

OCTOBER 18, 2021

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30am on Monday, October 18, 2021 the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, and Mike McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler.

Also present were Tim Murray, Gary Kruger, Nathan Origer, Dave Olds, Joe Moyer, Jeff Richwine, Chris Schramm, and Meaghan Galbreath.

President Mellon open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting immediately recessed for public hearing on alley vacation in Lawton. With no public comment, meeting closed and regular session resumed.

IN RE: LAWTON ALLEY VACATION

Attorney Tim Murray presented petition on behalf of Michael Newman to vacate alley in Lawton. Mike McClure made a motion to approve the petition as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Pulaski County Highway received four Letters of Intent for the County's two-year bridge inspections contract. After individual scoring on each company, United Consulting had the highest rating. All results submitted to INDOT who gave 'Notice to Proceed' with United Consulting. The negotiation process begins with United Consulting. Mike McClure made a motion to approve United Consulting for bridge inspections, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. When the contract is agreed on, it will be presented to the Commissioners' for approval.

The following 2021 Road Work Projects presented:

21 miles of blade mix, approximately \$32,500. Cost per mile
4 miles of double seal, approximately \$16,800. Cost per mile
3 miles of seal, approximately \$86,000. Cost per mile
2.7 miles CCMG Francesville Road
Joint Replacement on 4 Tippecanoe River Bridges, \$110,737.
2 engines rebuilt 2004 Volvo Trucks \$80,000.
Filling in roadside ditches, cutting brush, replacing culverts, getting ready for Winter

A new distributor discussed briefly.

IN RE: CDC

Justice-Center Updates: Storm-sewer utility work is complete. Sidewalk replacement to start this week. Access to Courthouse basement ramp closed October 27 and 28. Prosecutor's Office moving the second week of November.

IMT Updates: Pulaski County is orange on State's COVID19 weekly two-metric and advisory-level maps, indicating moderate levels of community spread and restriction guidelines. To date, 1810 cumulative positive cases, an increase of 30 since last week's report. 128 are breakthrough cases (2.5% of 5063 fully vaccinated).

YouTube Channel: Meetings presented on YouTube Channel discussed briefly, especially concern over security.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve claims and payroll as presented, Mike McClure seconded. Brief discussion of IT expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve Amendment #9 to the Personnel Policies Handbook, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously. Amendment extends the on-call language now in place for Highway to Maintenance and approved by Council October 11, 2021. The Amendment reads as follows:

Amendment #9 to Pulaski County Personnel Policies Handbook
Dated September 11, 2017

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and County Council desire to make an amendment to the Pulaski County Personnel Policies Handbook, and;

WHEREAS, UNDER Section 3, Salary Administration, a new section 3.18 Maintenance Department On-Call shall be added with the following language:

3.18 MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT ON-CALL

Due to the nature of the job description, the maintenance director and any employees of the department are responsible for correcting mechanical failures, material failures, leaks, plumbing, and electrical issues, or any other property related concerns that effect the working environment of the county facilities including potential safety, and security issues. The primary work of the department is conducted during business hours, but situations will arise that necessitate the director and possibly other employees to return to county facilities to resolve issues outside of their normal hours of operation for the department. For this reason, the department shall have an "on-call" category for their pay. On-call will include time after the employee's regular shift has ended and he/she has not been designated to work overtime hours that day. The maintenance director and/or his designated employees will be compensated for a minimum of one (1) hour worked as a result of the "on-call" return to work at a rate of one and a half time their regularly hourly rate even if the call takes less time. The maintenance director and/or responding employees shall be compensated at time and a half for all time worked outside of their regularly scheduled hours in response to the call back. The employee shall enter their time incurred on a daily form or use the time clock as is appropriate for the circumstances. All "on call" time shall not be counted as hours worked for the purposes of calculating overtime at the end of the workweek.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AMENDED by the Board of Pulaski County Commissioners and the Pulaski County Council that the above language shall be included and made a part of the Pulaski County Personnel Policy Handbook. This amendment shall be posted for at least ninety days throughout the offices of the County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Pulaski County Commissioners this 18th day of October 2021 and Pulaski County Council this 11th day of October 2021.

Mike McClure made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-13 establishing Commissioners' Sale of tax sale certificates for severely delinquent property taxes, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Maurice Loehmer motioned a minimum bid of \$50.00 and Charles Mellon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021-13

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT TO CONDUCT A
COMMISSIONERS' SALE TO SELL TAX SALE CERTIFICATES FOR PROPERTIES
THAT ARE SEVERLY DELINQUENT IN PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, there are several properties in Pulaski County that are severely delinquent in the payment of property taxes, having been offered for tax sales and which received no bids equal to or in excess of minimum sale price. The parcel numbers of those properties being attached to this resolution as "Exhibit A", and

WHEREAS, there is an assessed value associated with these properties for taxation purposes, but no taxes are being collected, therefore causing a lower than expected tax distribution to those taxing units and taxing districts within which the properties are located, and

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Commissioners desire to have these properties back on the tax rolls with taxes being collected, and

WHEREAS, IC 6-1.1-24-6, *et seq.* allows for the Pulaski County Commissioners to acquire a lien on those delinquent properties and receive issuance of the tax sale certificates for those properties, without taking title to the properties, therefore limiting the liability and cost normally associated with taking title,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners that the County Executive shall acquire liens and receive tax sale certificates of the properties listed on Exhibit A that are severely delinquent and sell said certificates at a properly advertised Commissioners Tax Certificate sale.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the Recorder's CSI Maintenance Agreement for \$7,928.00, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Recycling/Transfer Station manager Brad Bonnell submitted Letter of Resignation for health reasons effective immediately (10/13/2021). Mike McClure motioned to accept the resignation as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Charles Mellon made a motion to approve John Kegarise as interim manager and Maurice Loehmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Soil & Water department recommended Mary Holehan as District Support Coordinator. Mike McClure made a motion to approve as recommended, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

EMA lifetime appointment of the EMA director discussed briefly. Charles Mellon motioned to table this issue for further investigation. Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no comment from the public, Maurice Loehmer motioned to adjourn at 8:55am, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 1st day of November 2021 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MIKE MCCLURE

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