

APRIL 10, 2023

JOINT SESSION

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in joint session Monday April 10th 2023 6:00PM at the Pulaski County Highway Garage training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure and Councilmembers present were Kenneth Boswell, Michael Tiede, Jeffrey Richwine, Tim Overmyer, Jerry Locke, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez with Bradley Bonnell absent. County Auditor Laura Bailey and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley were also present.

Also present were Connie Ehrlich, Gail Lambert, Mary Welker, Jason Semler, Caitlin Cheek, Nathan Origer, Megan Galbreath, Chris Schramm, Matt Ireton, and Amanda Malchhodi.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: CDC

The Hoosier Homes Down Payment Assistance Program serves borrowers up to 140% of the family median income (regardless of family size), which is about \$80,000.00 for Pulaski County. This program must be authorized by the local unit of government but there is no administrative responsibility or cost and the County can receive a small per loan fee. The program provides 3-5% of the cost in down payment and closing cost assistance with an additional 1% possible for first responders, military personnel, veterans, full-time K-12 teachers and borrowers with annual household income below 50% of the median.

The R.E.D.M. Ag-strategy Grant Project covering five other counties (Benton, White, Newton, Jasper, Starke) and also includes KIRPC and the Purdue Center for Regional Development is working on a regional agricultural strategy (rural economic development model). The strategy focuses on four categories—*Regional Food Systems, food supply chain, agricultural workforce, and regulatory streamlining.*

The Highway Garage Roof has water pooling on the north side of the roof. Roofers will address this issue during metal installation later this week.

Once documentation is submitted to New Age Telecom & Centurion, installation and training of the new alarm system will be conducted.

Still waiting on final numbers for the Justice Center Renovation.

A slide show on the courthouse design presented by Luminaut-Rowland. The Courthouse retaining wall around lawn will be taken out, resalvaged and reinstalled. A utility enclosure will be on the southwest corner of lawn with chiller (for new mechanics) and generator (backup). East and west entrances will be closed off with planters and existing doors replaced with store front windows. The West entrance at the basement will remain open for employees only. Existing tile and wainscoting will remain and some furniture will be refinished.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Maurice Loehmer made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to approve and sign February 13, 2013 joint session minutes as presented, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Michael Tiede motioned on behalf of Council to approve and sign February 13, 2023 joint session minutes as presented, Jeffrey Richwine seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Charles Mellon reported that there is an estimated balance of \$2,064,404.10 in ARPA fund. Expenses to be paid through this fund are:

\$25,000.00	West Annex HVAC
\$246,112.00	New Ambulance-County Share
\$50,000.00	Broadband
\$34,018.00	Coroner's Freezer

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\$345,000.00 for another ambulance with a 2-year lead time and Courthouse HVAC system are proposed uses for the ARPA money.

Replacement of three HVAC units on the roof of the Justice Center discussed briefly.

The use of ARPA money for raises discussed briefly. There is not enough ARPA to cover raises for more than one year.

This is National Public Safety Telecommunications week and Commissioners and Council thank all 911 dispatchers.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to adjourn, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. Kenneth Boswell adjourned the meeting on behalf of Council.

Approved and signed this 12th day of June 2023 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** and **PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**.

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