

**JULY 19, 2021**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30am on Monday July 19, 2021 at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Mike McClure with First Deputy Auditor Mary Mays and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Holly VanDerAa, Gary Kruger, Cindy Hickle, Jake Boender, John Allen, Teresa Bryant, David Zahrt, Nathan Origer, Sheriff Jeff Richwine,

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: BOARD OF FINANCE**

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to recess the regular commissioners meeting and to open a Board of Finance meeting, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds intended to help offset the economic fallout of COVID discussed. The money is for costs incurred and allocated from March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2024 and required to be paid out by 2026. Maurice Loehmer motioned to invest the ARPA funds into a 6-month Certificate of Deposit (CD) with the bank having the best rate, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Finance adjourned and the commissioners' regular meeting resumed.

**IN RE: CDC**

The Incident Management Team is focusing on improving community's vaccination rate and preparing students to return to school in August. Eastern Pulaski School has provided a plan, and West Central expected to provide a plan. Masks are encouraged but not required for unvaccinated students, but are required on buses.

Resolution #2021-07, which establishes provisions for making Pulaski County a broadband-ready County presented. The next step is to establish a broadband taskforce committee to set procedures, guidelines for any future projects. Approval tabled until a committee is established.

Meridian Street expected to be temporarily closed for site preparation and utility work on the Justice Center project. In addition, the Prosecutor's Office needs temporary office space from November 2021 until May 2022.

Twelve bids received for the six-rebid categories as follows:

BID CATEGORY		
#12a	ROOFING/METAL PANELS (NEW ADDITION ONLY)	
	Korellis Roofing, Inc.	\$208,380.00
	Tonn & Blank Construction, LLC	171,010.00
	E. C. Babilla, Inc.	210,880.00
#12b	ROOFING/METAL PANELS (JAIL RE-ROOF)	
	E. C. Babilla, Inc.	282,200.00
	Korellis Roofing	248,422.00
	Tonn & Blank Construction, LLC	230,205.00
#15	GLASS/GLAZING/ENTRANCE	
	Meyer Glass & Mirror Co., Inc.	62,000.00
#16	FLOORING	
	Master Tile, Inc.	148,800.00
	Midwest Tile and Interiors, Inc.	121,902.00
#19	SPECIALTIES	
	Tonn & Blank Construction, LLC.	8,370.00
	Allied Door & Hardware, LLC (does not included Section 10 44 00)	3,320.00
#27	LANDSCAPING	
	Lakeshore Landscaping Inc.	17,082.55

**IN RE: SHERIFF**

Animal Control facility discussed briefly with the need for 3 indoor and 3 outdoor kennels.

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**IN RE: CORONER**

The Pulaski County Coroner has requested American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money for an autopsy suite with air purifier. The commissioners advised that a revenue loss calculation will be done first and then other projects considered. The biggest concern is that the second draw may not happen.

**IN RE: EMS**

A repair estimate for \$5,313.87 from Shepherd Chevrolet Buick, Inc for the 2013 Chevy Ambulance submitted. Mike McClure made a motion to do the repairs and accept the estimate as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: ROAD VACATED**

David Zahrt owns property off CR100N that is separated by a county road, which has not been maintained for years. He would like to purchase the property from the County. County Attorney explained the process of petitioning County to abandon road, serving notice to adjoining landowners and then a Commissioners meeting requesting the abandonment. If granted, the road is then split in half and given to the property owner on each side of the road.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

Several Letters of Interest for bridge consultant received. Recommendations will be presented to the commissioners after further review.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign July 6, 2021 regular session minutes, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Assessor: Holly VanDerAa and 2 Deputies, Semi-Annual Assessor's Conference, 8/24-27, 2021, Indianapolis, IN  
Assessor: 1 deputy, Semi-Annual Assessor's Conference, 8/23-27, 2021, Indianapolis, IN  
Clerk: JoLynn Behny, AIC, 9/20-24, 2021 Switzerland County, IN

An engineering/construction firm that builds warehouses for existing businesses is interested in purchasing 1-2 acres in industrial park in Winamac. The Pulaski County Advisory Commission on Industrial Development needs revived plus Board's permission to have land appraised. Commissioners agreed to move forward.

With no other business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:11am.

Approved and signed this 7th day of September 2021 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

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CHARLES MELLON

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MAURICE LOEHMER

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAURA WHEELER, PULASKI COUNTY AUDITOR