

AUGUST 8, 2022

JOINT SESSION

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in joint session Monday August 8, 2022 6:00pm at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure and Council members present were Kenneth Boswell, Mike Tiede, Kathi Thompson, Jerry Locke, Ron DeSabatine, Jerry Locke with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Adam Loehmer absent.

Also present were Nathan Origer, Gary Kruger, Jeff Richwine, Gail Lambert, Mitch Columbe, Megan Galbreath, Joe Moyer, Connie Ehrlich, and Chris Schramm.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: CDC

The Justice Center renovation project retains about \$515,000.00 contingency money after latest claim and the Justice Center Work release facility is about 70% complete with construction documents.

The Courthouse Project Initial design surveys is complete with updated information sent to Tonn & Blank. Courthouse documents are being scanned in preparation of temporary relocation.

All departments from the east annex are expected to move except Health, Extension and Adult Learning Center (not a County department). The courthouse project will be funded by a lease-rental bond, which will require establishing a building corporation. Kathleen Thompson motioned to include the west annex renovation in the bond as a bid alternative to the courthouse project. Jerry Locke seconded on behalf of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Charles Mellon made the same motion for Commissioners, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Last week Purdue's CyberTAP conducted cybersecurity assessment for the County.

Report is not complete but some key findings were provided.

1. Critical servers in need of upgrades/replacement.
2. Individual computers need more security.
3. Stronger cybersecurity-focused administrative controls (policies and procedures) needed.
4. Cybersecurity training for all roles needed.
5. One full-time IT staff member needed.

The County-farm property on the south side of CR60 south is ideal location for possible housing development. It is close to Winamac boundaries and existing water and sewer lines to be a good candidate for annexation and utility-service extension and is large enough to accommodate 200-300 homes. It is possible County may be asked to cover the upfront planning costs of \$50,000.00 or cost-share with Town of Winamac, but would be reimbursed if a developer were to proceed with a project.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion on behalf of Commissioners to meet with the Town Council, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried. Kathi Thompson made the same motion for Council, Mike Tiede seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Permission requested to place Notice to Bidder ads for Asphalt Paving project. Bids are due in by September 2 and opened Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at Commissioners meeting. Charles Mellon made a motion to approve the request, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Bridge inspection signee discussed again. Maurice Loehmer made a motion on behalf of Commissioners to have Charles Mellon the designated signee for bridge inspections, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion for Commissioners to approve and sign the June 13, 2022 Joint Session minutes as presented, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Kathi Thompson made the same motion for Council, Ron DeSabatine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-06, designating Meridian Street a one-way street presented for review and approval and reads as follows:

ORDINANCE 2022-06
ORDINANCE DESIGNATING MERIDIAN STREET AS A ONE-WAY STREET

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County and the Pulaski County Council have the power to regulate traffic on any highway in the county highway system under the authority of I.C.8-17-1-40, I.C.9-21 and pursuant to the Joint Ordinance enacted on August 8, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the parcel of land owned by the Board of Commissioners known as “Meridian Street” is currently being used and is designated as a “roadway”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to establish Meridian Street as a One-Way Street pursuant to Ind. Code 9-29-8-9; traffic only being allowed to travel from the east to the west.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County and by the Pulaski County Council that after the erection of appropriate “One-Way Street” signs, Meridian Street roadway shall only be used as a One-Way Street.

Violation: Any person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a Class “C” Infraction pursuant to IC % 9-21-16-9.

Effective: Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passing by the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners and the Pulaski County Council 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 for the one-way street.

Mike McClure made a motion to approve and sign “Ordinance 2022-06, Ordinance Designating Meridian Street as a One-way Street” as presented, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Kathi Thompson made the same motion for Council, Ron DeSabatine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

J&K HVAC invoice for \$10,475.00, which is 50% of the total cost and is for the West Annex discussed. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve payment of the invoice, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Formulation of an Information Technology (IT) department discussed. Maurice made a motion to reinstate IT with a full-time employee in 2023, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 pm, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Kenneth Boswell adjourned the meeting for Council.

Approved and signed this 10th day of October 2022 by the **Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council.**

Charles Mellon

Kenneth Boswell

Maurice Loehmer

ABSENT

Adam Loehmer

Mike McClure

Ronald DeSabatine

Michael T. Tiede

ATTEST: _____
Laura Wheeler, Auditor, Pulaski County, IN

Kathi Thompson

Tim Overmyer

Jerome ‘Jerry’ Locke