SEPTEMBER 8TH 2026 **REGULAR SESSION**

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday (Monday was Labor Day) September 8th, 2026, 6PM 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 Jessye Gilley, Becky McClure, Richel Fox, JoLynn Behny, Brandi Larkin, Lisa Dan, Bunnie Daugherty, James Faler, Sherry Fagner, Gary Kruger, Darlene Olds, Dave Olds, Gail Lambert, Joe Moyer, Mark Gourley, Edwina Guffey, Nathan Origer, Tabor Brown, Tim Hollandsworth.

President Street opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: MINUTES

Jennifer made a motion to approve and sign regular session minutes from August 17th 2026 and Executive Session minutes from August 21st 2026, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: APPROVE AND SIGN

Jennifer made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #18, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Donald made a motion to approve and sign "Financial Settlement Expenditure & Administrative Closeout Report", Michael seconded. Pulaski County received a grant through OCRA for broadband and this is the final step. Motion carried unanimously.

WTH sent "Electronic Map Data Application Agreement" as CoreLogic has requested County GIS data. Jennifer made a motion to approve and sign, Donald seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Pulaski Memorial Hospital requested appointments to their Board of Trustees: Taylor White reappointment for second term from November 1st 2026 to October 31st 2030 and Jason Potthoff appointment for first term from September 1st 2026 to August 31st 2030. Michael made a motion to approve the requested appointments, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

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

HIGHWAY: Gary Kruger (6-8 people), Highway Snowplow Safety, Lafayette, September 9/10 2026
HEALTH: Edwina Guffey, IEHA Fall Conference, South Bend, September 21/22/23 2026

IN RE: INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS, MARK GOURLEY

Mark appeared to report the Key Performance Indicators defined by the accreditation standards. He said our Veterans' Officer Roy Mullis meets all standards required for continued accreditation through IDVA. As of August 31st 2026, Roy has entered 52 new records. Veterans in Pulaski County received $4,537,137. in direct compensation from IDVA. More recent date will be available in October. 691 veterans live in Pulaski County.

IN RE: CLERK/ELECTION BOARD, JOLYNN BEHNY/BECKY MCLEROY/JESSYE GILLEY

JoLynn discussed with Council during budget hearings the need to purchase 40 voting panels @ $115,221.40. Current panels are 30 years old. Microvote will split cost over 3 years, starting in 2027. There is no interest nor additional fees. Possession will be in 7 months due to tariffs. Election Board had contract with DeGroot Technology for IT support during election @ $7,000. per year. Willie DeGroot worked the spring election but Tabor Brown (County IT) will take care of the Fall election, which will save the County $3,500. Donald made a motion to purchase the 40 new panels over 3 years, Michael seconded. With no other discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HIGHWAY, GARY KRUGER

Gary asked to extend summer hours until September 28th 2026. Michael asked if they could do 7AM instead of 6 AM as concerned about traffic on County roads when it is still dark. Michael

made a motion to amend summer hours to 7AM-5PM with regular hours after September 29th 2026, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. Gary said Highway is applying for Community Crossing grant. Road work has been pushed back due to recent flooding.

IN RE: HEALTH, EDWINA GUFFEY

Mosquitoes have been a big issue. She asked town to do more spraying. Have bands available in office for repelling mosquitoes. Winamac currently has 2 tattoo businesses in permanent locations and an applicant for a mobile (trailer) tattoo business. County charges $150. for a permanent location and was going to charge $75. for a temporary location but there is nothing in the ordinance. Edwina does inspect tattoo businesses. Need to add to fee schedule. Michael said should charge $150. County Attorney said would need to change the ordinance. Prior ordinance will be sent to County Attorney and Edwina. Jennifer asked Edwina to check with other counties on what they are charging. Jennifer asked if zoning regulations need to be checked on. The applicant wants to be at the market in Francesville. Need to do more research. Indiana State Health Commissioners, Dr. Lindsay Weaver, will be at the Courthouse meeting room October 9th 1PM – 2:30PM to discuss Health First Indiana, share Pulaski County's health scorecard and highlight the programs and services our Health Department provides,

IN RE: VS ENGINEERING, TIM HOLLANDSWORTH

Kelly of AEP was on phone as she is the applicant on 3 agreements to be discussed (RUA & Fiber: Star Pulaski substation to Mammoth South and Swingle substation to Moss Creek, RUA Big Monon). Per County Attorney, they have reviewed the agreement for fiber and is very similar to others. Jennifer made a motion to approve RUA/Fiber for Star Pulaski to Tatertown (Mammoth South), Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. Donald made a motion to approve the RUA/Fiber for Swingle Substation (Moss Creek), Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. The Big Monon project is located at 800S and SR#39, agreements are similar to previous. Michael made a motion to approve RUA for Big Monon, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. Big Monon project will have no fiber.

INDOT will have a new boiler plate agreement. Highway is already working on Community Crossings grant application. There will be Rural Federal Aid Call in November that Tim will also work with Highway on.

Star Pulaski Substation has 95% of site development complete. Should be ready in April 2027.

Fiber Swingle with Kiewit is not ready.

Mammoth South and Central will have a drainage study as requested by surveyor. Jennifer asked if there was going to be someone checking tiles that have been replaced. Tim is working with County Attorney on verbiage. Donald asked having a warranty period on paperwork. Residents have been concerned with road safety, Tim talked with Sheriff Department. Had 2 cameras disappear this last week. Donald asked how many employees and Tim was not sure.

Moss Creek/Bottlebrush will have a progress meeting scheduled next week.

NIPSCO coordination will continue through Christmas, Donald has received list of bridge closures that are coming.

Mammoth Grazing & Pastures: Still in permit process.

IN RE: AEP MAYAPPLE SWITCHYARD SUBSTATION COORDINATION

Task order was on agenda to be approved but Commissioners thought this had been approved at last meeting. Minutes show that this was tabled as County Attorney was to look into several issues. Will have on next Commissioners' agenda.

IN RE: DISCUSSION

Jennifer reported that the SBA will have loans available for damage from recent storms. Deadlines are October 25th 2026 for physical damage and May 25th 2027 for economic damage.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

SHERRY FAGNER: Sherry thanked Michael. She had communications with him regarding public safety. There is no guarantee that a private company will take care of us. Lots of questions.

JOE MOYER: Need transparency, openness and no back-room deals. Use Roberts Rules of Order. Ordinances should be gone over 3 times before voting.

BRANDI LARKIN: People come to the meetings for transparency, Ordinances should follow a 3 separate meeting process. 1) Mandatory free reading process for any decision that eliminates a department, outsources a public service or shits significant taxpayer funds. 2) 14-day public access standard, a standard practice to publish complete agendas, ordinance drafts, proposals, vendor contract on the County website before vote. 3). Independent impact analysis before major shifts in County operations are finalized to look at objective published date. Resolution to be adopted and transparency ordinance placed on official agenda for the next meeting.

With no other public comment of business to discuss, Michael made a motion at 7:01PM to adjourn, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 21st day of September 2026 by the Pulaski County Commissioners.

Donald Street
DONALD STREET JR.

Michael McClure
MICHAEL MCCLURE

Jennifer Knebel
JENNIFER KNEBEL

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