

JANUARY 3, 2022

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday January 3, 2022 6PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Mike McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Nathan Origer, Sheri Gaillard, Gary Kruger, Dave Olds, Connie Ehrlich and Chris Schramm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike McClure motioned to retain Charles Mellon and Maurice Loehmer as President and Vice-President respectfully, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Mike McClure made a motion to approve the department head appointments as follows, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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| COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR | GARY KRUGER |
| COUNTY HIGHWAY GENERAL MANAGER | DAVID OLDS |
| COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER | OPEN POSITION |
| MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR | LARRY WEAVER |
| CUSTODIAN | TAMMY PACK |
| RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION MANAGER | JOHN KEGARISE |
| BUILDING INSPECTOR | KARLA REDWEIK |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR | SHERRI GAILLARD |
| EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR | BRANDON DELORENZO |

IN RE: CDC

Currently, Maurice Loehmer serves on the CDC board, finishing out Ken Becker’s term until the end of February 2022 and he has agreed to serve a full 3-year term, beginning March 1, 2022. Charles Mellon motioned to approve the appointment of Maurice Loehmer to the CDC board, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

First floor fireproofing on the Justice Center renovation almost complete; water line and structural steel installation over booking being worked on currently.

Change order request #16 for \$1,010.08 to correct design discrepancy where slab was not extended far enough northward to support one set of courtroom windows and for an increase in the thickness of a particular wall from 3-5/8” to 6” to allow for plumbing installation where the line is a 3” waste line presented for approval. Rowland/Luminaur has not yet signed off on this, but the Board can authorize President Mellon to sign it once Rowland has reviewed it. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve Change order request #16, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

State application for fire suppression system for justice center addition presented for approval. Mike McClure made a motion authorizing Charles Mellon to sign the application, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The total remaining balance of the Justice Center renovation is \$3,542,798.05 and the program contingency balance is \$160,845.27.

IMT UPDATES:

Cumulative COVID-19 CASES IN Pulaski County are 2,415, up 174 since his December 20 report. There are approximately 5,390 fully vaccinated residents with 244 breakthrough cases among those persons. Pulaski County had ten COVID-related deaths in December, seven were unvaccinated while the other three were vaccinated but had not received the booster. Pulaski County has returned to orange on both the advisory-level and weekly two-metric score maps.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

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

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| Treasurer | Teresa Bryant |
| Recycling/Transfer Station | John Kegarise |
| Recorder | Susan Fox |
| Assessor | Holly VanDerAa |
| Sheriff Department | Honesty Blank Bond |
| County | Faithful Performance Blanket Position rider (added 2 Probation positions) |
| Surveyor | Jennifer Keller |

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Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #26 as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign minutes from December 20, 2021 executive session, December 30, 2021 regular session meeting and December 27, 2021 Special session meetings, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure motioned to appoint Charles Mellon and Nathan Origer to the Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission board, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Mike McClure motioned, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2022-01, vacating a public roadway in Lawton. The public hearing was held October 18, 2021 and the Ordinance reads as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PUBLIC ROADWAY
AND EXTINGUISHING PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA'S CLAIM TO AN
UNIMPROVED PUBLIC UNUSED ROADWAY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01

WHEREAS, THE Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana (the "Commissioners") had previously met on or about October 18, 2021, in order to consider a petition to vacate a public roadway and to extinguish claims to an unimproved publicly unused roadway; and

WHEREAS, the unused public roadway is sixteen feet (16') in uniform width, consisting of three (3) tracts, Tract 1 being 280 feet in length and running north/south, Tract 2 being 132 feet in length and running east/west, Tract 3 being 132 feet in length and running east/west, located between Meridian Street to the west, Main Street to the east, Summit Street to the north and College Avenue to the south, and bordering Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15: and

WHEREAS, said roadway should be vacated and given to the Petitioner, who is the sole, legal owner of all eight (8) lots bordering said roadway; and

WHEREAS, this roadway is neither needed or necessary to the public at large nor to Pulaski County, Indiana; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

SECTION 1. The platted and unimproved publicly unused roadway sixteen feet (16') in uniform width consisting of three (3) tracts, Tract 1 being 280 feet in length, Tract 2 being 132 feet in length, Tract 3 being 132 feet in length, is hereby vacated, and Pulaski County, Indiana's claim to the platted and unimproved publicly unused roadway is extinguished, and the strip of and, as more fully set forth in the recitals, given to the Petitioner who is the sole, legal landowner of all eight (8) lots.

SECTION 2. The Petitioner shall publish notice on behalf of the Commissioners of Pulaski County of this Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks and at least ten (10) days after such publication has been given and all interested and affected persons have received proper notice, as provided in Ind. Code 32-24-2-7, a public meeting shall be held to consider any remonstrance for persons interested in or affected by the proceeding. After such remonstrance have been taken into consideration, final action shall be needed to confirm, modify, or rescind this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage, after the procedure in Section 2, of this Ordinance has been followed, and a copy shall be recorded in the Pulaski County Recorder's Office and a copy delivered to the Pulaski County Auditor's Office.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 3RD DAY OF JANUARY 2022.

Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve the corrected 2022 Holiday and 2022 Commissioners meeting schedule, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer motioned to adjourn at 6:16pm, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 18TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022 by the Pulaski County Commissioners.

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

ATTEST:

LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN