

APRIL 15, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday April 15, 2024 08:30AM at Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Jennifer Knebel, Connie Ehrlich, Gary Kruger, Leeann Wright, Randy Davis, Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, Autumn Knebel, Nathan Origer, Megan Galbreath, and Chris Schramm.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: CDC

Tonn & Blank is preparing amended contract based on the lowest April 8, 2024 bids. The total Tonn & Blank contract amount of \$9,899,446.00 breaks down as follows:

Bids totaling \$8,250,056.00
Payment & Performances Bonds for 2 companies in 3 bid categories \$15,983.00
Restoration for General Trade #5 for replacing tower louvres \$79,064.00
Construction-Budget Contingency \$447,531.00
Fees, insurance, bonding, general conditions/site work/staffing \$1,106,810.00
Leaves \$2,850,556 allocated as follows:
Architectural, design, engineering services \$1,320,595.00
Furniture, fixtures, equipment \$350,000.00
Appraisals \$19,300.00
Bond Counsel, financial advisors, underwriters \$260,000.00
Environmental testing \$15,721.00
Temporary Office Space and Movers \$60,000.00
IT outside of Tonn & Blank Scope \$131,800.00
Construction Testing \$32,374.00
Document Digitization \$100,000.00
County-budget Contingency \$560,673.00

In a worst-case scenario, document digitization can be pulled out of budget and CDC/LIT-Economic Development Fund not reimbursed.

Only two companies will be required to furnish bonds due to not being well-known by Tonn & Blank.

Bid Category #8 (Storefront, Windows, Glazing) discussed as there is a \$1,000,000.00 difference between the two submitted bids because TimeKey Enterprises did not bid correctly.

The total contingency is a little over 10% (5% on both side). Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve President Mellon signing the amended contract with Tonn & Blank, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried with Michael McClure opposed.

IN RE: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF PULASKI COUNTY (CFPC)

For five consecutive Thursdays starting May 23, 2024, there will be listening sessions to hear public's input on the Pulaski County Strategic Vision and Action Plan, to be held in Winamac, Francesville, Star City, Monterey and Medaryville.

CFPC is partnering with White County on a regional scale looking into child care needs. Funds expected to be provided by a Lily Endowment Grant.

Substance abuse meetings are set for Thursdays 6:00PM at the United Methodist Church and the Recovery Café of Pulaski County is open 5-6PM Fridays only, located at the old Community Foundation location.

The Navigator program is going well with 600 individuals assisted from March 2023-December 2023.

CFPC open house is scheduled tomorrow at their new location (221 N Monticello Street, Winamac) from 5-7PM with ribbon cutting at 5:30PM.

IN RE: SOIL & WATER

Soil and Water activities explained. Tree sale on April 6, 2024 and was sold out. A Woman's Learning Circle to educate woman landowners on land conservation held on April 11, 2024 with nine attendees.

Conducted "Envirothon" at Camp Buffalo involving the NW region, educating high school students.

A 5-day event (September 4, 5, 10, 11, 12-2023) conducted at the Tippecanoe River State Park for nine Counties involving 250 students from 16 schools. This involved teachers and DNR with discussions on forestry, watershed, and on-river testing for phosphates/oxygen, otters, and river mussels.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #8 including Reith Riley check, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Reith Riley check was pulled from previous docket as grant money had not yet been received by County.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign regular session minutes from April 1, 2024 meeting, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the following Conference Request from Health Department, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH: Edwina Guffey, IEAH Spring Conference, 4/24-25/2024, Indianapolis

Fulton County EMA has returned 1998 Ford F800 and 2 trailers owned by Pulaski County. The Sheriff’s department and Highway department have no need for this equipment so will list on website. Michael McClure motioned to sell the 1998 Ford F800 as suggested, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Trailers will possibly be taken to Olson Auctions.

Gary Kruger advised that Pulaski County received \$1,032,285.00 from Community Crossings Grant, which will replace one bridge and pave 2 ½ miles of road.

Comprehensive health screening discussed because EPIC insurance wants an official commitment. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to offer the health screening, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss nor community comments, Michael McClure made a motion to adjourn at 9:12AM, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and sign this 6th day of May 2024 by the PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST: _____
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN