

**JUNE 12, 2023**

**JOINT SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in joint session Monday June 12, 2023 6:00pm at the Pulaski County Highway Department training room. Commissioners present were Charles Mellon, Maurice Loehmer, Michael McClure and Councilmembers present were Kenneth Boswell, Mike Tiede, Tim Overmyer, Jeffrey Richwine, Bradley Bonnell, Jerry Locke, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley.

Also present were Ed Cotner, Candy Myer, Jennifer Knebel, Derrick Stalbaum, Riley Tiede, Mark Cervenka, Gene Speicher, Leeann Wright, Linda Hunter, Melissa Young, Connie Ehrlich, Gail Lambert, Larry Lambert, Nathan Origer, Rex Allman, MD, Chris Schramm, Cody Foust, Teri Hansen, Raymond Hansen, and Andrea Keller.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: MEDARYVILLE SPEED LIMITS**

A speed limit adjustment requested for Medaryville city limits to slow vehicles down. CR1450W south of CR175N has a 25 MPH sign but there is no ordinance to support it. Speed limits on county roads default to 55 unless designated otherwise. Commissioners want the Highway Superintendent involved for exact locations to have an ordinance drafted for the next Joint Session. This will need to be advertised and approved by both boards before it is effective.

**IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Information provided on the Governor's Public Health Initiative to make Hoosiers healthier. Indiana ranks 47<sup>th</sup> of 50 states in health spending. The initiative will be funded by the State, not grants. Counties have the ability to opt-in or out with the opportunity to receive between \$218,771.00 and \$437,542.00 by opting in. 40% or less is to be used for enforcement issues (septic/food inspections) and 60% or more used for programs to make health better. Up to 10% can be used on vehicles/building/land but does not need to be spent the first year. Funding will be on a two year cycle. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to proceed with opting-in, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously. A resolution is expected for the next Commissioners' meeting with September 01, 2023 deadline.

**IN RE: CDC**

The architects are in the final phase of construction drawings that will be used by Tonn & Blank to solicit bids. A building corporation is being established and moving forward with bond issuance. Moving estimates expected in 1-2 weeks. After final change order was approved, Tonn & Blank returned \$154,238.42 to the County from the contingency fund of the Justice Center project.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

The April 10, 2023 joint session minutes tabled.

A Covered Bridge Certification presented for approval. Pulaski County has no covered bridges. Maurice Loehmer made a motion to approve and sign Certification, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed on sales tax charged by hotels at conferences. The proper procedure is to obtain an invoice, file a claim and take a check along with an exemption form to the hotel. Hotels will not allow tax exemption if paid with a personal check or credit card. This procedure is not always followed so it needs to be addressed in the travel policy in the Employee Policy Handbook. Wording for a resolution will be discussed later.

With no other business to discuss, Maurice Loehmer made a motion for Commissioners to adjourn at 6:48PM, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried with Council adjourning at the same time.

Approved and signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023 by the **Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council.**

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