

**JULY 5, 2022**

**REGULAR SESSION**

## **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday July 5, 2022 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, and Michael McClure with Vickie Manikowski from Auditor's Office. County Attorney Kevin Tankersley absent.

Also present were Chris Schramm, Brandon DeLorenzo, John Kegarise, Jeff Richwine, Brandon DeLorenzo, Taylor Bailey, Aaron Paulsen, and Megan Galbreath.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **IN RE: EMS**

Ambulance fee recommendations from Ambulance Billing Services, Inc. presented for review. Commercial insurance carriers have reimbursement rates greater than EMS is currently charging. There is no effect on Medicare/Medicaid recipients, but individuals with no insurance or supplement payment source will receive larger bills. Less than 30% of patients would be impacted by an increase. Mike McClure made a motion to approve the rate increase as presented effective August 1, 2022, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The 2012 ambulance needs rear differential rebuilt estimated at \$3,561.00. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve repairs as requested, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Crossroads Ambulance Sales & Service, LLC estimated \$263,799.00 for a new 2023 Ford E-450. The approved USDA grant will cover 35%, leaving \$171,469.35 for the County to pay. Michael McClure made motion to approve the purchase, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Estimated time frame is 2 years. Should the extras (cot, chair, vents, IV pumps) be purchased now or wait as funds will not be released until ambulance is delivered? Commissioners want to wait for exact costs before purchasing.

### **IN RE: CDC**

Justice Center officially handed over to County June 24 with some odds and ends still in process such as IT installation. Circuit Court and CASA will move in July 19<sup>th</sup> and Prosecutor will move late August after new furniture received. New security in Justice Center is ready to go with two new employees, scanners, new furniture, and lockers.

Court House renovation project ready for Luminaut/Rowland drawings next step. Two points of entrance: main entrance on main level north steps and lower-level north entrance with ADA accessibility.

Arsee Engineers performing analysis on County Highway Garage roof to determine structural integrity of the beams, adding no more than \$5000.00 to the cost.

### **IN RE: RECYCLING/TRANSFER**

Rate increase recommended at the Transfer Station due to increased fuel costs and landfill disposal fees. Current charge of .06 cents per pound raised one cent to .07 cents per pound and all construction at .08 cents per pound using the extra cent to offset the cost related to preparing hard to handle items for transport and backhoe operation. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve recommended increases as of August 1, 2022, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Cardboard pickup and fees discussed. The largest customer for cardboard pickup is purchasing their own baler and will dispose of cardboard themselves, which may allow County to go down to only one truck for pickup.

### **IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #13 as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve two CD renewals, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign June 20, 2022 regular session minutes as presented, Charles Mellon seconded. Vote was 2-0 with Michael McClure abstaining as he was absent from that meeting.

Ordinance 2022-04 directing the placement of parking signs presented for review and approval and reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE 2022-04  
ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE PLACEMENT OF PARKING SIGNS**

Whereas, The Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County has the power to enact ordinances over the use of county property pursuant to Ind. Code 36-1-3-3 and Ind. Code 36-2-3.5-4; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners desires to establish the parking lot owned by the County at Market Street and Jefferson Street to be used by patrons for the purposes of "County Business Only" between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. County employees shall use the parking lot during their scheduled working hours.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County that after the erection of appropriate "County Business Parking Only between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m." signs any patrons parking in the lot not for the reason stated above will be in violation of this ordinance.

VIOLATION: Any person who violates any portion of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Class "C" infraction pursuant to IC % 9-21-16-9.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passing by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners and publication for two consecutive weeks pursuant to IC % 36-2-4-8(b). The County Highway Department is hereby directed to erect appropriate signage on the parking lot.

Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve and sign Ordinance 2022-04 as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Michael McClure made a motion to appoint Sandy Lucas to the Pulaski County Public Library Board, replacing Britni Bailey, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

A letter stating County's wish to participate in the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant in order to update the county Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, as required every 5 years, presented for review and approval. There is a 25% local match requirement. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign the letter as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce requested permission to have a bouncy house on Courthouse lawn on July 16<sup>th</sup> 9—noon. Request tabled pending advice from Since County Attorney.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to adjourn at 6:30PM, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

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CHARLES MELLON

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MAURICE LOEHMER

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MICHAEL MCCLURE

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