AUGUST 17, 2026 **REGULAR SESSION**

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday August 17, 2026 8:30AM 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 Lisa Dan, Sherry Fagner, Dave Olds, Natasha Daugherty, Jim Garner, Camden Garner, Tim Hollandsworth, Richel Fox, Bill Smith, Connie Ehrlich, Kelly Gaumer, Kathi Thompson, Gail Lambert, Joe Moyer Nathan Origer, Chris Schramm, Tabor Brown.

President Street opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jennifer made a motion to approve 8/3/2026 regular session minutes and 8/6/2026 executive session minutes, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: APPROVE AND SIGN

Michael made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #17, Donald seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

There were no conference request.

IN RE: KELLY GAUMER, PROSECUTOR

Kelly asked for Commissioners to approve a claim over her limit in the amount of $4,646.25, which is half of the Celebrite subscription that they share with Sheriff's Office. Michael made a motion to approve purchase, Jenifer seconded. With no other discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Another agreement with Sheriff is to pay half of the $5,000. each for two flock cameras. Jennifer made a motion to approve, Michael seconded. Without further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CHRIS SCHRAMM, SHERIFF

Chris wants to start a discussion regarding speed limits in subdivisions. If there is no sign, the limit defaults to the State's 30 MPH limit, which Chris thinks is too fast. County Attorney thinks there needs to be a study first, which he will investigate and forward the information to Chris.

IN RE: CHRIS SCHRAMM/DAVE OLDS/RICHEL FOX, SHERIFF, HIGHWAY, EMA

The three reported on roads damaged by recent "inland hurricane" 8/10-11th, 16" of rain, 21 county roads were closed, many have reopened but 5 roads still closed due to washouts per Dave. Jennifer asked where road information is being posted and Dave said he puts in on Highway's Facebook page. Richel said 211 received 3,811 calls on damages. She brought an Emergency Declaration for Commissioners' signatures. State and Federal have both issued declarations.

Local Disaster Emergency Declaration

Pulaski County, Indiana Authority

There as Pulaski County, Indiana has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by a (natural/technological/national or state security) (August 11th through August 12, 2026, flooding, severe weather, tornadic activity, and a derecho caused widespread severe damage across Indiana) and;

Now, therefore, we, the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners, declare that a local disaster emergency exists in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of this County and will be reviewed in the next 7 days to extend the declaration.

This Declaration was approved by the Pulaski Board of Commissioners.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions and particularly to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29.

All public offices and employees of Pulaski Couty are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives—state and local.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Pulaski County Emergency Operating Center.

This Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency shall remain in effect for 7 days.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 17th day of August 2026.

During storm, dispatch went down. Seth Barton used a dry eraser board and then would text the officers where help was needed. Jennifer visited dispatch and saw the need for updates. Donald thanked all emergency responders for their assistance.

IN RE: TABOR BROWN, IT

Hiring a full-time assistant would help not having to outsource part of our IT. Will still need to pay for licensing. Full time would be a salary of $68,411.20 and $14,947.85. for benefits. Fees for consultant would drop to $50,000.00. Need to replace a server this year. Was with VMware, which would cost $300,000. for 3 years. Tabor wants to use SCALE, which would be $150,000. for 3 years. Donald thinks this is a good idea as does Jenny, as long as Council understands the idea. Tabor would like to hire an assistant yet this year but needs Council approval and would need to advertise. Commissioners are taking this under advisement to see what Council approves during budget session.

IN RE: TIM HOLLANDSMORTH, VS ENGINEERING

AEP MAYAPPLE SWITCHYARD SUBSTATION COORDINATION SUPPORT: They will be starting to put in fiber from 100N to 500W to 400S to 700W by the end of August. County Attorney is still working on the Task Order so Tim suggest next month. Jacob is looking at 7-8 major changes.

LPA NEWSLETTER: Possible reimbursement for storm damage. Tim will send information to Highway.

MAYAPPLE: Substation still under construction. Hope to get started next year.

MAYAPPLE CENTRAL/SOUTH: Working on vegetation buffer this week, then Karla will inspect. They may need to use other roads for delivery.

PASTURES/GRAZING: Working on permit, south (grazing) road map has been approved by Highway. North (pastures) road map still in process.

MOSS CREEK: Coordinating with utilities.

BOTTLEBRUSH: Agreements on substation ("Big Monon) will be coming to Commissioners. Jennifer asked where this will be located and Tim said west of SR#39.

NIPSCO TRANSMISSION COORDINATION: Meeting with them Tuesday.

IN RE: COUNTY BUILDINGS

NATASHA DAUGHERTY: Cameras have been installed at EMS and pictures put up on Facebook. Natasha asked where funds would be coming from. She also asked about ADA updates and Donald said she needed to get some bids.

JENNIFER KNEBEL: Would County be interested in renting space in the east annex? Donald suggested that anyone interested should come to a Board meeting.

NATHAN ORIGER: Said Adult Learning Center used to rent space in West Annex.

IN RE: FRANCESVILLE FALL FESTIVAL

Received request for donation. Auditor is going to find out if County has ever made donation before.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

SHERRY FAGNER: Sherry invited Commissioners to the 2026 Annual Hazmat Exercise this Saturday at Olsons Auction lot. Sherry asked what the County was doing to protect citizens during a disaster.

JENNIFER KNEBEL: Jennifer had been contacted by Winamac resident asking if the County was going to do spraying of mosquito larvae, with water standing after recent heavy rains. Donald is not sure the County has ever sprayed. Some of the other towns have done so. County Attorney said that individual towns spray but not sure if any county does. Sherry Fagner suggest contacting health department.

With no other business to discuss or public comment, Michael made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19AM, Jennifer seconded. With no other comment, motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 8th day of September 2026 by the Pulaski County Commissioners.

DONALD STREET JR MICHAEL MCCLURE JENNIFER KNEBEL

ATTEST: Teresa Bryant
TERESA BRYANT, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN