Tim, Kenneth were in favor and Bradley, Albert opposed.

B. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Nathan ask the Commissioners to make the following reappointments:

Michael McClure and Jason Potthoff for four-year terms on the Advisory Commission on Industrial Development effective January 1, 2026. Donald made a motion to approve reappointment, Jennifer seconded. With no further business discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Stan Bennett, Jon Frain, Kyle Sefchek for one-year terms on the Redevelopment Commission effective January 1, 2026 and Joe Cunningham for a two-year advisory term on the Redevelopment Commission effective January 1, 2026. Michael made a motion to approve reappointment, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Nathan asked the Commissioners to make the following new appointments:

Brandi Larkin for a one-year term on the Redevelopment Commission effective January 1, 2026. Donald made a motion to approve appointment, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Diana Day, Anita Messer (a 1-year fill-in) for two-year terms on Tourism Advisory Council effective January 1, 2026. Donald made a motion to approve appointment, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Parker Fox for a four-year term on the Economic Development Commission effective February 1, 2026. Michael made a motion to approve appointment, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

II. Courthouse Project

A. Change Orders:

There are no new change orders.

B. Project Finances:

Owner contingency balance remains at \$4,000.00. Following approval of claims at next Commissioners' meeting, we will have the following remaining balance in our construction allocations:

\$14,224.87 in Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment line

\$ 464.94 in Rent & Mover line

\$ 6,246.20 in IT line

Nathan is anticipating charges between \$10,000-\$11,000. to cover our presumed final furniture delivery and additional signage. Expecting an invoice Tonn & Blank this week

C. Project Progress:

Third furniture delivery scheduled for December 19th, which will include outdoor display case to be installed in front of north-side stairs. Should receive signs in January. Meyer Glass should finish caulking this week. Mayer Glass finally received the storm windows that will be installed at the first-floor entrance at top of the north stairs, which Stan's will paint prior to installation. Gibson-Lewis (our carpentry subcontractor) is still waiting for permanent doors that will replace the temporary slabs at the north-stairs exit.

Any remaining work is on hold until we receive the remaining construction contingency balance: Supplement speakers, additional microphones, one or two webcams, new vault-door locks, enforcing the warranty on grass when weather breaks in Spring.

CDC will be moving their office to Courthouse next week and Roeing will be here December 18th to assist moving IT.

III Year-end Updates:

CDC will be partnering with Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center and Northwest Indiana BizHub to host a small-business-marketing website at the Historical Society's facility tomorrow. Next week Nathan will present proposed changes to the Revolving Loan Fund to the Commissioners and hopes to reopen the program in January. Nathan will convene the Pulaski County Industrial Forum for a lunch meeting December 19th. Will be meeting with representatives from both school districts regarding new graduation requirements and how schools and local employers can provide opportunities to students on manufacturing-related trajectories.

IN RE: DISCUSSION

Jennifer wanted to discuss Pictometry that Assessor wants to buy. She thinks this would help with accuracy and would allow the County to get more up to date. Bradley asked why solar developers can't pay for it, which Jennifer agreed that each developer should pay a percentage based on acreage. Council previously did not approve purchase as they asked the new Assessor to take time to learn her office and then come back.

Jennifer apologized to Joe Moyer that there was not time to read his statement.

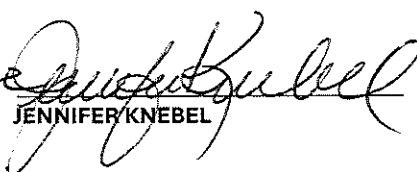
With no other business to discuss, Albert made a motion on behalf of the Council to adjourn at 6:03 PM, Bradley seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. Michael McClure made the same motion on behalf of the Commissioners, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Approved and sign this 9th day of February by the Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council.

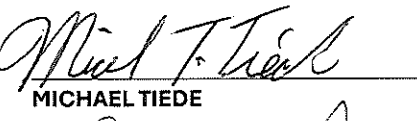
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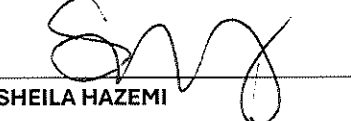

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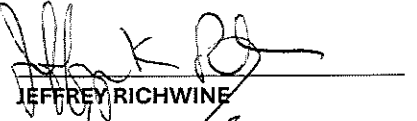

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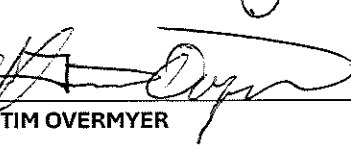
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ATTEST: 
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