

MAY 17, 2021

SPECIAL JOINT SESSION

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in a Special Joint Session on Monday May 17, 2021 7:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Mike McClure and Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Adam Loehmer, Mike Tiede, Ron DeSabatine, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young and Tim Overmyer with County Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were JoLynn Behny, Emily Hizer, Terry Young, Judge Mary Welker, Jolie Simmermaker, John Simmermaker, Joe Moyer, Shelby Lopez, Courtney Poor, Cheryl Podell, Doug Podell, Karen Fritz, Josh Rausch, Dale Chu, Judge Crystal Kocher, Pam Rausch, John Kegarise, and Jeff Richwine.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charles Mellon asked to revise the agenda for Council to approve the policy handbook amendment on changing highway's working hours in the summer. Agenda approved accordingly. Highway summer hours changed to 4-10s from Memorial Day to Labor Day, which the commissioners have already approved. Mike Tiede motioned to approve the employee handbook amendment with said change, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: MAINTENANCE RESTRUCTURING

The proposed maintenance department restructuring presented to improve efficiency at a reasonable cost. While savings will not show up in salaries, it will be evident in improving maintenance, increasing longevity of equipment and reduced outsourcing. Maintenance Director and Head Custodian will go from 35 to 40 hours/week and number of part-time employees will be reduced from 4 to 2. After further discussion Michael T. Tiede motioned to cut Head Custodian pay from \$16.85 to \$16.00/hour on proposal and leave Maintenance Director at the proposed \$23.50/hour, Ronald DeSabatine seconded and motion carried unanimously. Kathleen Thompson made a motion to amend the Matrix to reflect Maintenance Director and Head Custodial, Michael T. Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: RECYCLING

The recycling/transfer station backhoe discussed. The backhoe repaired temporarily, but is only a band-aid fix. Three estimates considered for 2015 Caterpillar 420FDT backhoe loader to replace the machine: --\$65,000.00, \$62,000.00 and \$72,000.00 all having difference in hours of use. Selling used recycling equipment could go toward the purchase. It was determined to wait on replacing backhoe and to work on getting the roof replaced.

IN RE: REVISED BOND ORDINANCE

The Justice Center renovation project discussed at length. The final bond amount cannot be determined until bids are in. The Bond ordinance calls for bond amount not to exceed \$5,575,000.00 with the project expecting to come in around \$5,300,000.00. The County has spent over \$400,000.00 on this project so far.

After further deliberation, Brian Young motioned to approve the first reading of ordinance 2021-07 regarding issuance of bonds for justice center renovation, Kathleen Thompson seconded. Vote was 3 to 3 with Kathleen Thompson, Brian Young, and Adam Loehmer in favor; Ronald DeSabatine, Michael T. Tiede, and Tim Overmyer opposed. Kenneth Boswell broke the tie by voting in favor.

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With no other business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 14TH DAY OF JUNE 2021.

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

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KEN BOSWELL

CHARLES MELLON

ADAM LOEHMER

MAURICE LOEHMER

MIKE TIEDE

MIKE MCCLURE

RON DESABATINE

KATHI THOMPSON

BRIAN YOUNG

TIM OVERMYER

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