

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in Joint Session Monday April 12, 2021 6:00pm at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, and Mike McClure. Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Mike Tiede, Ron DeSabatine, Kathleen Thompson, Brian Young, Adam Loehmer, Tim Overmyer with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Jeremy Wegner, Debbie Mix, Teresa Bryant, Connie Ehrlich, Gail Lambert, David Broad, Nathan Origer, and Jeff Richwine.

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

IN RE: AVIATION

Jeremy Wegner, President of the Pulaski County Board of Aviation Commissioners (BOAC), explains the need for Pulaski County to support an airfield. 1. A public use airport is a benefit to Pulaski County residents. 2. Grant funded Improvements for runway construction, fuel sales, parking area, and runway lighting with future plans of rehabilitating the hangar taxiways/runway and terminal building. 3. Federal grants have a 20-year non-discrimination clause that could result in County having to pay back the grant money and access to future federal funding would cease, making all future costs for repairs/maintenance the responsibility of the owner.

The BOAC vision for the Pulaski County airport includes but is not limited to Charter Service, Reliable Fuel Source, Flight Instruction/Discovery Flights, Aircraft Rental Maintenance Facility, Refurbish Terminal Building, Promote Aviation, Tourism and Industry.

Discussion followed on the complications of selling/leasing the airport.

IN RE: WELLNESS COORDINATOR

Deb Mix from Purdue Extension introduced herself as the County's Wellness Coordinator. She has worked with local food banks and helped bring in the Farmers to Family Food boxes given out. She is able to write grants to bring in programs and targets the following: Nutrition, Physical Activity, Food Safety, Food Security and Food Resource Management.

IN RE: TREASURER

Pulaski County Treasurer Teresa Bryant presented two CD's (Cumulative Jail for \$145,000.00 and General Drain Improvements (GDI) for \$750,000.00) for renewal. The current interest rate is .4% per annum. There is a one-month interest penalty for early withdrawal. Ronald DeSabatine motioned to renew the Cumulative Jail fund CD for six months, Kathleen Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously. Maurice Loehmer motioned to renew the GDI CD for 12 months, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

Justice Center/Courthouse: Rowland Design is at 75% completion of the construction drawings for the Justice Center and expects to be finished by the end of April.

Local contractors submitted quotes for approximately \$115,000.00 for the basement work release program project. Rowland readdressing that portion of the project.

Tonn and Blank, Construction Manager as Constructor plans to bid the basement project as an alternative and the jail roof with different options.

Various environmental tests being conducted in the Court House and Justice Center for lead-based paint, mold, asbestos and other toxins.

Construction expected to start on the Justice Center June.

The first reading of Pulaski County Ordinance 2021-04, which authorizes the County to issue General Obligation Bonds, for an amount not to exceed \$5,575,000.00 presented at the March 8, 2021 regular session meeting. Kathleen Thompson made a motion to accept the second reading, final adoption of Pulaski County Ordinance 2021-04, Brian Young seconded, motion carried with Ronald DeSabatine, and Tim Overmyer opposed. The complete ordinance can be found at:

<http://gov.pulaskionline.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2021/04/JUDICIAL-CENTER-BOND-ORDINANCE-PULASKI-COUNTY-2021-2021-04.pdf>

The following Resolution 2021-04, which approves issuance of bond and moving forward with justice center project presented for approval and signature by the Pulaski County Commissioners.

PULASKI COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04

BY

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA,
APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, on 12 April 2021, the County Council of Pulaski County, Indiana ('County'), adopted Pulaski County Ordinance #2021-04 ('Ordinance'), authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the County in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,575,000 ('Bonds'), the proceeds of which will be used to finance the costs of all or any portion of the renovation and expansion to the existing Pulaski County Justice Center and the purchase of equipment, including:

- (a) the renovations, improvements and upgrades to approximately 1,925 square feet of the existing office space and approximately 5,655 square feet of the existing basement in the Justice Center, including the addition of a work release dormitory, conversion of offices into judge's chambers, offices and related storage areas;
- (b) the construction and equipping of a one story addition over a one story area on the north side of the existing Justice Center consisting of approximately 1,200 square feet, which will contain public restrooms, meeting rooms and storage areas;
- (c) the construction and equipping of a two story addition consisting of approximately 6,100 square feet on the north end of the existing Justice Center, which will include a covered entry, expansion of existing lobby and vestibule, a security desk and screening area, additional office space, courtroom, conference room, IT server room and related storage areas;
- (d) the restoration, replacement or repair of up to 12,000 square feet of the existing roof;
- (e) the renovation in other areas of the existing Justice Center including the conversion of offices, open office areas and related storage areas; and
- (f) miscellaneous capital improvement, renovation and/or equipping projects at one or more facilities operated or to be operated by the County, furniture and equipment, IT infrastructure costs, professional moving costs, and all projects related to the foregoing and incidental expenses in connection therewith, and the costs of issuing the Bonds, as further described in the Ordinance ('Project');

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the County ('Board') desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds and the completion of the Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT the issuance of the Bonds and the completion of the Project, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Ordinance, are hereby approved and that each member of the Board is authorized to take such actions as are necessary to issue the Bonds and complete the Project.

Mike McClure made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04 as presented, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried 2-1 with Maurice opposing.

Incident Management Team (IMT) updates: 25-30% of total population over 16 years of age are fully vaccinated. Saturday's mass vaccination clinic administered 569 doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Pulaski Memorial Hospital (PMH) and Pulaski County Health Department (PCHD) have administered more than 8,000 COVID-19 vaccinations.

Revision of the Pulaski County strategic-plan-update as established by the Community Development Commission discussed and if possible, will present new updates to Commissioners and Council at their August joint session.

Budget and Financial training for Council, Commissioners, and other elected officials by BakerTilly discussed. Brian Young made a motion to approve training, Kathleen Thompson seconded. The vote was 2-4 and the motion did not pass. Kathleen Thompson and Brian Young were in favor while Tim Overmyer, Adam Loehmer, Ronald DeSabatine, and Michael T. Tiede opposed.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice made a motion to approve and sign the February 8, 2021 Joint Session meeting minutes, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The American Rescue Plan discussed briefly. Pulaski County expects to receive approximately 2.4 million dollars, which is subject to restricted spending.

The maintenance department discussed at length. The recommendation is to revise the employee policy handbook to increase the maintenance department's full time positions to 40 hours per week with a reduction in the maintenance workforce from four part-time positions to two part-time positions. Job descriptions posted on line for both head custodian and maintenance director. Michael T. Tiede motioned to amend the employee policy handbook to a 40-hour-work week for the maintenance full-time positions on behalf of Council, Adam Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Maurice Loehmer motioned the same on behalf of the Commissioners, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Bids from Proscapes and Down to Earth Lawn Care received for spraying and fertilizing county owned yards. Tabled for further review.

Bid binders on health insurance are available at the Auditor's Office. All bids will be opened at a special session May 25, 2021.

Timekeeping software and usage discussed briefly. It is the contention of the commissioners that the time clocks be used consistently and by all county employees.

There is concern that farmers are planting too close to the roadway/poles. While the farmer owns the land, statutorily the County has a 20' easement from center of the road. The County does not have an ordinance in force right now regarding this but if the farmer is interfering with the purpose of the easement, County Highway can come in and mow down the crops.

With no other business to discuss, Mike McClure made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to adjourn at 8:14pm, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously

Kathleen Thompson made a motion on behalf of the Council to adjourn at 8:11pm, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 6th day of June 2021 by:

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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KEN BOSWELL

MAURICE LOEHMER

ADAM LOEHMER

MIKE MCCLURE

RON DESABATINE

MIKE TIEDE

KATHI THOMPSON

BRIAN YOUNG

TIM OVERMYER

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