

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

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 February 14, 2022 at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon and Maurice Loehmer; Councilmembers present were Ken Boswell, Adam Loehmer, Ron DeSabatine, Mike Tiede, Kathi Thompson, Brian Young, Tim Overmyer along with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Commissioner Mike McClure was absent.

Also present were Judge Mary Welker, Jeff Richwine, Amy Beechy, Brandon DeLorenzo, John Behny, Connie Ehrlich, Chris Brucker, JoLynn Behny, Jessye Gilley, Kimberly Burke, Wendy Rose, Judge Crystal Kocher, Nathan Origer, Jon Frain and Chris Schramm.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: CORONER

The Coroner's 2021 Annual Report presented as follows:

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Case Load

34% of all deaths in the county were reviewed/investigated by Coroner's Office

- 45 deaths reviewed and 38 investigations conducted
- 32 cases investigated and completed by Jon Frain
- 6 cases investigated and completed by John Behny
- 7 cases referred to a medical practitioner

Breakdown of Deaths

- 24 natural causes
- 10 accidents (2 fall deaths, 3 overdoses, 5 car accidents)
- 3 suicides (2 gunshots to the head, 1 hanging)
- 1 Homicide

Autopsies

- 13 autopsies conducted at PCCO
- 3 autopsies billed to PCCO for deaths that occurred out of County but we are legally required to pay for

Miscellaneous

- 10 COVID-19 assists with Infection Control Measures
- 6 Medical Practitioners trained for DRIVE
- Participated in the local Child Fatality Review
- Participated in the statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review
- 100% of all cases were referred to the Indiana Donor Network

Either the Coroner or the Prosecutor determines the need for an autopsy.

IN RE: EMS

Amendment #7 to the Matrix that allows rehires to maintain their seniority if they meet certain requirements discussed. Paid Time Off (PTO) was not addressed at that time. Kathleen Thompson made a motion for Council that rehired employees that qualify under amendment #7 in the Matrix guidelines will also maintain their PTO, Michael T. Tiede seconded and Council approved unanimously. Charles Mellon made the same motion on behalf of the Commissioners, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. This will not affect the 90-day waiting period for insurance benefits. There is a high statewide demand for paramedics and the largest training program for paramedics in Indiana has shut down.

IN RE: CDC

Driven by planning and implementation grants from the Lilly Endowment's GIFT VII program, the Community Foundation has become a key partner in community leadership and development through its Forward Thinking Leadership program and Aspirations-in-Action. Wendy Rose, Foundation Director, updated the action plan focus on broadband, housing, downtown development and recreation/tourism.

As of February 11, 2022, the cumulative case count in Pulaski County is 3011. There has been a marked decrease in new cases since his last report. All 92 counties are red on the State's advisory-level map. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has reimbursed the County \$6,703.31 for COVID-19 related expenses.

The Justice Center project balance is \$2,929,056.35 and the program contingency balance is \$133,143.07.

Drywall in Prosecutor's Office half installed while new courtroom and ½ of Circuit Court's office suite framed.

Budget and furniture, fixtures and equipment options need review.

Disposal of old technical equipment discussed. DeGroot Technologies contacted to review this equipment. Brian Young suggested a go-forward plan for disposal of IT equipment.

Steering committee met to discuss budget development, ADA compliance, entrance security, fire-code compliance, historic preservation, office relocation, general election needs, and parking demands for the Courthouse project.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice made a motion for Commissioners to approve and sign the December 13, 2021 Joint Session minutes as presented, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously.

As several Council members had not read the minutes, Kathi made a motion for Council to table, Ron seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Charles Mellon made a motion to approve and sign the Commissioners' Deed Sale Addendum with SRI, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

A resolution to use the Courthouse Microfilm Room for early voting and a contract with DeGroot Technologies to provide IT services for the primary and general elections presented for approval. The County will pay DeGroot Technology \$3,000.00 per election plus mileage for being on site. The Election Board decided not to have MicroVote do on-site training for poll workers as they are confident they can conduct the training themselves.

House bill 1116 mandating the use of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs) discussed. Early In-Person Voting Times and Locations for the May 3, 2022 primary election:

Courthouse Microfilm Room	April 5 - April 28 weekdays	8am to 4pm
Saturdays	April 23, 30 and May 2	8am to Noon
Francesville Fire Station	April 23 and 30	8am to Noon

No voting on Good Friday April 15, 2022.

The polling locations are Francesville Fire Station, Medaryville Christian Church Annex, Star City Community Center, Pulaski County Highway Garage, and Monterey Town hall.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign the early voting location resolution as presented, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried unanimously. Charles Mellon made a motion to approve and sign the contract with DeGroot Technology, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING EXTENDED COUNTY CLERK OPERATIONS (No. 2022-07)

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Vote Center Plan was adopted on August 17, 2015;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County unanimously approves the designation of Pulaski County as a vote center county and,

WHEREAS, the county properly drafts a vote center plan for Pulaski County, and the plan is properly filed with the Indiana Election Division,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 3-11-10-26.3 requires that one satellite be in an area of the Clerk's office, and

WHEREAS, the currently designated satellite location, the Pulaski County Justice Center, is undergoing a construction project,

BE IT SO RESOLVED AND CERTIFIED BY THE PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE PULASKI ELECTION BOARD designating that the Microfilm Room in the Pulaski County Courthouse constitutes an ANNEX OF THE PULASKI COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE During any early or in-person absentee voting period as designated by the Secretary of State/Indiana Election Division.

Emergency closings and ARP monies discussed briefly.

There were four applicants for Veterans' Officer. Interviews planned for next week.

With no other business to discuss, Charles Mellon made a motion for Commissioners to adjourn at 7:35pm, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Kathleen Thompson motioned for Council to adjourn at 7:35pm, Brian Young seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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MAURICE LOEHMER

RON DESABATINE

MIKE MCCLURE

MIKE TIEDE

KATHI THOMPSON

BRIAN YOUNG

TIM OVERMYER

ATTEST: _____
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN