

**NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday November 15, 2021 8:30am 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 Jeff Richwine, Nathan Origer, Larry Weaver, Joe Moyer, Mark Ennis, Anita Goodan, Gary Kruger, and Chris Schramm.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: SHERIFF**

Water for the dog kennels at the Recycling/Transfer station premises discussed. Commissioners agreed that it should be done before colder weather. The kennel houses stray dogs prior to being taken to PAC or Starke County.

**IN RE: CDC**

***JUSTICE CENTER UPDATES***

Prosecutor's Office moved and demolition work starts on the old office Wednesday. Skylights have been installed; floor has been poured and should start seeing block on the exterior walls of the addition.

***IMT UPDATES***

Pulaski County remains orange (moderate level of community spread). As of November 12, 2021, Pulaski County has had 1953 cumulative positive cases, which is an increase of 70 in the last two weeks. Health Department is now offering vaccines for 5-11 year olds with 15 receiving their first dose last Thursday. Gravity is still providing daily testing at the Winamac fire station.

***REVOLVING LOAN FUND***

A 3-year renewal of services contract for assistance in administering the Revolving Loan fund (RLF), primarily regarding credit analysis and underwriting for loans valued over \$20,000 from Regional Development Company (RDC) presented. RDC bills hourly for their services and is paid by either CDC and reimbursed by borrower or by borrower direct. Charles Mellon motioned to approve the contract as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IBC Thermoplastics is substantially delinquent on loan payments. The last payment received came from proceeds from sale of acreage in May 2020. The current amount owed is \$180,450.50. The following recommendations given to the Commissioners:

- I. February 15, 2022 - IBC Thermoplastics must be 50% caught up on all payments due the County through February 1, 2022 or County will begin foreclosure process, and
- II. January 1, 2023 - must be 100% caught up on all payments due through January 1, 2023 or County will start foreclosure process.

Mike McClure motioned to accept the recommendations as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion passed unanimously.

The status of other RLF loans questioned and the commissioners requested a monthly update.

**IN RE: MAINTENANCE**

Purchase of a new 42" mower from Greenmark for \$2599.00 discussed. The current 2012 Toro is blowing smoke. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the purchase, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve the November 1, 2021 regular session meeting minutes as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried.

Mike McClure made a motion to approve the following Conference Request as presented, Maurice seconded and motion carried unanimously. This has to do with the vaccine for children

**HEALTH: Andrea Keller & Celinda Briney-Labor of Love, Indianapolis, IN, November 17, 2021.**

A new John Deere tractor with 50" rotary mower for the County Highway department discussed. The tractor quoted for \$186,995.97 with equipment trade-in of \$117,500.00, making final cost \$69,495.97. The Trade-in is only one year old with 500 hours but the new unit is bigger and have a longer reach. Mike McClure motioned to approve the purchase, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. The new pickup received last week and waiting on lift gate installation. New heating unit for building installed, hoping it will eliminate the leak problem.

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

**HIGHWAY: Dave Button & Gary Kruger, IACC Annual Conference, December 1, 2021, Indianapolis.**

Mark Ennis, representing the County's liability insurance company, talked about the different training programs offered to help reduce the claims. Written policies and training will also help.

An opening for the manager of the Recycling/Transfer Station announced. Applications are due by December 3 and then the interview process will start.

Farm Contract with Tim & Sue Alexander discussed. The Industrial Park has contractual obligations that must be met. The remaining ground, approximately 138 acres, was purchased in 1865 and 1890s. There is 138 total acres, all one parcel, and includes Recycling/Transfer Station, ground around old County Home and some acreage on the south side of road. A survey is needed to break out the Recycling/Transfer Station ground.

Mike McClure made a motion to approve the following Conference Request, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried with Maurice abstaining.

**Maurice Loehmer & Laura Wheeler: IACC Annual Conference, Indianapolis, 11/29 – 12/2/2021**

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:18am, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021 by the Pulaski County Commissioners.

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CHARLES MELLON

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MAURICE LOEHMER

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MIKE MCCLURE

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN