

**DECEMBER 3, 2021**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in a Special Called Public Meeting Friday, December 3, 2021 at 12:00pm EST in the meeting room of the Winamac Municipal Utilities Complex, 623 W Eleventh Street, Winamac, IN 46996

The purpose of the Special Session is to discuss the Pulaski County Courthouse Renovation, specifically to receive guidance from the County's contracted consultants on current and proposed public-works projects.

Commissioners present were Maurice Loehmer, Mike McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Commissioner Charles Mellon was present by telephone.

Also present were Courtney Poor, Meaghan Galbreath, JoLynn Behny, Teresa Bryant, Connie Erlich, Gail Lambert, Terry Young, Kathi Thompson, Nathan Origer, Jake Boender, Matt Hubbard, Brian Delich, and Anita Goodan.

President Mellon called the meeting to order.

Tonn & Blank (T&B) represented by Jake Boender, Matt Hubbard and Brian Delich. Baker-Tilly (BT), Rowland Design and Barnes & Thornburg (B&T) present through Zoom to answer any questions.

T&B reported that the Justice Center project should be complete by May 2022.

Barnes & Thornburg representative commented that the County is over their general obligation debt limit and will need to do a lease rental revenue project which involves a three-person building corporation, which will issue the bonds. This is the same structure as used on the County's original Justice Center project. The Project needs to stay under \$5,815,445.00 for 2022 or a different legal process is needed. The project will take approximately eight months to complete financing and there are several more steps for a lease rental bond. Some steps have already been completed with the Justice Center project.

The Courthouse project has the complication of moving five departments and maintenance operations and the desire to move all Annex offices to the renovated courthouse.

Involvement of the Steering Committee, Local Income Tax (LIT) structure, and courthouse project part of election process discussed briefly.

If the total project cost is \$5,800,000.00 or more, a petition of remonstrance is needed and it won't matter how the project is funded.

The next step is to agreement of the Tonn & Blank contract.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer motioned to adjourn at 1:16 PM, Mike McClure seconded and motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2021 by 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