

JUNE 13, 2022

JOINT SESSION

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in joint session Monday June 13, 2022 6pm at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure and Councilmembers present were Kenneth Boswell, Kathleen Thompson, Brian Young, Tim Overmyer, and Mike Tiede with County Auditor Laura Wheeler. Councilmembers Ron DeSabatine and Adam Loehmer absent.

Also present were Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, Connie Ehrlich, Anita Goodan, Gary Kruger, Chris Brucker, Nathan Origer, James Ledden, and Jeff Richwine.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: TAX SALE REFUND

A request for refund on 2021 Tax Sale that was invalidated by Circuit Court presented. Mr. James Ledden paid \$1000.00 for a parcel that had tax arrears of \$732.36 and subsequently paid \$179.15 for future taxes. A refund claim was presented and paid for \$732.36. Another request is now being presented for the remaining balance \$446.79. Michael McClure made a motion to refund \$446.79 as requested, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

An amendment to the Personnel Policies Handbook to adjust the CDC director weekly hours from 35 to 40 during the courthouse construction project presented for review and discussion. Kathleen Thompson made a motion on behalf of Council to approve the requested Handbook change effective June 26, 2022, Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously. Maurice Loehmer made the same motion on behalf of the Commissioners, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Finalization of the Justice Center renovation discussed. Circuit Court and Prosecutor's Office will move in sometime in July. IT electrical supply issue is getting resolved. Tonn & Blank still has a healthy balance in their contingency, but estimating last-minute costs.

Two options for courthouse floor plans have been provided for review and discussion by the Steering committee. Once questions and concerns are addressed, Luminaut/Rowland and Tonn & Blank can formulate a reasonable budget estimate for bond issuance purposes. In the interim, the architect and individual committee members will meet to discuss specific concerns. Confidentiality statements considered for outside services.

Architects and Tonn & Blank have inspected the County Highway Garage roof and don't believe any structural repairs are needed. Tonn & Blank's roofing team will confirm with a more detailed inspection.

Broadband Ready requirements, Main Street Organization, and Hoosier Homes down payment assistance program discussed briefly.

Restructuring the Community Development Commission to the following groups discussed.

1) Redevelopment 2) Economic Development 3) Reactivated Industrial Park Board and 4) Tourism.

Kathleen Thompson made a motion on behalf of Council to approve moving forward, Mike Tiede seconded. There was concern expressed over the cost, which concluded with none the first year, but additional staffing needed in the future. Motion passed with Tim Overmyer opposed.

Maurice Loehmer motioned on behalf of the Commissioners to move forward with the restructuring, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to approve the April 11, 2022 Joint Session minutes as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried.

Brian Young motioned on behalf of Council to approve the April 11, 2022 Joint Session minutes as presented, Kathleen Thompson seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS (continued)

A new phone line for the Pre-Trial Release Officer requested as she is currently using her personal phone. The cost is \$45.00 per month. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve new phone line, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The 2022 Anthem Medical Renewal premiums presented for review. The Commissioners approved the renewal on May 15, 2022. Although there is about 7% rate increase, premium is down \$31,958.28 from 2021 renewal premium due to lower census.

Cardboard pickup by Recycling discussed. From May 2021 to May 2022, \$99,308.98 received from cardboard sales but expenses estimated at \$83,728.88 (4 employees/4 hours per day, \$68,080.00, fuel \$12,230.40, and repairs \$3,418.48). \$1,900.00 per week projected for pickup fees which equates to \$98,800.00 in annual revenue.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion for Commissioners to adjourn at 7:08pm, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kenneth Boswell adjourned the meeting for Council at 7:08pm.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 8TH DAY OF AUGUST BY THE PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

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CHARLES MELLON

KENNETH BOSWELL

MAURICE LOEHMER

ADAM LOEHMER **ABSENT**

MICHAEL MCCLURE

KATHI THOMPSON

BRIAN YOUNG

RONALD DESABATINE **ABSENT**

MIKE TIEDE

TIM OVERMYER

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