

MARCH 1, 2021

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday March 1, 2021 6:00pm at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Mike McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Steven Strantz, Judge Mary Welker, Sara Kroft, Gail Lambert, Ken Boswell, Sheila Jimenez, Nathan Origer, and Ron DeSabatine.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regular session recessed to open a public hearing on the Sale of Real Property by the Commissioners. County will conduct the electronic sale with a 50.00 per parcel minimum bid starting at 9:00am on March 17, 2021 and ending at 3:00pm on March 18, 2021. Registration is now open and will close on March 16, 2021 at 12:00pm. With no public comment, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to close the public hearing, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Regular session reconvened.

IN RE: CASA

Sara Kroft, Director of Pulaski County CASA, requested permission to place pinwheels in the Courthouse lawn from April 1 to April 30, 2021 in observance of Child Abuse Awareness Month. Mike McClure made a motion to approve the request, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

Nathan Origer gave an update on the Incident Management Team (IMT). COVID-19 spread is low enough to place Pulaski County in Yellow status. IMT will submit two claims from the Riverboat Fund for COVID testing by Pulaski Memorial Hospital at the request of Dr. Allman for \$70.00 and for \$1400.00 for the cleaning/utilities at the testing site in Star City. The Star City site is averaging 4-6 test per day and will remain open through the end of March as State wants ample testing sites as new variants arise.

A Tonn & Blank contract for CMc services on both projects (Justice Center and Courthouse) ready for execution as all relevant parties have signed off. Concerns addressed as to the scope of the renovation to the Justice Center basement because some things are not yet approved and a meeting with the Steering Committee scheduled. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the Justice Center contract and move forward on that project only, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

A Revolving Loan Fund loan requested for \$10,000.00 by Sheila Jimenez doing business as Tippy's and approved by the CDC board presented for approval. The County holds a commercial vehicle title for collateral. Mike McClure made a motion to accept the collateral and approve the loan as requested, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Bill Champion (new), Christy Coon (renewal) and Breann Wilson (renewal) presented as at-large members to the CDC board for Commissioners' review. Commissioners voiced no objection.

IN RE: HEALTH INSURANCE

Steve Strantz of Beacon Group appeared before the Commissioners to explain the pros and cons of a Request for Quote (RFQ) vs. a Request for Service (RFS). The County is expecting to hire a consultant to help with this process.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve claims and payroll as presented, Mike McClure seconded. Questions asked about the LEVEL 365 claim, which is for the new Countywide phone system, \$25,000.00 to XSoft, which is the annual maintenance on the Assessor’s software, \$30,000.00 to XSoft, which is payment on the software purchase, and the approximate \$10,000.00 claim from the Coroner, which is for several 2020 invoices not submitted in a timely manner. Motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve and sign the February 19, 2021 special meeting minutes, the February 16, 2021 Emergency Session minutes, and the February 19, 2021 Executive Session minutes as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the bond riders for Coroner, Building, and Prosecutor as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. The riders increase the original Bond amounts from \$15,000.00 to \$30,000.00 at no additional premium.

An Incarcerated Offenders Provider Agreement with Indiana Family and Social Services Administration presented for approval, Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve the agreement as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. This agreement makes Medicaid available to eligible incarcerated offenders at no cost to the County and is required by law.

Recycling/Transfer station manager Brad Bonnell is on leave and requests that John Kegaris be temporarily appointed as manager. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the appointment as requested and to pay according to the MATRIX position. Mike McClure seconded. Auditor Wheeler warned of a possible budget conflict. Motion carried unanimously.

The Courthouse doors as to single entry or multiple entry discussed at length. A parts quote of \$473.97 to repair three courthouse doors presented for approval. Charles Mellon made a motion accept the quote as presented and get the doors fixed. Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Judge Welker and Sheriff Richwine have the discretion as to when to go to single entry and have notice posted.

The Information Technology (IT) Core Team met last Friday. Those attending were two Roeing representatives, two Cardinal Solution representatives, Willie DeGroot, Auditor Wheeler, Attorney Tankersley, Kathi Thompson (Council representative) and Charles Mellon. Guidance to the program is being drafted.

The Maintenance Director position is being considered for advertising. Misinformation seems to be circling the County, such as \$25.00 per hour for said position. Restructuring the maintenance department to be discussed at the next joint session.

Ron DeSabatine reported on recent sewer repairs at the transfer station.

Property/Liability insurance discussed briefly.

With no other business to discuss, Mike McClure made a motion to adjourn at 6:56pm, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 15TH DAY OF March 2021 by **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MIKE MCCLURE

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