

**AUGUST 14, 2023**

**JOINT SESSION**

**PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Pulaski County Commissioners and Pulaski County Council met in joint session Monday August 14, 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, Jeffrey Richwine, Tim Overmyer, Bradley Bonnell, Jerry Locke, Sheila Hazemi-Jimenez with County Auditor Laura Wheeler and County Attorney Kevin Tankersley. Councilman Mike Tiede was absent.

Also in attendance was Caitlin Cheek, Gary Kruger, Josh Kopka, Joe Moyer, JoLynn Behny, Judge Mary Welker, Dave Olds, Chris Brucker, Gail Lambert, Connie Ehrlich, Kelly Gaumer, Judge Crystal Kocher, Dr. Carrie Cadwell, Nathan Origer.

President Mellon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joint session meeting was recessed and Public Hearing was opened regarding lease with Pulaski County Courthouse Building Corporation. Nathan Origer, CDC, read the following statement:

The citizens of the Pulaski County, Indiana (the "County") are hereby notified that the Pulaski County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") is considering the renovation and equipping of the Courthouse facility operated by the County located at 112 East Main Street, Winamac, Indiana (collectively, the "Project"). The estimated cost of the Project will not exceed Twelve Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$12,750,000.00), all or a portion of which will be financed by entering into a lease with the Pulaski County Courthouse Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") or other funds as they may become available.

This is the first of two public hearings on a preliminary determination to enter into a proposed lease between the Building Corporation, as lessor, and the County, as lessee, to finance all or any portion of the costs of all or any portion of the Project. The proposed lease will relate to all or any portion of renovation of the courthouse to be operated by the County, and the lease payments paid by the County under such lease will be paid, in whole or in part, from *ad valorem* property taxes levied and collected on all taxable property within the County.

Following the public hearing held on next Monday, 21 August 2023, the Board expects to consider the adoption of a resolution make a preliminary determination on behalf of the County to enter into the proposed lease to finance all or a portion of the Project.

As a part of these lease-rental and bond-issuance processes, a petition to be signed by a minimum of 50 landowners was distributed and collected and then submitted to the County Auditor, who verified 79 signatures.

The Commissioners may now open the hearing for public comment.

As there was no public comment, Maurice Loehmer made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Michael McClure seconded and motion passed unanimously.

**Regular session was resumed.**

**IN RE: CDC**

Bids on Courthouse project expected during the last week of September, with submission deadline the afternoon of Monday, November 6, 2023 and bid opening at the Commissioners meeting that evening. A special meeting is planned on either Monday, November 13 or Tuesday, November 14 for the awarding of bids on the recommendation of Tonn & Blank.

Replacement of Highway roof is complete and Firestone has inspected and issued the warranty. Architect is waiting on a few answers from Tonn & Blank before signing off on the final pay applications.

Programming the panic-alarm security so it connects to the radio system directly is the last piece to complete the Justice Center project.

**IN RE: 4-C HEALTH**

Dr. Carrie Caldwell provided information on 4-C Health services, which are a combination of clinical, telehealth, imbedded, leased, community based crisis and school services. Three staff members are located at local schools (Eastern Pulaski, West Central, and Culver). Services are provided to 500 Pulaski County individuals, providing 20,000. annual services. Pulaski County's \$135,000.00 of annual funding is about 2% of their total budget. Primary funding is Medicaid.

**IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS**

Maurice Loehmer made a motion on behalf of Commissioners to approve and sign April 10, 2023 and June 12, 2023 Joint Session minutes, Michael McClure seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Richwine made the same motion for Council, Jerry Locke seconded and motion carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to discuss nor Public Comment, Maurice Loehmer made a motion at 6:29pm on behalf of the Commissioners to adjourn, Michael McClure seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Kenneth Boswell adjourned the meeting at the same time on behalf of Council.

Approved and signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023 by the **PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** and **PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**.

**PULASKI COUNTY COUNCIL**

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KENNETH BOSWELL

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CHARLES MELLON

\_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_  
MIKE TIEDE

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MAURICE LOEHMER

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TIM OVERMYER

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J. MICHAEL MCCLURE

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BRADLEY BONNELL

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JERRY LOCKE

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JEFFREY RICHWINE

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SHEILA HAZEMI-JIMENEZ

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAURA WHEELER, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN