

OCTOBER 10, 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 October 10, 2022 at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure and Councilmembers present were Kenneth Boswell, Adam Loehmer, Kathleen Thompson, Mike Tiede, Jerry Locke, Tim Overmyer with Pulaski County Auditor Laura Wheeler. Councilmember Ronald DeSabatine absent.

Also present were Mary Welker, Joe Moyer, Wyatt Wolf, Jolynn Behny, Jennifer Knebel, Brandon Delorenzo, Mitch Columbe, Chris Brucker, Jason Stavedahl, Bo Disinger, Dave Olds, Travis Wolford, Wade Wake, Tina Dunn, Gail Lambert Connie Ehrlich, Chris Loehmer, Gary Kruger, Leeann Wright, Crystal Kocher, RB Walters, Nathan Origer, Megan Galbreath, Jeff Richwine, Chris Schramm, and Chris Loehmer.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: CDC

Justice Center waiting on furniture, doors, hardware and four final invoices. Plans for the Highway Garage Roof submitted to the State last week. Justice Center-Work Release Facility ready for submission to the State.

Court House Project drawings (schematic design) completed. Tonn & Blank construction only estimate is \$7.9 million with an entire project estimate at \$9.76 million. Additional costs may be needed for document digitization and physical storage. The three most substantial line items are masonry, windows and HVAC. Masonry work includes both repair of exterior stone, walls and the property's retaining wall. Windows could offer cost reduction by reducing operable windows to permanently closed windows. Lighting/ceiling materials and repair of bell and clock could also reduce cost. Using ARP funds for the HVAC system also considered.

Assessor, Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder are expected to relocate to the upper floor at the east annex building. Clerk's temporary location and document digitization/storage still being researched. No specific timeline for moving set. Construction is expected to take 9-12 months.

Wage Study compiled from 2021 wage comparisons of Pulaski County and 17 other Counties is underway using The Association of Indiana Counties' 2021 Annual County Factbook.

IN RE: DOCUMENT RETENTION

A laserfiche demonstration provided by R B Walters, of DeGroot Technology, and a Secure Imaging representative. Laserfiche allows retrieval and indexing options with availability for a cloud based program. Much discussion followed about budget, department requirements, an IT position and physical storage concerning document retention.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice made a motion for the Commissioners to approve and sign August 8, 2022 Joint Session minutes as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Kathleen Thompson made the same motion for Council, Jerry Locke seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Paramedic training as a retention program discussed at length. The 2023 budget includes \$5,000.00 for this training with an expected 2-year contract. The County Attorney needs to be involved in addressing this program.

Pulaski County EMA Director resigned last month leaving the position vacant and open for discussion. The EMA director serves on several committees, submits grants, one of which partially pays the salary, holds an annual disaster exercise, and completes required training. Discussion followed on making position part-time and/or partnering with a neighboring county.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Loehmer, local landowner, wanted to share positive experience with solar company. They are paying good wages and putting local people to work (about 26). He has been hauling stone and furnishing dumpsters.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to adjourn at 7:19pm, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Ken Boswell adjourn the meeting for Council.

Approved and signed this 12th day of December 2022 by the PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL

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LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN