

JANUARY 3, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday January 3, 2023 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 Nathan Origer, Samuel Nichols, Carrie Nichols, Wendy Rose, Connie Ehrlich, Gail Lambert, Kurt Dickey, Megan Galbreath, Chris Schramm, and Mary Welker.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael McClure motioned for the officers to remain the same for the year 2023, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. President – Chuck Mellon and Vice President – Maurice Loehmer.

IN RE: CDC

Contract expected to be reviewed by County Attorney before presenting to Commissioners and Tonn & Blank.

The Lowest bid for the work release project is from Gibson-Lewis at \$1,053,800.00 which is higher than expected. The County's options are to accept the lowest bid or reject all bids and decide whether to rebid. The county has paid about \$60,000.00 for the designs of this project so far. Cumulative Jail Fund and Rainy Day fund discussed briefly as funding sources for this project. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to reject all bids and postpone and further work for a later time, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. The designs belong to the County and can be used later.

A solution for the CASA HVAC issue provided to the sub-contractor but nothing has been acted on.

Space assignments and preliminary furniture planning will be submitted to the architects by Friday, January 6, 2023).

The preferred option for fire suppression is to install fire extinguishers and an alarm system (potentially one monitored 24/7) and forgo a sprinkler system. Courthouse generator discussed as to preference of natural gas or diesel.

Commissioners asked to allocate \$50,000.00 of the ARPA money to hire a qualified engineering firm to develop a Pulaski County Broadband Plan but no decision made.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve claims and payroll #26, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to appoint Charles Mellon and Nathan Origer to the KIRPC board, Michael McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The following bonds were presented for review and approval:

**TREASURER---Teresa Bryant
SHERIFF---Chris Schramm
CLERK---JoLynn Behny
RECORDER---Susan Fox
BUILDING---Karla Redweik
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BLANKET BOND**

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve bonds as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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Novotny Insurance quoted a \$500.00 annual premium to cover volunteers working for the county. A Volunteer Roster is required to show all volunteers and coverage is limited to \$25,000.00 medical. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to add coverage for volunteers under the Workers' Comp policy, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners declared a local disaster emergency on December 23, 2022 for which a declaration was presented for approval and signatures. Sheriff Chris Schramm explained Nixle that his department uses to send out emergency notification.

The 2023 premiums for package/Workmen's Comp renewal, effective 12/31/2022 through 12/31/2023 is \$284,100.00, which is about a 3% increase. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the renewal as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 6:33PM.

Approved and signed this 17th day of January 2022 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**.

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

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