

DECEMBER 20, 2021

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday December 20, 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 Anita Goodan, JoLynn Behny, Connie Ehrlich, Don Dickerson, Kyle Conrad, Ann Van Kappel, Jennifer Knebel, Nathan Origer, Chris Schramm, and Jeff Richwine.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: CDC

JUSTICE CENTER

Two change orders presented as follows: #14 for \$9,001.29 for telecommunications upgrades for Sheriff's Office that were left out of original drawings in oversight and #15 for \$3,015.43 for labor/materials to ensure a proper junction between existing facility and roof of new addition. Both come out of the County's contingency fund. Charles Mellon motioned to approve and sign change orders as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE

A group of current/potential courthouse occupants toured the LaPorte County courthouse in Michigan City, which Tonn & Blank was responsible for rehabilitating. Discussion followed on how water issues were handled in the basement.

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As of Thursday (December 16) Pulaski County has had a cumulative COVID case count of 2,241 with three related deaths in the last 2 weeks.

IN RE: LIABILITY INSURANCE

Kyle Conrad of Novotny Insurance appeared to present renewal quotes on County's property, workers comp, and casualty insurance. Don Dickerson from Burnham & Flower Agency reviewed quote through Trident Public Risk Solutions. It provides defense cost outside of the liability limits while Bliss McKnight program has defense cost within the liability limit, which will reduce coverage. There is no need for endorsements for adding new vehicles when less than \$250,000.00 in value. Includes \$50,000.00 of coverage upon a law enforcement death. Due to Justice Center project, it is suggested to stay with Chubb on the property, as it is hard to get builders risk midway through a project. Bliss McKnight renewal is \$457,114.00 with Travelers' Workers Comp. Trident/Chubb quote is \$394,646.00. This is \$22,949.00 less on property/casualty and \$39,519.00 less on Workers Comp. Charles Mellon motioned to table for further study and Special Session, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried. Cyber security was not included.

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 December 3, 2021 Special Meeting minutes and the December 06, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented, Mike McClure seconded and Motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure motioned to approve the following bonds as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Employee Policy Amendment #10 presented for approval and reads as follows:

**Amendment #10 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 4, Holidays, a new paragraph shall be added after the scheduled holiday table with the following language:

SCHEDULES	HOLIDAY HOURS
35 Hour Schedule	7 Hours
40 Hour Schedule	8 Hours
24 Hours on 48 Hours Off Schedule	12 Hours
Sheriff (86 Hours/14 day period)	12 Hours

Part-time employees and temporary employees shall not receive compensation for holidays so designated. All holiday hours must be submitted timely on the current payroll schedule.

If a part time employee is scheduled to work a recognized holiday, he/she will receive wages at one and one-half (1 ½) times the base hourly rate for the actual hours worked.

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.

Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve Amendment #10 as presented and Mike McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Pulaski County Veteran's officer resigned. Maurice Loehmer motioned to accept the resignation as a two weeks' notice. Mike McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

An Executive Order on the Sale of County Property involving 2.289 acres east of the old County Home presented for discussion and reads as follows:

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-03
EXECUTIVE ORDER ON SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY
PURSUANT TO IND. CODE 36-2-2-20**

Comes now the Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana pursuant to Ind. Code 36-2-2-20 as the county executive and makes this executive order for the sale of county real property as more particularly described as:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 30 North, Range 2 West of the Second principal Meridian in Monroe Township, Pulaski County, Indiana described by: Commencing at a monument at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 14; thence South 01 degree 35' 32" East along CR100W and the section line 779.49 feet to a monument; thence North 87 degree 20' 19" East along CR60S a distance of 1903.87 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 02 degree 44' 13" East 149.77 to a half inch iron pipe capped with RLH I.D. (HIP) (passing through an HIP at 26.00 feet) thence North 25 degree 49' 21" West 65.36 feet to an HIP; thence North 02 degree 48' 50" East 153.29 feet to an HIP; thence South 87 degree 17' 58" East 287.35 feet (passing through an HIP at 262.75 feet); thence South 02 degree 03' 15" East along Fitz Industrial Parkway and the quarter-quarter section line 334.96 feet; thence South 87 degree 20' 19" West along CR60S a distance 285.55 feet to the point of beginning containing 2.289 acres more or less.

The County Executive has determined that this parcel of real estate is no longer beneficial to the county government or profitable for the county taxpayers and it would be more beneficial to sell the property and place the proceeds in the county general fund. The County Executive hereby orders the County Fiscal Bond (County Council) to adopt an ordinance fixing the terms and conditions of the sale of said property to Ind. Code 36-2-2-20.

If the commissioners approve this executive order then Council will need to adopt an ordinance fixing the terms and conditions of the sale. REACT currently uses the buildings for storage. Charles Mellon made a motion to approve and sign Executive Order 2021-03, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance repair discussed as a used engine not obtainable and getting head gaskets replaced on old engine.

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A special meeting needed for recertifying voting districts, property/casualty insurance, and appointing new recycle manager and is set for December 27, 2021 at 1:00pm.

With no other business to discuss, Mike McClure made a motion to adjourn at 9:25am, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 3rd day of January 2022 by the **Pulaski County Commissioners.**

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MIKE MCCLURE

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