

JUNE 5, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday June 5, 2023 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, and Michael McClure with 1st Deputy Auditor Mary Mays.

Also present were Joe Moyer, Edwin Buswell, Gary Kruger, Megan Galbreath, Autumn Knebel, Jeff Larrison, Josh Motzer, and Taylor Bailey.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: HIGHWAY

Brightspeed representative Josh Motzer presented plans to upgrade phone and internet services to fiber optics. There are approximately 1427 premises targeted with almost 66% being done aerially with the remainder underground. Construction involves 20.79 acres and will start this summer 2023. Bonds for drain damage issues discussed and will be addressed in the contracts. The majority of the project is in the Town of Winamac.

Jeff Larrison of United Consulting explained replacement of bridge #249, which was built in 1950 and is over Mill Creek at CR250S. Engineers will do design replacement and then County will apply in January 2024 for a 75% Community Crossing grant. Three small parcels of ground will need to be purchased and construction will work around planting and harvest time. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to proceed with bridge #249 replacement, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Paving project on CR200S is nearly complete.

IN RE: LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN GRANT

Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission (KIRPC) approved applying for a "Safe Streets and Roads for All" grant through the Department of Transportation, which is an 80% grant with a request that Pulaski County commit matching funds up to \$18,250.00. There were 22 fatal motor vehicle crashes between 2017 and 2021 in Pulaski County which the grant will address. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to commit to the safety plan and sign the support letters, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve claims and payroll #11 as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve the May 15, 2023 regular session minutes, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve lease agreement with the CDL Co. (Cardinal Copiers) on copiers for Surveyor and Extension, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve Business Associates Agreement with ONI Risk Partners dba Epic Insurance Midwest, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. This agreement pertains to how protected health information will be handled between Epic and County.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve a 4 year term for Lynette Wilder on Pulaski County Public Library board, Mike McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Soil and Water recommended the hiring of Autumn Knebel as the Soil & Water District Support Coordinator. Maurice Loehmer motioned to approve the appointment as recommended, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Rural farm planting discussed with the County’s right to keep the right-of-ways clear of crops to prevent road signs being blocked. The County Highway has full support from the commissioners to maintain a 5’ easement along roadsides and ensure roads and intersections are safely visible.

Ambulance bids tabled at the May 15, 2023 Commissioners meeting as Fire Service, Inc. modified their bid but did not put it in writing. The award should be based on sealed bids without any modifications. Michael McClure made a motion to table the decision again until EMS Director can be present, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved and signed this 20th day of June 2023 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**.

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

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