

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday March 2nd 2026 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Courthouse meeting room. Commissioners present were Donald Street Jr., Michael McClure, Jennifer Knebel with County Auditor Teresa Bryant and County Attorney Jacob Ahler.

Also present were Sherry Fagner, Dale Pelsy, Natasha Daugherty, Deke DeMarco, Kasey Lowry, Jeff Lowry, Kevin Ingram, Stephanie Ingram, Al Breyfogle, Judge Mary Welker, Bob Barger, Anita Messer, Jeff Garbison, Chris Baker, Jenny Kasten, Dakota Garland, Teri Terry-Shidler, Ron Shidler, Terry Young, Rudy DeSabatine, Tom Thomas, Randy Davis, Rob Barnett, Connie Ehrlich, Niki Clemons, Ed Shank, Darlene Olds, David Olds, Cole Olds, Angela Scott, Bev Smith Bill Smith, Stacy Nichols, Mary Nichols, Brian Pieriou, Julie Pieriou, Brandi Larkin, Gail Lambert, Kevin Wyatt, Kathy Wyatt, Josh Stamper, Michelle Dobson, Nathan Origer, Chris Brucker, Dale Pelsy.

President Street opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: MINUTES

Michael made a motion to approve and sign Regular Session and Executive Session minutes from 02/17/2026, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: APPROVE AND SIGN

Jennifer made a motion to approve claims and payroll #5, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

When County leased copy machines from Cardinal several years ago, Building Department was left out. The copier they have been using needs repairs and agreement for new lease was presented. Donald made a motion to approve and sign lease agreement, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Malcon submitted a proposal for the preparation of the Annual Countywide IV-D Cost Allocation Plans 2025-2027. They help recover costs associated with the Court's grants. Michael made a motion to approve and sign Malcon's proposal, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUESTS

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

ASSESSOR: Theresa Calloway, Required Assessor Class, Columbus, 4/5-9
HEALTH: Edwina Guffey, IDOH Conference/Training, Noblesville, 3/11-12
RECORDER: Marsha Tetzloff, Recorder's Assn 2026 Conference, Indianapolis, 4/21-22

IN RE: CDC, NATHAN ORIGER

1. *Courthouse-projects Updates:* Storm windows at first-floor north entrance have been installed. Permanent doors at that location has been delivered and are in the maintenance room as sizing incorrect. Microphones are connected to the system, speakers are in place, second port is on east wall. Looking for another piece of vintage furniture that can hide the west-side speaker. "Day Four" furniture delivery arrived last week. Next signage order will address some of the ADA issues. ADA consultants completed their on-site inspection for the Courthouse assessment. They seemed impressed with the building. Many of the issues require easy fixes that were pre-existing conditions. Bathroom sinks are too high-are 36" and should be 24". This will be discussed with architect, Tonn & Blank and sub-contractor. Jennifer asked about signage on the north side as people are still trying to enter up the stairs. There will be additional signage. Donald asked about the grass, which Nathan said is covered under warranty but have to wait until warmer weather. Nathan said there is \$150,000.-200,000. still left in contingency.
2. *Revolving Loan Fund Updates:* All three current borrowers are in good standing. Beckers should pay off their remaining balance this week, After their payment, the available balance will be a little more than \$396,000. Clear Decision Filtration's final payment is in April. He has communicated with 2 potential applicants
3. *Comprehensive-plan update:* Received 5 proposals. Will schedule proposal reviews to determine how many firms we want to interview.

IN RE: VS ENGINEERING, TIM HOLLANDSWORTH (BY ZOOM)

Bottlebrush will be sending out surveyors and will break ground later this year. Mammoth is working on vegetation buffer. County Attorney said will need to extend budget for compliance monitoring and need to have a mechanism for monitoring payments. Nathan said he received text from Doral that \$175,000. EDA plus some fine payments had been made to the County 2/27/2026. Jennifer asked about large water withdrawal at 700 W and 200S as numerous tanker trucks have been seen. Tim did not have an update on this.

IN RE: DISCUSSION

Knights of Columbus: Knights of Columbus property is listed for sale for \$500,000. Donald talked to Lisa Malchow and property has 20+ acres with large parking lot. Donald would like to consider moving Extension, Health, EMA & Coroner to this location. Michael and Jennifer both like the idea. Jennifer likes that the building is ADA accessible and building could be used for an emergency shelter. Donald likes the kitchens. Would need 2 appraisals and a resolution from Council. Public hearing will be held once appraisal is secured. Michael made a motion to start on an appraisal with Council approval, Jennifer seconded. County Attorney will help with this. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Campaign Signs: County Clerk JoLynn Behny is concerned about campaign signs on County-owned property during early voting. Jennifer and Michael had no objection to a resolution, which will be presented at next meeting.

RESOLUTION #2026-02**Resolution on Political Campaign Signs on County-Owned Property During Early Voting**

WHEREAS, the right of free speech and political expression is fundamental to the democratic process; and
 WHEREAS, early voting is an essential component of ensuring accessible and fair elections; and
 WHEREAS, county-owned property is to be maintained as neutral public space free from partisan displays to ensure equal access and non-discrimination ; and

WHEREAS, the placement of political campaign signs on county-owned property during early voting can create an appearance of endorsement and influence voters' choices; and

WHEREAS, to preserve the integrity and neutrality of county property, it is necessary to establish guidelines governing the placement of political campaign signs during the early voting period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County adopts the following policies.

1. Political campaign signs shall not be placed on county-owned property during the early voting period.
2. Campaign signs intended for placement shall be restricted to private property and designated campaign offices.
3. Local election officials shall monitor and ensure compliance with this policy.
4. Any signs found on county property during early voting shall be promptly removed by authorized personnel.
5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy aims to uphold the principles of fairness, impartiality and integrity in the electoral process, and shall be effective immediately.

Approval will be on next meeting's agenda.

SOLAR DISCUSSION: Jennifer had pictures that were passed out. In Spring 2022, Commissioner Chuck Mellon had County Attorney Kevin Tankersley "streamline" County's solar ordinances by eliminating 80 ordinances and taking away the special exception. This blocks public input by making solar a permitted use. 29,258. acres in Pulaski County are under solar, the most in the State. The most common protective solar ordinances in Indiana are 1500" setbacks, limiting the number of covered sides of property, limiting the number of acres, caps on sizes of individual projects, 2-3 miles between different projects, required signage indicating "ground" in solar project, property value guarantee. The Advisory Planning Commission (APC) is usually who suggests changes but Chuck did that on his own. The APC did not recommend making those changes. Commissioners in Marshall enacted a solar moratorium on their own without APC. APC should have 6 meetings a year and only had around half. Jennifer wanted to pass moratorium tonight. This would not affect any permits already issued but would put a freeze on future permits. Jacob is concerned about the EDA and payment schedule already in place. Donald said if Jacob does the research, he would support it. Need to have setbacks and ordinances that protect us. Jacob will have answer for us this week. Donald asked Jennifer to put in writing her request for APC.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherry Fagner: Thanked Jennifer. Hoping they will follow through. Called for a special meeting to put ordinances back in place.

Nathan Origer: Responded to Jacob's comments regarding EDA and payment schedule.

Rudy DeSabatine: In favor of moratorium as now jeopardizing the community.

Dale Pelsy: Asking for moratorium and ordinances back in. Commissioners should remove board members that do not come. He would volunteer. All for a moratorium.

Chris Brucker: Would like the ordinances back in force. Maybe there should be evaluations of the APC board members. Building Department needs help.

Bob Barger: Commissioners were elected to represent everyone. Solar will cut property values. All one sided and not for us.

Kevin Ingram: This has been the most constructive meeting he has been to. Used to advertise the river and walking trail but now advertising solar.

Connie Ehrlich: Too many acres has been lost to solar and we need to stop. Sherriff and Building Department do not have the resources they need. Mammoth is working with Purdue to learn how to pasture animals and plant crops around solar panels, using \$15,000,000. Grant.

Cathy Wyatt: Lives 3 miles from Jennifer and they hear the noise. She would not eat any animal that has been around solar. Need to protect our water and pull together.

Brandi Larkin: Concerned about Michael's lack of compassion for people. Over a year ago she asked for a risk plan. People deserve to be heard. Asking for a pause. Can we have a special meeting? Rules for APC members? Can someone have your (Michael) position on the APC?

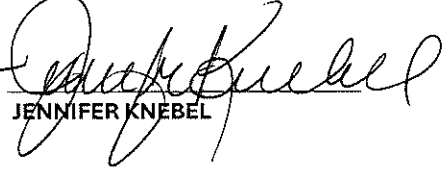
Terry Young: Presented NextEra hats to Michael and Nathan.

With no other Public Comment or business to discuss, Michael made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 AM, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 16th day of March 2026 by the PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.


DONALD STREET JR


MICHAEL MCCLURE


JENNIFER KNEBEL

ATTEST: 
TERESA BRYANT, AUDITOR, PULASKI CO., IN