

MAY 20, 2024

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday May 20, 2024 8:30AM at the 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 Julie Girton, Gary Kruger, Jennifer Knebel, Connie Ehrlich, Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, Joe Moyer, Seth Barton, Barney Rausch, Fred Rogers, Nathan Origer, and Megan Galbreath.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: SHERIFF

Pulaski County's K-9 Loki has been retired as of May 11, 2024. Loki is 8 years old and involved in countless searches and rescues for the county. Permission requested to give Loki to his handler, Seth Barton. Michael McClure made a motion approving Loki be given to Seth Barton at no charge, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

Project Superintendent John Allen of Tonn & Blank was on site last week and his construction trailer delivered. Utility disconnections, protection and/or removal of pieces that are to be preserved started. Site fencing will be installed May 29 and sidewalks on north, west and south side will no longer be available to the public. The easternmost 66' of Meridian Street will remain open, providing access to Howard's Marathon. The westernmost part of Meridian Street will also be open allowing access to parking spaces but the middle section will be enclosed within fencing, as will the parking spots between Howard's and Justice Center.

Bonds sold last week to R. W. Baird & Co. with closing the first week of June. Interest rate of 3.86% to 3.86% has been offered and a premium that netted the project an additional \$550,997.49. This money can be used for project-scope items, as contingency or debt-service payment. Baker Tilly advised the County to invest some of the bond proceeds in a short term CD to generate extra project funding.

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority official awarded Sullivan Development, LLC low income housing tax credit support to build Willow Creek Villas on property east of the Winamac Plaza on Galbreath Drive. Travis Vencel of Sullivan Development will be meeting with County's Building Inspector Wednesday morning and then with Nathan Origer and Town Manager Brad Zellers after that.

Bond funds expected to be received by the county June 6 or shortly after.

Claude LeMere, a member of the CDC board, introduced. He intends to help Pulaski Country preserve its history by contacting Ford Motor Co. for funding to preserve the Ford Pinto trial records.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign Claims and Payroll #10, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve May 6, 2024 minutes as written, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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

HEALTH: Stephen Newcomer, 2024 Public Health Nurse Conference, Carmel, June 26 and 27

HEALTH: Stephen Newcomer, 2024 Labor of Love Summit Conference, Indianapolis, July 23 & 24

Roening quote presented for an HP Scanner Jet Pro 2000 for the auditor's office in the amount of \$564.00. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the purchase, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Workers’ Comp policy discussed briefly as it will not provide coverage for Community Service individuals. Emails will be sent to department heads that Pulaski County is not in the Community Service business.

Redaction Services & Support Agreement with CSI for Recorder’s Office presented for approval and signatures. The agreement runs from July 1, 2023-June 30, 2027. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign the agreement as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Opioid settlement funds reported as: \$12,009.34 restricted abatement share and \$5,029.37 unrestricted. Health Department reported having two approved grants: \$156,000.00 Immunization Grant and \$25,000.00 Public Health Preparedness grant. Grant applications discussed briefly.

The following conference request presented:

HIGHWAY: IACHES Conference, June 5 & 6, Carmel

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the request as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:02am.

Approved and signed this 3rd day of June 2024 by the PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

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