

**MARCH 7, 2022**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00pm on Monday March 7, 2022 at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, and Mike McClure with First Deputy Auditor Mary Mays and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Debbie Mix, Sara Kroft, Nathan Origer, Judge Mary Welker, Chris Brucker, Connie Ehrlich, Stacy Nichols, Megan Galbreath, Jeff Richwine, and Chris Schramm.

President Charles Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Director Sara Kroft explained a new wellness program offered through the Indiana Supreme Court and requested permission to apply for the Wellness Grant. This program will be able to remove all children from the waitlist by assigning cases with a need level as "Low" or "Medium" as assessed in the Optima Wellbeing Tool. Mike McClure made a motion to approve the grant application as requested, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Permission to place pinwheels on the courthouse lawn in April for Child Abuse Awareness Month requested. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to grant permission as requested, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: CDC**

A mechanical ductwork changed order discussed two weeks ago brought before the commissioners again. The architect was asked to share in the cost due to the issue being their error. Although, the architect agreed that it was their error, they claimed that the correction was due to necessary things that the County would be paying for whether they were in the original budget or not. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve change order COR 19 as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Fireproofing, first floor drywall, second floor in wall MEP, second floor lobby demolition, plumbing tie-ins in booking, interior masonry work, painting in booking, second floor inspection, and second floor doorframes completed. Exterior masonry, roofing, second floor drywall installation, demolition of original main entry, first floor drywall, and furniture/appliance purchases in progress.

The courthouse project expected to begin mid November 2022.

Pulaski County is yellow on both weekly two-metric-score map and advisory-level map. Total COVID cases around 3050. The Pulaski County Health Department has two clinic sessions in March, offering both pediatric and adult Pfizer doses: March 9 and March 23 1pm -5pm. Pulaski Memorial Hospital has relaxed its inpatient visitor restrictions with the front door unlocked over weekends. Isolation rules and precautions are still in place. Despite CDC's recent masking updates, the hospital still requires masks in all of its facilities.

Pulaski County officially designated as a Broadband-Ready Community. A celebration expected to take place in late May. Right-of-way and utility permits to be established.

Kelsie Zellers of Alliance Bank, who has served on the CDC executive board for a few years, has agreed to continue serving on the CDC.

**IN RE: PURDUE EXTENSION**

Debbie Mix, Community Wellness Coordinator with Purdue Extension, is concerned about traffic by the baseball field. Crosswalks and other options discussed. Charles Mellon and Gary Kruger will attend the next meeting.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #5 as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign February 7, 2022, February 22, 2022 regular meeting minutes, and February 25, 2022 executive session memorandum, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The following conference requests presented for approval:

**HIGHWAY:** Gary Kruger, Dave Olds, Joaunpaey Davis, Purdue Road School, March 15-16, West Lafayette, IN  
**RECORDER:** Sue Fox, State Mandated Recorders' Conference, April 19-21, Indianapolis

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve conference requests, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Land parcels defaulted on for property taxes by various railroads do not have legal descriptions. A survey for a legal description is at the expense of the County. Thus, it is recommended to refund Mr. Ledden, a buyer, of such a parcel, \$732.26. Motion to do so made by Maurice Loehmer, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. A Railroad Property Disclaimer presented for future use.

SRI Tax Sale Services Agreement presented for approval. Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion approved unanimously.

Ambulance Grant application determined to provide only 35% of the cost of a new ambulance. Further discussion tabled for Joint Session April 11, 2022.

Connie Ehrlich commented on changes the Commissioners have approved to the UDO asking why they were necessary when the current UDO is not burdensome, otherwise the solar companies would not be here. She said the BZA is not following UDO as it is right now.

Four applicants interviewed for the Veteran's Officer position. No one selected at this time.

With no other business to discuss, Charles Mellon made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2022 by the **Pulaski County Commissioners.**

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CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

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