

OCTOBER 3, 2022

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday October 3, 2022 6:00pm at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Thaddeus Stone, Jenny Knebel, Kevin Mitchell, Dan Knebel, Jason Fegan, Ken Becker, Craig Standish, Jeff Phillips, Don Evans, Chris Brucker, Joe Moyer, Leeann Wright, Nathan Origer, Karla Redweik, Steve Early, Craig Allison, Gary Kruger, Dave Olds, Brandon Delorenzo, Larry and Gail Lambert, Anita Goodan, Daryn and Laura Wilder, Logan Bolton, Tucker Ellis, Jake Wetzil, Jeff Richwine, and Chris Schramm.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: EMS

New ambulance may be delivered as soon as January 8, 2023. EMS's Motorola radios are breaking down and parts are no longer available so request to purchase a Kenwood radio for \$4,733.40. Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve the purchase, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Paramedic training discussed briefly but tabled until the Joint session next week.

IN RE: MAMMOTH/MOSS CREEK AGREEMENTS

The Road Use Agreement for the Solar companies states 1) Developer will request which roads are planned to be used which will be approved or rejected by County and Commissioners or Highway Department. 2) Developer will pay for an independent engineer (chosen by County) to look at road and structures (bridges, culverts, drains, etc.). Most maintenance and repairs will be done by the Pulaski County Highway, which the developer will reimburse. Developer will repair any damages or pay for the repair of damages and all work will be bonded. Agreement also contains drainage in addition to road use. Charles Mellon made a motion to approve and sign the Road Use/Drainage Agreement, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried with Maurice Loehmer recusing himself from the vote.

The Decommissioning Agreement is not yet complete.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve as present claims and payroll #20, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the September 19, 2022 regular session minutes as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Solar companies discussed briefly. There have been no permits issued to either solar company at this time. Local union members explained issues with the Phase 1 Starke County Mammoth project: drug use, OSHA and other government violations, 70-80% of hires from out of state, no local hiring ordinance.

It was questioned whether Solar companies will contribute to Law enforcement to deal with some of these issues, but extra money has not been allocated to any department. Worker vaccination also question, but no answers were given.

Joe Moyer criticized Commissioners for their lack of transparency, claimed "secrecy does not belong in County government" and called for their immediate resignation.

The Uniform Development Ordinance questioned about Road Use/Drainage agreement separation but Kevin Tankersley responded that this was not necessary.

Removal of Board of Zoning Appeal's (BZA) members who approved Mammoth's permit questioned, but was told that the UDO has been revised, which changes the process for the future.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer motioned to adjourn at 6:40pm, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 17TH DAY OF October 2022 BY **THE COMMISSIONERS OF PULASKI COUNTY**

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

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