

JANUARY 2, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday (due to New Year’s Day on Monday) January 2, 2024 6:00 PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure with County 1st Deputy Auditor Mary Mays and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Nathan Origer, Gary Kruger, Daryn Wilder, Jeremy Wegner, Gail Lambert, Connie Ehrlich, and Megan Galbreath.

Charles Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael McClure motioned to retain Charles Mellon as President, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously with Charles Mellon abstaining.

Michael McClure motioned to retain Maurice Loehmer as Vice-President, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously with Maurice Loehmer abstaining.

IN RE: CDC

Enough project revisions on the courthouse renovation have been made to bring the project within budget. HVAC and windows need to be discussed further to determine a base bid. Architects are almost ready to commit the changes to drawings so we can move forward with rebidding.

An additional copier leased for the Justice-Center basement for the duration of the construction lproject and is available for other offices with documents in storage. The Lease is \$125.00 monthly for two years, black and white only.

Still looking for one candidate to serve on the industrial-park board and one for the CDC board.

Indiana Code requires the Redevelopment Commissioners be bonded at \$15,000.00 each. Shepherd Insurance has estimated the cost of the bond at \$100.00 per bond, which CDC can cover.

A Carmel-based developer has been working with the CDC, Winamac Town Manager Brad Zellers, and a local property owner on plans for a multifamily-housing development east of the Winamac Plaza. The company will be applying for special-allocation tax credits from Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority to support this project. This special Allocation has room for two projects and this is only one of four counties, including Pulaski.

The application is stronger if it aligns with a local development plan, which is part of the housing strategy prepared by the Housing Resource Hub. An addendum expected to our economic strategic plan focused on housing so the project is in greater detail in a formally adopted plan. Addendum to be presented to the Commissioners at the January 16, 2024 meeting.

In order to meet minimum eligibility requirements, material support from local entities is needed. Support letters are needed from the Commissioners, Council, and Winamac Town Council. Residential tax abatements expected from EDC and Winamac Town Council.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #26, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign December 18, 2023 regular session minutes, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

CHARLES MELLON MAURICE LOEHMER MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST: LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN