

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.

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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 19th day of April 2021 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**.

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MIKE MCCLURE

Attest: _____

LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN