PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday September 21st 2026 8:30 AM at the Pulaski County Courthouse meeting room. Commissioners present were Donald Street Jr., Michael McClure, Jennifer Knebel (by ZOOM) with County Auditor Teresa Bryant and County Attorney Jacob Ahler.

Also present were Sherry Fagner, Joe Moyer, Laura Wheeler, John Kegarise, Edwin Buswell, Robert Dooley, Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, Joyce Elele, Bunnie Daugherty, Gary Kruger, Tim Hollandsworth, Kathi Thompson, Leeann Wright, Bill Smith.

President Street opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael made a motion to approve minutes from regular session of September 8th 2026, Donald seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: APPROVE AND SIGN

Michael made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #19, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Michael made a motion to approve and sign "AEP Mayapple Substation Coordination Support", Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

There were no conference requests.

IN RE: KIRPC, EDWIN BUSWELL

White Post Township is applying for a $750,000. public facilities grant for a new firehouse. Need to apply by October 4th 2026 and full application submitted by December 13th 20206. Award will be made in February 2027. Total project is $1,700,750. and White Post has received another grant from Community Foundation.

Commissioners meeting was paused at 8:34 AM for Public Hearing

There was no public comment

Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:35 AM and Commissioners' meeting resumed.

President Street stated that he fully supported the project, and he understands the importance of this grant for White Post Township.

Edwin said there will be another hearing in December with a resolution for Commissioners.

IN RE: BRANCH & VINE, ROBERT DOOLEY

Robert is seeking to lease the 3rd floor of the County's East Annex for a Christian school. He presented Commissioners with a proposed lease agreement and said he could come back the 2nd meeting in October. Jennifer stated she is concerned with ADA compliance and wanted Jacob to review the ADA portion. Can we even sign this agreement? Donald agrees that this needs to be addressed before they make any decision. Jennifer said her research showed that there could be a religious exemption if they were the only occupant. Health Department and Extension are still in building with no plans to move them. Robert will talk to his Attorney Blair Todd. Jeniffer asked if Jacob could talk to Blair.

IN RE: SBA, JOYCE ELELE

Joyce is a Public Affairs Specialists with the Small Business Administration and wanted to advise County on disaster loan assistance that is available due to the storms from August 11th-21st, 2026. Pulaski County is one of twenty-one counties directly affected by the storms and there are 25 contiguous counties eligible for economic injury only. Loans are available for uninsured property damage and economic loss. Joyce would like to set up a pop-up center for applications. Information will be posted on County's website.

IN RE: TREASURER & RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION, LAURA WHEELER & JOHN KEGARISE

Transfer Station has to apply for an IDEM permit every five years and part of the application is providing an $8,000. Line of Credit to help with clean-up in the event the transfer station is closed. First National Bank of Monterey also requires copies of Commissioners' driver's license. Donald made a motion to approve permit application and all corresponding documents, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Earlier this year, Commissioners requested John to have recycling bins put at Medaryville, Francesville and Monterey, per the Towns' approval., John showed pictures of items that are being put in the bins at Francesville and Monterey as bins are being used as garbage containers. Jennifer asked if the bins were labeled with what items are to be put in there and John and Donald both said yes. John will be removing the bins at Francesville and Monterey. The bin at Medaryville is not full and will remain there unless problems arise.

IN RE: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WINAMAC, LEEANN WRIGHT

Council has appropriated $500,000. in 2027 budget to be used for the good of Pulaski County citizens. $300,000. will be in a permanent endowment and $200,000. to be used for grants over the next two years. The grant committee will be comprised of one Commissioner appointed, one Council appointed, one CDC appointed, 3 Community Foundation appointed and one at-large appointment. The $200,000. grants will follow the County's Comprehensive Plan. Donald made a motion to approve the discretionary agreement, Michael seconded. With no other discussion, motion carried unanimously/.

IN RE: VS ENGINEERING, TIM HOLLANDSWORTH

Mammoth South & Central: Drainage concerns on 300 are ongoing, working with Jacob. Working with developer and Jacob on vegetation buffer. Donald asked about road paving and a study needs to be completed. Videos were done before construction. Will be working on this and should receive a distribution this Fall. Developer will make check payable to County and then up to Highway to repair.

Mammoth Pastures & Grazing: They have applied for a permit but it has not been issued by Building Department yet. Coordinating with Highway and Building Department. There should be no construction at this time.

Bottlebrush, Moss Creek, Mayapple: No updates.

NIPSCO: Working through issues.

AEP: Will have agreements on Bottlebrush, Swingle and fiber (Star) at next meeting.

IN RE: DISCUSSION

Donald suggested they get a company like Performance Services to come in and look at our buildings. Michael and Jennifer agreed.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

With no other business to discuss, Michael made a motion at 9:19AM to adjourn, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 5th day of October 2026 by the Pulaski County Commissioners.

Donald Street Jr. Michael McClure Jennifer Knebel

DONALD STREET JR. **MICHAEL MCCLURE** **JENNIFER KNEBEL**

ATTEST: Teresa Bryant

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