

JUNE 20, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday June 20, 2023 (due to June 19th Holiday) 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 Tom Despot, Brandon DeLorenzo, Nathan Origer, Matt Muller, David Clifford, Randy Davis, Connie Ehrlich, Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, Megan Galbreath, and Chris Schramm.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: JASPER-PULASKI FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

Tom Despot of the Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife requested the Commissioners sign a letter of support for a new office/visitor center at the Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area. Funding will be requested from the State budget agency by Thursday, June 22, 2023. Additional tourism is expected, especially when sand hill cranes are present and the current facilities are very old. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to sign the letter of support as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: EMS

The ambulance bids discussed briefly with a recommendation to accept Crossroad Ambulance Sales & Service, LLC, for the bid amount of \$258,967.00. Although Fire Service's bid was a little less, modifications were made after the bids were opened whereas, Crossroad's bid matched the specifications exactly. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to accept the Crossroad Ambulance Sales & Service, LLC bid as presented, Michael Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously. A trade-in may be a later option.

EMS employees complain of fatigue and low morale and suggest a 48/96 shift rather than the current 24/48 to combat this. Michael McClure made a motion to move forward with an optional 48/96 shift, Maurice Loehmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CDC

Resolution 2023-07, which authorizes the Commissioners to execute the Economic Development Agreement (EDA) between Pulaski County and Bottlebrush Solar Energy LLC presented for review and approval.

PULASKI COUNTY RESOLUTION No. 2023-07
BY
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH BOTTLEBRUSH
ENERGY LLC
AND OTHER CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana ('Board'), desires to benefit the health and general welfare of the citizens of Pulaski County, Indiana ('County' and 'county'), and to create opportunities for capital investment and business growth within the county;

WHEREAS Bottlebrush Energy LLC ('Bottlebrush') is contemplating the development of a solar-energy generation facility ('Project'), which will consist of approximately 200-250 megawatts in nameplate capacity;

WHEREAS Bottlebrush has requested assistance with the completion of certain road improvements, assistance with land use and other permits, the approval of assessed-value deductions, and other aid from the County with respect to the Project;

WHEREAS, to induce Bottlebrush to complete the Project, the Board desires to approve the execution of an Agreement for Economic Development ('Agreement') between the County and Bottlebrush, a form of which has been executed by the Pulaski County Council ('Council') and presented to the Board on the date hereof, pursuant to which certain incentives will be provided to Bottlebrush in exchange for its commitment to complete the Project, to make certain economic-development payments, and to take certain other actions with respect to the Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that:

1. the execution and delivery of the Agreement are in the best interests of the County and its citizens;
2. the Board is authorized to execute the Agreement in the name and on behalf of the County, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized to attest such execution of the Agreement with such changes and modifications as such persons deem necessary or appropriate to effectuate this Resolution, said persons' execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of the approval of such changes;
3. the Board, the members of the Council, the County Auditor, the legal counsel of the County, and other appropriate officers of the County are hereby authorized to take all such actions and to execute all such instruments as are necessary or desirable to effectuate this Resolution; and
4. this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

Mike McClure motioned to approve the resolution as presented, Chuck Mellon seconded. Maurice Loehmer recused himself. Motion passed 2-0.

The agreement calls for ten (10) annual payments of \$1,000,000.00 each, beginning with commencement of project operations. The complete document can be found at this link:

<http://gov.pulaskionline.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2023/06/Pulaski-Co.%E2%80%93Bottlebrush-Solar-EDA-%E2%80%94signed.pdf>

All Bottlebrush documents can be found at <http://gov.pulaskionline.org/bottlebrushdocs/>

The restructuring and reorganization of the CDC discussed briefly and is expected to be ready for adoption at their July 3, 2023 regular commissioners’ meeting with an Ordinance ready for adoption by Council at the July 10, 2023 meeting.

A draft memorandum for the housing taskforce has been sent to both County and Town Attorneys for their review before agreement is executed with the Housing Resource Hub.

IN RE: MAYAPPLE SOLAR PROJECT ROAD USE AGREEMENT

The road use agreement for the Mayapple solar project presented for review and approval. Michael McClure made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Charles Mellon seconded and motion carried with Maurice Loehmer recusing. The complete document can be found at:

<http://gov.pulaskionline.org/mayappledocs/>

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign claims and payroll #12, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign the June 5, 2023 regular session minutes as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to adjourn at 8:52am, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 3rd day of July 2023 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CHARLES MELLON

MAURICE LOEHMER

MICHAEL MCCLURE

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