

FEBRUARY 08, 2021

JOINT SESSION

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in joint session Monday, February 08, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, and Mike McClure. Council members present were Ken Boswell, Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Tim Overmyer, Adam Loehmer, Kathi Thompson, and Brian Young, with County Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were Jeff Richwine, Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, John Behny, Jon Frain, Jennifer Knebel, Gary Kruger, Nathan Origer, and Mary Welker.

Commissioner President Charles Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Wendy Rose from the Pulaski County Community Foundation explained the Leadership initiative program and asked both the commissioners and council members to fill out a survey. Pulaski County is working with colleges for other leadership training courses.

IN RE: CORONER

Coroner Jon Frain gave an update on the Coroner's office and shared some 2020 statistics.

IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT

County Cell phones for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program director and helper discussed.

Mary Welker asked that her part-time clerical position be changed to full-time. Some discussion followed and other options suggested, such as working a full 40 hours to have extra help.

Brian Young moved to approve changing Circuit Court part-time position to full-time, Kathleen Thompson seconded. The vote was two in favor and four opposed. Motion did not carry. Kathleen Thompson and Brian Young were in favor; Michael T. Tiede, Ronald DeSabatine, Tim Overmyer, Adam Loehmer opposed.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Mike McClure motioned to approve and sign the December 14, 2020 joint session minutes as presented and Kathleen Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Charles Mellon presented and explained a maintenance program initiative for review and consideration for the 2022 budget.

Establishing a Technical support group discussed. Expected members are one Council member, one commissioner, a Sheriff's department representative, DeGroot Technology representative, Roeing Corp representative. County attorney Kevin Tankersley and County Auditor Laura Wheeler expected to be available to the group as needed. The group is expected to review and resolve IT issues.

Return to work policy discussed. The consensus and a motion made by Maurice Loehmer is to follow the same policies as set by the Center for Disease Control. Ronald DeSabatine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Families' First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) allowed for up to 80 hours paid time off through the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) expiring on December 31, 2020. The FFCRA gave authority for employers to voluntarily extend the period to March 31, 2021. Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve the extended period, retroactive from December 31, 2020 and Ronald DeSabatine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Health and Liability/Property Insurance discussed with the consensus to bid the services with a Request for Service (RFS). This will be further investigated with the intent to contract with a licensed agent as consultant for the process.

The Justice Center Roof discussed at length, but no conclusion and tabled for further investigation.

Aviation discussed as to the possibility of leasing or selling the airport. Future discussion expected.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to adjourn at 7:46pm, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kathi Thompson made a motion on behalf of Council to adjourn at 7:46pm, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 12th day of April 2021 by:

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

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KEN BOSWELL

CHARLES MELLON

ADAM LOEHMER

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL T. TIEDE

MIKE MCCLURE

RONALD DESABATINE

KATHLEEN THOMPSON

BRIAN YOUNG

TIM OVERMYER

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