

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday April 17, 2023 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 Rex Allman, Brandi Larkin, Kevin Larkin, Don Darda, Bradley Jordan, James Jordan, MacKenzie Ledley, Chris Dyer, Jeff Larrison, Connie Ehrlich, Gail Lambert, Albert Gudas, Gary Kruger, Nathan Origer, Megan Galbreath, and Chris Schramm.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting immediately recessed for a Public Hearing.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON CUMULATIVE FUNDS

The public meeting was to discuss and hear public comment on re-establishing a building and bridge cumulative fund.

With no public comment, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01 and Ordinance 2023-02, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Ordinances read as follows:

ORDINANCE 2023-01
TO ESTABLISH CUMULATIVE BUILDING FUND
UNDER INDIANA CODE 36-9-16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana that a need now exists for the establishment of a Cumulative BUILDING Fund for the following purposes:

For all uses as set out in IC 36-9-16

BE IT FURTHER RECOLVED that this Board will adhere to the provisions of Indiana Code 36-9-16. The proposed fund will not exceed \$.0215 on each \$100.00 of assessed values. Said tax rate will be levied beginning with taxes for 2023 payable 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proofs of publication of the public hearing held on the 17th day of April 2023, and a certified copy of this ordinance/resolution shall be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance of the State of Indiana as provided by law. This Cumulative Fund is subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government Finance. Duly adopted by the following vote of the members of said Board of Commissioners this 17th day of April 2023.

ORDINANCE 2023-02
TO ESTABLICH CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND
UNDER INDIANA CODE 8-16-3

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana that a need now exists for the establishment of a Cumulative BRIDGE Fund for the following purposes:

For all uses as set out in IC 8-16-3

BE IT FURTHER RECOLVED that this Board will adhere to the provisions of Indiana Code 8-16-3. The proposed fund will not exceed \$.0229 on each \$100.00 of assessed values. Said tax rate will be levied beginning with taxes for 2023 payable 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proofs of publication of the public hearing held on the 17th day of April 2023, and a certified copy of this ordinance/resolution shall be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance of the State of Indiana as provided by law. This Cumulative Fund is subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government Finance. Duly adopted by the following vote of the members of said Board of Commissioners this 17th day of April 2023.

Public hearing adjourned and Regular meeting reconvened.

IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Rex Allman presented information on how Indiana ranks nationally (2021 figures):

Table with 2 columns: BUSINESS and PUBLIC HEALTH. Rows include Affordability (6th), Opportunity (7th), Pre-K through 12th (9th), Growth of Economy (19th), Public Safety (25th), Smoking & Tobacco Use (45th), Obesity (46th), Mental Health (43rd), Childhood Immunizations (41st), and Public Health Funding (45th).

Decreases in Hoosier life expectancy are occurring in working age individuals (25 to 60) while ages 65+ are increasing. The difference between the county with highest life expectancy and the lowest is almost 9 years. Core services of the Health Department are: Vital records, Communicable Disease Control, Immunizations, Infectious Disease Surveillance and Prevention, Tuberculosis Control and Case Management, Tattoo/Body Piercing/Eyelash Safety and Sanitation, Access and Linkage to Clinical Care, Health-related Areas during Emergencies/Disaster, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention (Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, Trauma and Injury Prevention, Screenings and Referrals), Environmental Public Health, Maternal/Child and Family Health (Fatality Review, Maternal and Child Health, School Health Liaison, Lead Case and Risk Assessment). Some discussion followed

**IN RE: PULASKI COUNTY TRIBE**

Brandi Larkin of the Pulaski County Tribe presented information on a proposed amphitheater. Two sites suggested are on County property with one located behind the library and the other at Braun field, which is currently used by Aero-Modelers. It is hoped to have funding through partnerships and grants. Commissioners suggested talking with the Building Department.

**IN RE: HIGHWAY**

Chris Dyer and Jeff Larrison from United Consulting, who contracts with Pulaski County on bridge inspections, presented the 2022 Bridge inventory. FHWA and INDOT require bridge inspections on all bridges within the County on a maximum of a two-year inspection cycle. Pulaski County has 72 bridges with an average age of 47 years, and 50% of the bridges are greater than 50 years old.

Permission requested to replace and upgrade the highway's 2018 mini-excavator, which the commissioners agreed.

The Highway will soon be short five employees with two retiring and two leaving for better paying jobs.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign Claims and Payroll #8 as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign April 3, 2023 regular session minutes as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Employee Health screening discussed. Pulaski Memorial Hospital (PMH) offered the best deal and cost at \$10.00 for basic screening and \$30.00 for comprehensive screening. Family members can participate but at their own expense. Charles Mellon made a motion to approve health screening for employees through PMH using the comprehensive plan, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. Dates to be determined.

Tree replacement for the West side of the Justice Center discussed but the general consensus was not to have them replaced.

Copier lease renewal quote from Advanced Imaging presented but after some discussion it was decided to get other quotes. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to table the decision until there was another quote to review, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:26am, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 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