

**DECEMBER 19, 2022**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday December 19, 2022 8:30AM 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 Jeremy Wegner, Jeff Richwine, Nathan Origer, Dave Olds, Terri Hansen, and Chris Schramm.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: AVIATION**

The aviation board recommended John Haley to replace Greg Hildebrandt on the Aviation Board. Maurice Loehmer made motion to approve the appointment as recommended, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

The Community Crossings Grant needs Commissioners' signature designee for the 2022 and 2023 grant agreements. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to designate Charles Mellon as the signor, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**IN RE: CDC**

Two quotations received for the County Highway garage roof: Creekside Coating and Roofing at \$204,000.00 and Tonn and Blank Construction at \$211,320.00. Bid/Quote documents were posted on County's website, Facebook and direct requests sent to four local contractors plus Tonn & Blank and Creekside. Only two firms responded but Creekside did not complete the itemized breakdown or submit the required certified check or bidder's bond, which Tonn & Blank did. Indiana law requires the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder but since Creekside did not meet the requirements, Tonn & Blank is the recommended contractor. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to award the Highway Garage roof contract to Tonn & Blank, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

The three bids received for the work release project are being reviewed. Bids are \$150-200,000.00 higher than expected. The County has until early February to award contract or decline bids. Charles Mellon made a motion to table this matter for further discussion, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion passed unanimously.

The last of the doors and hardware for the Justice Center being installed today but there is no firm answer on the ongoing CASA/HVAC-noise solution and no agreement yet on who is responsible for the fix.

Courthouse Renovation is working on space assignments and furniture needs. The Courtroom expected to be converted into a meeting room that will preserve a lot of historically significant pieces. Terri Hanson, Health Department, is waiting to hear back from State on bell tower clean up. A decision needed on the type of fire system – complete fire suppression system or a simple alarm system. Commissioners asked for a cost comparison.

The CDC's proposed reorganization discussed. Commissioners agreed to move forward with drafting a resolution to establish a Pulaski County Tourism Advisory Committee.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

With no one representing the Swinging Bridge project, Charles Mellon made a motion to table the Swinging Bridge Proclamation, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve claims and payroll #25 as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve 12/5/2022 regular session minutes as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the CSI agreement for the Recorder's Office as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the flexible cash rent agreement with Tim Alexander without change, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Two estimates for Fire Protection Services agreement for the Justice Center presented:

Koorsen Fire & Security	\$2,320.00
VFP Fire Systems	\$4,625.00

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve contract with Koorsen, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

A Permissive Use Agreement with REACT on building west of Recycling presented for approval. Agreement can be cancelled with a 60 day notice and does not need to be renewed on an annual basis with REACT being responsible for insuring the contents. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the Permissive Use Agreement with React as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to appoint Lynn Wilder to replace Dan Murphy on the Pulaski County Public Library board, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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

Auditor: Laura Wheeler, \$30,000.  
Soil & Water: Lois Mann, \$15,000.

Three applications received for the full-time EMA position but with only one interviewed. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to appoint Richel Fox to EMA Director starting January 1, 2023, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Dave Olds from the Pulaski County Highway department stated that there had been four bidders on the Community Crossings project with Town & Country the lowest and receiving the contract.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:10am, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023 by **THE PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

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CHARLES MELLON

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MAURICE LOEHMER

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MICHAEL MCCLURE

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LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN