

**OCTOBER 11, 2021**

**JOINT SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in joint session at 6:00pm on Monday October 11, 2021 at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, and Mike McClure; Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Adam Loehmer, Ron DeSabatine, Brian Young, Kathi Thompson, Mike Tiede, and Tim Overmyer along with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also in attendance were Michael Gallenberger, Mary Welker, Teresa Bryant, Brandon DeLorenzo, Linda Webb, Brian Ledley, Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, Kyle Conrad, Nathan Origer, Judge Crystal Kocher, Chris Schramm, and Sheriff Jeff Richwine.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: COUNTY'S PROPERTY, LIABILITY & CYBER INSURANCE**

Kyle Conrad of Novotny Insurance, reported on the County's Property and Casualty insurance. The renewal is within 30-45 days and expecting a 5-7% rate increase. The Loss ratio over the last 5 years has been 104% due to several large claims. The County carries a separate Cyber Security policy. Removal of COVID coverage expected at renewal. Loss control training discussed.

**IN RE: EMS**

Brandon DeLorenzo and Linda Webb from PMH presented the following cost for a new fully equipped ambulance.

Ambulance with Power Lift	\$200,000.00
Stryker Baratric Stretcher	18,000.00
Stair Chair	3,000.00
2-IV Pumps	5,990.00
Cardiac Monitor	25,150.00
Transport Vent	14,663.88
Maintenance (2 years)	2,500.00
Administrative Expense (Grant Writer)	6,000.00
Fuel Expense (2 years)	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$285,303.88</b>
75% Grant Funded	213,977.91
25% County Responsibility	71,325.97

Other options: 2 ambulances fully equipped or 2 ambulances with limited equipment and no support costs. Cardiac Monitor can be eliminated as EMS already has new ones. USDA application being filed to fund 75% of the cost.

Brian Young motioned on behalf of Council to support the purchase of two fully equipped ambulances (less cardiac monitors) and commit to 25% of the cost for a total of \$128,576.94, Kathleen Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously. Maurice Loehmer motioned the same on behalf of the Commissioners, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Per the grant, all board members confirmed that they have no relatives or close associates currently employed by the USDA-Rural Development and a verbal request made to the public for ambulance bids.

**IN RE: CDC**

Nathan Origer gave COVID/IMT updates. The Health Department to open up vaccination clinic at Knights of Columbus on Thursday.

Justice Center Renovation: Jail roof completed and now working on new stairwell. Hit water line this morning that the Town did not know was there, leaving Court House without water for 2 hours.

Mammoth Solar and Moss Creek Solar Project discussed. Extension of Commissioner/Council review committee to include the Moss Creek solar project suggested. Kathleen Thompson made a motion on behalf of Council for extension of the review committee include Moss Creek project, Adam Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Charles Mellon motioned same for Commissioners, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

A County YouTube page in the event Facebook goes down again considered.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Kathleen Thompson made a motion on behalf of Council to approve August 9, 2021 Joint Session minutes as presented, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously. Maurice Loehmer motioned same on behalf of Commissioners, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The Cumulative Jail fund has a \$145,000.00 CD up for renewal, but fund has other money that can be added. Brian Young made a motion on behalf of Council to support renewal of the CD at \$200,000.00 for 6 months, Kathleen Thompson seconded and motion passed unanimously. Maurice Loehmer made a motion on behalf of the Board of Finance to invest 200,000.00 in a CD from the Cumulative Jail Fund money, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Charles Mellon made a motion on behalf of Commissioners to approve and sign Solid Waste Processing Facility Permit Renewal application as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Discussion followed on possible lease of Recycling/Transfer Station. Commissioners have given Ron permission to show the Recycling/Transfer Station to interested parties.

Ordinance giving the EMA director a lifetime appointment discussed.

American Rescue Plan funds discussed, as there are several options available for use of the monies. Brian Young made a motion to have a special meeting to discuss these funds but the motion died for a lack of a second.

Kevin Tankersley gave update on the Opioid Class Action suit that Pulaski County is a part of and updated everyone on the Cybersecurity claim the County was involved in for \$22,000.00.

With no other business to discuss, Kathleen Thompson motioned on behalf of the Council to adjourn at 7:36PM, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer motioned to adjourn for the Commissioners at 7:36PM, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

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LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN