

Pulaski County Advisory Plan Commission

APC

Pulaski County Highway Garage

Winamac, Indiana

Thursday September 11, 2025, 4:30 EST

APC Commission members present were Ray Franko, Bob Keller, Tyler Gutwein, Mike Tiede, Todd Schmicker, Breann Wilson, Abby Dickey, Karla Redweik and Tina Dunn.

Members Mike McClure and Megan Korous were absent.

Also present were Dale Pelsy, Harvey Gutwein, Terri Hansen, Dan? Sherry Fagner, Joe Moyer, Gary Kruger, John Kramer, Jamie Murray, Gail Lamber, Larry Lambert, Franner Barger, Robert Barger, Randy Davis, Brandi Larkn, Jenny Knebel and Chris Brucker.

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by President Abby Dickey At 4:35.

Pledge

President Dickey asked for a moment of silence for recent tragic events & in remembrance of 9/11.

Approval of agenda

Move the BESS fee schedule to new business

Data center and battery storage moratorium moved to old business

Tyler Gutwein-and can we add Industrial commercial solar moratorium

President Dickey: added to the old business (industrial commercial solar moratorium)

Tyler Gutwein Motions, Bob Keller seconds Motion passed 7-0

Approval of the minutes

N/A

New Business

President Dickey-Is there anything that the board would like to discuss about the battery storage moratorium, so we have time for the UDO to research and set standards that are appropriate for our county. We've discussed this many times in previous meetings. Any other discussion before we vote on that?

Ray Franco-Were there any other people that didn't attend the battery storage trip to Wheatfield? I was there; I knew Mike was there. I think it is important that we go as a group, visit the site and experience it in person.

President Dickey: So, if we had a moratorium, we would have the time to do that

Ray: I'm ok with the moratorium. Don't get me wrong.

Administrator Redweik: I will reach out and see about scheduling another visit there.

Ray: It is a lot different experiencing it in person than reading it on paper.

President Dickey: Do I have a motion?

Administrator Redweik-Do you want me to read through some of the language the moratorium first?

President Dickey: Sure

Administrator Redweik- Reads some parts of moratorium (full moratorium see below)

VP Franco-Was this reviewed by our attorney?

Admin Redweik-Yes, He added to it, and it was also reviewed by our county attorney your text amendments you recommend, and they get presented to the commissions and it gets approved, then the moratorium can be terminated.

Mike Tiede: I feel like we have had a lot of time to do this, at least the process moved forward, and a moratorium means that your county is not open to business. If we are not going to grow our county we are going to go back. A moratorium means you are out of business; you don't want to do business.

Tyler Gutwein: A moratorium means you want to do it right.

Mike Tiede: It means stop, not going forward. I don't believe in moratoriums, anybody knows you must grow the county, to make the county better. We are losing money.

President Dickey-We can end the moratorium early. It doesn't have to be a year.

Tyler Gutein-White county is putting it in solar, wind & carbon. That should tell you something. We have been stuck not having an attorney.

Mike Tiede-I think we need to hire an engineering company to do our zoning.

VP Franco- This isn't hurting solar, it's already here.

President Dickey-Do we even have anyone wanting battery storage?

Administrator Redweik-No

President Dickey- We have no one applying so it's not hurting anything

Mike Tiede- Why don't we get our rules done so we don't have to put in a moratorium.

Bob Keller- I'm like Ray, I want to see it in person.

President Dickey-Do I have any movement here?

VP Franco- I move we have a battery storage moratorium

Ray Franco motions Tyler Gutwein seconds Motion passed 6-1 Mike Tiede against.

Moratorium Document at end of minutes

Public Comment

Dan Stolka- Willing to help with ordinance drafting.

Brandi Larkin Asked about partnering with a 3rd party to help with research.

Joe Moyer- Remember what LLC stands for when you write your ordinance, see if there is a way to strike that out.

Public comment closed for battery storage.

Administrator Redweik- Text amendments discussion review.

Most of the changes are adding BESS and data centers. The only question I have is if you want BESS or CBESS for battery storage.

Tyler Gutwein-The more black and white the better. We will have definitions though.

Administrator Redweik- There has been some confusion in Section 7 when we have conflicts in the UDO with other sections in the UDO. Making it clear that section 7 only pertains to solar, no other sections do not. Most other adjustments are just making things more black and white.

The Community can email me with suggestions.

Motion to table

Udo text amendments documents link see below

Old Business

Data Center Moratorium

Tyler Gutwein-I think it should also be on industrial solar. I think we need to take a step back.

VP Franco- I want to know where all this water is going to come from. I don't want it coming from my well.

Tyler Gutwein- our crops irrigation water. That is what our country was built on.
(audience members-water issues that data centers could cause)

Bob Keller- I say we put a moratorium on all 3 of them.

Tyler Gutwein- I think we should have 3 separate ones.

Abby Dickey-Let's get the solar one done then we can work on the other 2 (Data Centers & Carbon Capture)

Combining CDC and Building Department

President Dickey voiced her concern over the proposal to combine both offices.

Tyler Gutwein-it is a complete conflict of interest

Todd Smicker-Totally against it

Breann Wilson- there needs to be an impartial individual like Karla is.

Public Comment

Brandi Larkin-The county would benefit from a risk and benefit assessment.

Jennifer Knebel- Blindsided about the merger at the commissioner meeting, it would be a conflict of interest. Training and equipment for the fire departments. Pulaski County has the lowest setbacks at 150 feet.

John Kramer-Merger is not a good idea. Electromagnetic frequencies (EMF)-negative effects to prolong or excessive exposure. Data center excessive water usage.

Joe Moyer-Thanked board for their service. The merger, the way it was presented, the country is trying to hide something.

Public comment closed

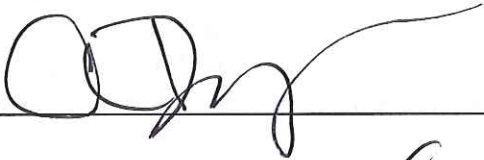
Tyler Gutwein-How soon can we have the other moratoriums done?

Administrator Redweik-I'll get with Cliff to see.

The next meeting is TBD with all members. Administrator Redweik will go with all members to see when everyone can attend.

Tyler Gutwein Motions to adjourn Bianne Wilson seconds
Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 pm

President Abby Dickey

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Vice President Ray Franko

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Karla Redweik Administration

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Tina Dunn Secretary

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