

MAY 15, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday May 15, 2023 8:30am at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Larry Weaver, Brent Smith, Joe Moyer, Paul Fox, Jack Emshwiller, Brandon DeLorenzo, Gary Kruger, Connie Ehrlich, Nathan Origer, and Chris Schramm

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: PULASKI CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Paul Fox, on behalf of Pulaski Christmas lights, requested Commissioners' permission to install a hanging digital sign on posts at the west end of bridge in Pulaski. It will be the same height as the one on the east end and installed by Craig Allen of Tri-County Builders. The sign will hang year-round for announcements/news. Highway Superintendent Gary Kruger established that it needed to be built high enough to accommodate large vehicle traffic. Michael McClure made a motion to approve the placement of sign as proposed, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: EMS

Ambulance bids from May 1, 2023 reviewed and discussed as follows:

Crossroad Ambulance Sales & Service, LLC	\$258,967.00
Fire Service Inc.	\$255,263.00

Fire Services, Inc. modified their bid, including moving up the date of possession of ambulance to February 2025 but did not put in writing. While Fire Services, Inc. is recommended, Charles Mellon was reluctant to approve without the modifications being in writing. Charles Mellon made a motion to table until complete written bid is received, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

An update from Tonn & Blank for the scope of the courthouse project based on recently completed design development drawings from Luminaut/Rowland and an updated overall project estimate presented for review and discussion. The Courthouse Construction budget is at \$9.379 million with a total cost of \$11.809 million. The estimates are based on actual drawings with assistance of subcontractors who provided numbers for their individual trades. The project has almost doubled in cost since the inception of the project in 2021 due to higher material and labor costs. A job-by-job review of cost saving opportunities with Tonn & Blank and individual subcontractors once the bids have been awarded may be an option.

Current project schedule has bid-letting period beginning in late June/early July, lasting 4-6 weeks, with demolition starting mid-late September. Moving of the Courthouse departments is scheduled for the end of July.

Investigation of County Farm property on south side of CR60W for a potential residential development discussed. Other potential properties were considered, both County-owned and otherwise. Private, public and non-profit financial support secured for the predevelopment costs necessary to move forward and the Town of Winamac's formal endorsement of the south County Farm property has been requested. Authorization from the Commissioners requested for moving forward in order to solicit a memorandum of understanding (MOU) from the Housing Resource Hub regarding these predevelopment services and a request for proposals for development. A rough plan prepared for the entire property with a more refined proposal for at least a first phase is expected. Commissioners agreed to move forward.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Replacement of County Bridge #249 over Mill Creek, scheduled for 2024, discussed briefly.

Permission granted for the County Highway's help with equipment for the County.

Pulaski County’s Handbook requirement for the County Highway employees to have CDL Class A driver’s license discussed but no decision made to change the Handbook.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign Claims & Payroll #10, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign May 1, 2023 regular session minutes, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

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

- EMA: Richel Fox, WTH (GIS) User Conference, Indianapolis, May 18 & 19
- AUDITOR: Laura Wheeler, Auditor’s’ Quadrant meeting, Plymouth, May 17
- AUDITOR: Laura Wheeler, Auditor’s Summer Conference, Indianapolis July 19-12

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to sign agreement with Cardinal Solutions replacing Prosecutor’s copier/printer with Cardinal, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. The lease will be \$159.00 per month with a \$125.00 installation fee.

The west rooftop AC unit, which controls the air to the A & B blocks in jail at Justice Center, has a bad coil and order time is 3-6 months. One coil will not be able to keep up with warmer weather. J&K HAVC presented three different estimates as follows:

Replace Leaking Coil—Lead Time 3-6 months	\$8,540.00
New Unit—Lead Time 6-12 months	21,540.00
New Unit—Lead time 1-2 weeks	26,510.00

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to purchase the new unit with 1 to 2 weeks lead time for a total replacement cost of \$26,510.00, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Payment to be covered by misdemeanor fund.

With no other business to discuss and no public comment, meeting was adjourned at 8:56am.

Approved and signed this 5th day of June 2023 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

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