

**APRIL 5, 2021**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 5, 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 Mary Welker, Karla Redweik, Doug Hoover, Nancy Griffeth, Dr Natalie Tucker, Crystal Kocher, Mike Urband, Connie Ehrlich, Gail Lambert, Tim Gearhart, Brandon DeLorenzo, Jeremy Wegner, Dale Shu, Jeremy Tolson, Dave Olds, Gary Kruger, Nathan Origer, and Jeff Richwine.

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

**IN RE: GRANTS**

Mary Welker explained the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) and Family Treatment Court Grants. There are 30 students and 13 truants involved in the JDAI program.

Crystal Kocher, Natalie Tucker and Tim Gearhart, a licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor and Clinical Social Worker, provided updates on Veterans Treatment Court and COVID Court Grants.

JDAI, Family Treatment Court, and Veterans' Treatment Court grant applications presented for approval. Mike McClure motioned to approve all three grant applications as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: EMS**

EMS Director Brandon DeLorenzo explained staffing problems and suggested to the following solutions:

1. A "chase" vehicle that would respond with an ambulance to assess the situation.
2. Hire non-certified members with CPR training to drive the ambulance.
3. "On-call" pay at \$2.00 per hour just to be ready.

Further discussion pursued without any decisions made.

Waiving ambulance fees for County employees, their immediate families and first responders (fire department) as a benefit discussed but tabled for further consideration.

**IN RE: CDC**

A mass vaccine clinic to be held Saturday and is fully booked for 750 with only a small percentage for second doses. As of Friday, Pulaski County has had 1,108 COVID. First shot recipients total 3,276 and almost 2,400 fully vaccinated. Individual businesses advised to set their own precautionary mandates.

Justice Center/Courthouse project: Mold, asbestos, lead paint and soil vapor testing completed on Courthouse and results expected in two weeks. Work release project in Justice Center basement is being fine-tuned and construction cost estimates are a little below projections. Justice Center roof samples taken which identified poor repair standards.

**IN RE: AVIATION**

President of the Aviation Board Jeremy Wegner stated that the aviation board recommends Daryn Wilder as Airport Manager. The duties of the airport manager include air traffic monitoring, buying/selling fuel, grant administration, and ground maintenance. There were eleven applicants with six interviewed. Mike McClure motioned to hire Daryn Wilder as Airport Manager as recommended, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: ALLEYWAY**

John Taylor of Medaryville came before the Commissioners to discuss purchasing an alleyway that adjoins his property at 301 N George Street in Medaryville, which he has maintained for many years. The Town of Medaryville needs to address this issue first.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

Asphalt paving bids for 1450W between 200S and 500S, Francesville opened and read as follows:

Central Paving	\$412,963.60
Town & Country Paving	\$348,702.00
E&B Paving	\$521,070.00

A decision tabled for further review.

Quotes for a new sign truck presented with a recommendation for a single cab 2021 ¾ Ton Ram 2500 Dodge with 8' bed for \$27,277.00. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the recommended purchase and Charles Mellon seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The old pickup will be sold at Olson's auction.

**IN RE: BUILDING**

Doug Hoover and Karla Pemberton presented Ordinance 2021-03 Amending Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Commissioners' approval. This does not affect any current projects, but some concern expressed about the language being excessive that might discourage future projects and tie the hands of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The APC approved the language on March 11, 2021 believing it cleans up many errors. The State is considering solar legislation, but if the County guidelines are in place by June 30, 2021, it would apply to future projects. Charles Mellon motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-03 as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried with Maurice recusing himself due to potential conflict of interest.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve claims and payroll as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign March 15, 2021 regular session meeting minutes and February 26, 2021 Executive Session minutes, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve the following conference request, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**Clerk—2021 Annual Clerk's Conference, June 15-17, 2021, Indianapolis, IN**

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign the following March 15, 2021 Board of Finance minutes, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD OF FINANCE****SPECIAL SESSION****MARCH 15, 2021**

The Pulaski County Board of Finance met at the Meeting room at the Pulaski County Highway Garage in Winamac, Indiana at 8:30 a.m. on March 15, 2021 for the purpose of awarding the bid for the Pulaski County cash management system.

Present for the Board of Finance were Maurice Loehmer, President; Charles Mellon, Member; Mike McClure, Member; and Teresa Bryant, County Treasurer and Secretary to the Board of Finance.

A quorum being present to do business, said meeting was called to order by Maurice

Loehmer.

Mike McClure made a motion to approve and sign the minutes of the February 19, 2021 meeting. Charles Mellon seconded the motion and motion carried with unanimous approval. Said minutes were duly signed by the Board.

Proposals received at the February 19, 2021 meeting were further discussed, after which Mike McClure made a motion to continue with the First National Bank of Monterey for the cash management system. Charles Mellon seconded the motion and motion carried with unanimous agreement. Said agreement was signed by the Board and will be for a term of 2 years from date of signing.

Charles Mellon made a motion to approve the county Investment policy as provided. Mike McClure seconded the motion and motion carried with unanimous agreement.

Teresa Bryant, secretary to the board discussed with the other members regarding coming before the board of finance and county council or the head of the department that the CD is out of when there are CD's to renew. This is to make sure if they want to adjust the amount of the CD or whether to renew it at all. The board agreed that it would be a good idea.

There being no further business, Mike McClure made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Charles Mellon and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was then adjourned.

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**REGULAR SESSION (continued)**

An Independent Contractor Agreement with Barbara Whitaker for Health Insurance consulting presented for approval. The Health Insurance bid specifications can be picked up April 12, 2021 at the Auditor's Office with all bids due by noon May 25, 2021. Commissioners will have a Special session at 6:00pm on May 25, 2021 to open and review all bids.

The County's property/liability/auto insurance discussed. Charles Mellon made a motion to authorize Maurice Loehmer to making changes as needed to the County's coverage, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. All changes will go through the Auditor's Office.

With no other business to discuss, Charles Mellon made a motion to adjourn at 7:37pm, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**.

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**CHARLES MELLON**

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**MAURICE LOEHMER**

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**MIKE MCCLURE**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN**