

**DECEMBER 13, 2021**

**JOINT SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in joint session Monday December 13, 2021 6pm at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Mike McClure and Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Adam Loehmer, Ron DeSabatine, Kathi Thompson, Mike Tiede, Brian Young, and Tim Overmyer along with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Mark Kolish, Mark Cervenka, Jennifer Knebel, Dan Knebel, Cherie Young, Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, Bob Burger, John Simmermaker, Terry Young, Tim Wuethrich, Sally Wuethrich, Scott Fritz, Connie Ehrlich, Don Housinger, Chris Brucker, P J Brucker, Wyatt Wolf, Shelby Lopez, Deb Rogers, Megan Galbreath, Scott Leman, Richard Knebel, Doug Podell, Cheryl Podell, Jolie Simmermaker, John Stukofski, Mary Stukofski, Tom Halleck Jr, Joy Cosgray, Steve Cosgray, Randy Davis, Teresa Bryant, Kyle Cotner, Martin Neiheiser, Pamela Rausch, Norm Welker, Ken Becker, Chris ?, Dale Chu, Nick ?, Suzanne Morrow, Bruce McDonald, Walter Bogat, Antonia Bogat, Carola Forsythe, Steve Eberly, Dennis Collins, Edgardo Baptista, Jason Kuchmay, Anita Goodan, Nathan Origer, Chris Schramm, and Jeff Richwine,.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: TREASURER**

The Cumulative Capital Development Fund #1138 and the LIT-Economic Development Fund #1112 both have Cash Deposits (CD's) up for renewal. The Cum Cap fund is \$500,000.00 and the other is \$580,000.00, both are for 6 months. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to renew both for the same term and amount, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously by the Commissioners who also serve as the Board of Finance. Council agreed with the motion.

**IN RE: CDC**

Strategic Plan: All board members have the final version of the adopted CDC Strategic Plan, which will be implemented in 2022. There was no discussion on the plan.

IMT Updates: COVID cases continue to climb, putting a strain on area hospitals which are postponing elective surgeries. Pulaski County is now red in both advisory maps and 2-week metrics maps.

Justice Center Update: After next week's claim, there will be \$3,542,798.05 left in the project fund and \$167,688.15 remains in the contingency line item (about \$45,000.00 spent). Most exterior walls framed in. More steering committee meetings requested for both projects.

Courthouse Update: The Construction Manager as constructor (CMc) contract with Tonn & Blank to move forward with the courthouse project signed last week pending Council's commitment to fund it. Estimated cost (as of February 2021) to rehabilitate Courthouse is around \$6,100,000.00. Ultimately, the funding will be a choice between a debt-service property tax rate (as with the Justice Center), a special income tax rate, or a mix of the two. Kathleen Thompson motioned to approve a commitment to fund the Courthouse renovation project with funding to be determined, Brian Young seconded. Some discussion followed on the solar project, but Council agrees that project funding needs to be made without counting on solar money. Kathleen Thompson, Brian Young, Adam Loehmer, Ronald DeSabatine and Kenneth Boswell voted in favor, Tim Overmyer and Michael T. Tiede opposed.

Mammoth Solar & Moss Creek Solar: Moss Creek Solar Economic Development postponed until January meeting to complete negotiations. Brian Young motioned to table the Mammoth Solar resolution to give the board and public time to review. Motion later withdrawn.

Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) discussed further. The State gives local government a significant amount of discretion in determining if an area qualifies for an ERA. The following needs considered in determining whether the area meets a reasonable standard for ERA designation 1) increased capacity for development 2) increased land base value assessed from agricultural to commercial (\$1290.00 per acre to \$12,880.00 per acre). 3) Increased landowner taxable income 4) a potential decrease on the federally incented production of biofuels.

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A negative affect would be the potential loss of jobs affecting local income tax.

Mammoth Solar wants a 20-year 100% property tax abatement with an economic development payment of \$34,628,894.00 over that same 20-year period. The increase in assessed value can/will reduce tax rates for the county and some districts. Paul Scheuren of Impact Data Source also spoke on the economic impact of the project.

A shared risk agreement, road use agreement containing a set amount to be paid for ditches/crossroads used, and a decommission agreement discussed.

Maurice Loehmer recused himself from any discussion and vote on the Mammoth Solar project.

Resolution 2021-14 submitted for approval and reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA APPROVING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH STARKE SOLAR, LLC AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Pulaski County, Indiana (the "Board") desires to benefit the health and general welfare of the citizens of Pulaski County, Indiana (the "County") and create opportunities for gainful employment and business opportunities within the County; and

WHEREAS, Starke Solar, LLC (the "Company") is contemplating the development of a solar energy generation facility, which will consist of approximately 900 hundred megawatts of nameplate capacity (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested assistance with the completion of certain road improvements, assistance with land use and other permits, the approval of tax abatement, and other assistance from the County with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, to induce the Company to complete the Project, the Board desires to approve the execution of an Agreement for Economic Development, between the County and the Company, a form of which has been presented to the Board on the date hereof (the "Economic Development Agreement") pursuant to which certain incentives will be provided to Company in exchange for its commitment to complete the Project, to make certain economic development payments, and to take certain other actions with respect to the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana, that:

1. The Board hereby finds that the execution and delivery of the Economic Development Agreement are in the best interest of the County and its citizens. The Board is authorized to execute the Economic Development Agreement, in the name and on behalf of the County, and the Auditor of the County is hereby authorized to attest the execution of such agreement, with such changes and modifications as such persons deem necessary or appropriate to effectuate this Resolution, said persons' execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of the approval of such changes.
2. The members of the County Council, the Board, the Auditor of the County, the legal Counsel of the County, and other appropriate officers of the County are hereby authorized to take all such actions and execute all such instruments as are necessary or desirable to effectuate this Resolution.
3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

Charles Mellon made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Charles Mellon made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to approve and sign the October 11, 2021 Joint Session minutes as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Kathleen Thompson made the same motion on behalf of the Council, Adam Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The following 2022 Joint Session meeting schedule presented for review and approval:

<b>Monday, February 14</b>	<b>Monday, June 13</b>	<b>Monday, October 10</b>
<b>Monday, April 11</b>	<b>Monday, August 8</b>	<b>Monday, December 12</b>
		<b>Monday, February 13, 2023</b>

Charles Mellon made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to approve and sign the 2022 Joint Session meeting schedule as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Kathleen Thompson made the same motion for Council, Adam Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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The following 2022 Council meeting schedule presented for review and approval:

<b>Monday, January 10</b>	<b>Monday, May 9</b>	<b>Monday, September 12</b>
<b>Monday, February 14</b>	<b>Monday, June 13</b>	<b>Monday, October 10</b>
<b>Monday, March 14</b>	<b>Monday, July 11</b>	<b>Monday, November 14</b>
<b>Monday, April 11</b>	<b>Monday, August 8</b>	<b>Monday, December 12</b>
		<b>Monday, January 9, 2023</b>

Kathleen Thompson made a motion for Council to approve and sign the 2022 Council meeting schedule as presented, Adam Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The following 2022 Commissioners’ meeting schedule presented for review and approval:

<b>Monday, January 3</b>	<b>Monday, May 2</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 6</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 18</b>	<b>Monday, May 16</b>	<b>Monday, September 19</b>
<b>Monday, February 7</b>	<b>Monday, June 6</b>	<b>Monday, October 3</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 22</b>	<b>Monday, June 20</b>	<b>Monday, October 17</b>
<b>Monday, March 7</b>	<b>Tuesday, July 5</b>	<b>Monday, November 7</b>
<b>Monday, March 21</b>	<b>Monday, July 18</b>	<b>Monday, November 21</b>
<b>Monday, April 4</b>	<b>Monday, August 1</b>	<b>Monday, December 5</b>
<b>Monday, April 18</b>	<b>Monday, August 15</b>	<b>Monday, December 19</b>
		<b>Tuesday, January 3, 2023</b>

Charles Mellon motioned to approve and sign the 2022 Commissioners’ meeting schedule as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The following 2022 Holiday, Payroll, and Claims schedules presented for review and approval:

**2022 PULASKI COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

<b>Martin Luther King Jr Birthday</b>	<b>Monday, January 17</b>
<b>Presidents' Day</b>	<b>Monday, February 21</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Friday, April 15</b>
<b>Election Day</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 3</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Monday, May 30</b>
<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>Monday, July 4</b>
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Monday, September 5</b>
<b>Election Day</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 8</b>
<b>Veterans' day</b>	<b>Friday, November 11</b>
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25</b>
<b>In Lieu Christmas Day</b>	<b>Monday, December 26</b>
<b>In Lieu of Columbus Day</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 27</b>
<b>In Lieu of New Year’s Day</b>	<b>Monday, January 2, 2023</b>

2022 Pay Schedule

Pay No.	By Noon to Auditor	Pay Period Covered	Commissioners meet to approve	Date Employee Paid
1	12/29/2021	HRLY: 12/12/2021 THRU 12/25/2021	1/18/2022	1/7/2022
2	1/12/2022	HRLY: 12/26/2021 THRU 1/8/2022	2/7/2022	1/21/2022
3	1/26/2022	HRLY: 1/9/2022 THRU 1/22/2022	2/7/2022	2/4/2022
4	2/9/2022	HRLY: 1/23/2022 THRU 2/5/2022	2/22/2022	2/18/2022
5	2/23/2022	HRLY: 2/6/2022 THRU 2/19/2022	3/7/2022	3/4/2022
6	3/9/2022	HRLY: 2/20/2022 THRU 3/5/2022	3/21/2022	3/18/2022
7	3/23/2022	HRLY: 3/6/2022 THRU 3/19/2022	4/4/2022	4/1/2022
8	4/6/2022	HRLY: 3/20/2022 THRU 4/2/2022	4/18/2022	4/15/2022
9	4/20/2022	HRLY: 4/3/2022 THRU 4/16/2022	5/2/2022	4/29/2022
10	5/4/2022	HRLY: 4/17/2022 THRU 4/30/2022	5/16/2022	5/13/2022
11	5/18/2022	HRLY: 5/1/2022 THRU 5/14/2022	6/6/2022	5/27/2022
12	6/1/2022	HRLY: 5/15/2022 THRU 5/28/2022	6/20/2022	6/10/2022
13	6/15/2022	HRLY: 5/29/2022 THRU 6/11/2022	7/5/2022	6/24/2022
14	6/29/2022	HRLY: 6/12/2022 THRU 6/25/2022	7/18/2022	7/8/2022
15	7/13/2022	HRLY: 6/26/2022 THRU 7/9/2022	8/1/2022	7/22/2022
16	7/27/2022	HRLY: 7/10/2022 THRU 7/23/2022	8/16/2022	8/5/2022
17	8/10/2022	HRLY: 7/24/2022 THRU 8/6/2022	9/6/2022	8/19/2022
18	8/24/2022	HRLY: 8/7/2022 THRU 8/20/2022	9/6/2022	9/2/2022
19	9/7/2022	HRLY: 8/21/2022 THRU 9/3/2022	9/19/2022	9/16/2022
20	9/21/2022	HRLY: 9/4/2022 THRU 9/17/2022	10/3/2022	9/30/2022
21	10/5/2022	HRLY: 9/18/2022 THRU 10/1/2022	10/17/2022	10/14/2022
22	10/19/2022	HRLY: 10/2/2022 THRU 10/15/2022	11/7/2022	10/28/2022
23	11/2/2022	HRLY: 10/16/2022 THRU 10/29/2022	11/21/2021	11/11/2022
24	11/16/2022	HRLY: 10/30/2022 THRU 11/12/2022	12/5/2022	11/25/2022
25	11/30/2022	HRLY: 11/13/2022 THRU 11/26/2022	12/19/2022	12/9/2022
26	12/14/2022	HRLY: 11/27/2022 THRU 12/10/2022	1/3/2023	12/23/2022

2022 CLAIMS DUE SCHEDULE

CLAIMS DUE TO AUDITOR	CLAIMS DATE PAID
Monday, December 27, 2021	Monday, January 3, 2022
Monday, January 10	Tuesday, January 18
Monday, January 31	Monday, February 7
<b>Friday, February 11</b>	Tuesday, February 22
Monday, February 28	Monday, March 7
Monday, March 14	Monday, March 21
Monday, March 28	Monday, April 4
Monday, April 11	Monday, April 18
Monday, April 25	Monday, May 2
Monday, May 9	Monday, May 16
<b>Friday, May 27</b>	Monday, June 6
Monday, June 13	Monday, June 20
Monday, June 27	Tuesday, July 5
Monday, July 11	Monday, July 18
Monday, July 25	Monday, August 16
Monday, August 8	Monday, August 15
<b>Friday, August 26</b>	Tuesday, September 6
Monday, September 12	Monday, September 19
Monday, September 26	Monday, October 3
Monday, October 10	Monday, October 17
Monday, October 31	Monday, November 7
Monday, November 14	Monday, November 21
Monday, November 28	Monday, December 5
<b>Monday, December 12 (last pay for 2022)</b>	Monday, December 19
<b>Wednesday, December 21</b>	Monday, January 3, 2023

Maurice Loehmer a motion to approve and sign the 2022 Holiday, Payroll, and Claims Schedules as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Charles Mellon motioned to table Agenda Items #3 Policy handbook amendment, and #4 Courthouse, ARPA Funds, County Properties, and Insurance discussion until next meeting, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.

PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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KEN BOSWELL

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CHARLES MELLON

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ADAM LOEHMER

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MAURICE LOEHMER

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RON DESABATINE

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MIKE MCCLURE

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MIKE TIEDE

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KATHI THOMPSON

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BRIAN YOUNG

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TIM OVERMYER

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