

APRIL 6, 2026

REGULAR SESSION

PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Pulaski County Commissioners met in regular session Monday April 6, 2026 6:00 PM at the Pulaski County Courthouse meeting room. Commissioners present were Donald Street Jr., Michael McClure, Jennifer Knebel with County Auditor Teresa Bryant and County Attorney Jacob Ahler.

Also present were Brian Fagner, Natasha Daugherty, Randy Davis, Amy Bope, Billy Bope, Alyssa Flandermeyer, Isaiah Tidwell, Cash Roth, Regina Martin, Dennis Bope, Cheryl Podell, Bev Smith, Bill Smith, Terri Hansen, Raymond Hansen, Ed Baptista, Sherry Fagner, Ed Shank, Deke DeMarco, Franna Barger, Bob Barger, Ed Cotner, Candy Myer, Rudy DeSabatine, Josh Stamper, Darlene Olds, David Olds, John Kocher, Connie Ehrlich, Dan Knebel, Cat Knebel, Bob Keller, Edwin Buswell, Douglas Kocher, Norman Welker, Bill Kocher, Darrel Gudeman, Brandi Larkin, Anita Messer, Leeann Wright, Brent Larkin, Margarita Bope, Robert Hajek, Don Housinger, Gary Kruger, Scott Fritz, Gail Lambert, Niki Clemons, Michelle Dobson, Kasey Lowry, Jeff Lowry, Richel Fox, Deb Rogers, Jamie Murray, Mike Craft, Lana Campbell, Karla Redweik, Nathan Origer, Chris Schramm, Megan Galbreath.

President Street opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: MINUTES

Michael made a motion to approve and sign minutes from 3/16/2026 regular session and 3/30/2026 executive session, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: APPROVE AND SIGN

Jennifer made a motion to approve and sign claims & payroll #7, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Men's Health Network requested Commissioners issue a proclamation naming June as Men's Health Month. Donald made a motion to approve the proclamation, Jennifer seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: CONFERENCE REQUEST

EMA: Richel Fox, EOC Functions, Benton Harbor, MI, May 12-14, 2026

IN RE: EDWIN BUSWELL, PUBLIC HEARING FOR BOADBAND

Meeting was recessed and public hearing opened for Pulaski County Broadband Plan. There were no public comments. Community Foundation of Pulaski County Executive Director Leeann Wright spoke of the history of the grant application. Alyssa Flandermeyer of Kimley-Horn gave information on what information was used to complete the plan. Service to those who are not-served or underserved is needed. They received 252 responses to their survey, which is a great number. Jennifer made a motion to approve The Pulaski County Broadband Plan, Michael seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

IN RE: KARLA REDWEIK, APC

Karla has 2 applicants to fill the Commissioners appointed seat on APC, both democrats. A third is a registered republican and the democratic chairman needs to sign off. Karla said this position still needs to be advertised. Donald said she needs to follow the recent resolution on Commissioner appointed positions.

APC previously recommended a 12-month moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems but Commissioners requested this be reduced to 6-month, which expires April 8th 2026. Karla explained the work APC has done on changes to the UDO and requested an extension of 6 more

months. APC had approved the addition 6-month extension by a vote of 5-1. Karla has met with a few consulting firms and the board will be taking another tour of a battery storage facility. The consultants advised the importance of the UDO. No permits have been requested at this time. Jennifer made a motion to extend the moratorium for an additional and final 6 months, Donald seconded. Following further discussion, motion carried 2-1 with Jennifer and Donald in favor and Michael opposed.

APC held special session March 20, 2026 and voted in favor (4-1-1) in recommending Unified Development Ordinance adjustments to Section 2.3.R –Applications for All Solar Energy Systems (SES). Karla read the recommendations with Commissioners make changes. At same APC meeting, there was a vote of 4-1-1 in recommending Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) adjustments to Section 7 Wind Energy Convergence and Solar Energy Systems. Karla again read through the recommendations up to 7.17 Commercial SES Setbacks, Table 7.3 Minimum setbacks and then Donald made a motion to table, Michael seconded. Karla was asked to come back with the revisions and will finish the remaining recommendations. Motion carried 2-1 with Donald and Michael in favor and Jennifer opposed.

IN RE: RICHEL FOX, EMA

County received a grant to update the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Plan has been written and in review. When Richel receives the plan and approves, she will bring before Commissioners for their approval. There will be a public review period before approved and adopted.

Richel presented a power point presentation on the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan that she has been working on. Fulton County has been working 6 months on theirs. She has talked with the towns and schools regarding cooling/heating centers shelters.

ADA Building Assessment contract will need to be signed. So far, the courthouse and voting centers have been inspected. Richel asked what locations Commissioners want covered. Donald said she works with this daily and come back with her recommendations.

There will be free Landing Zone training and luncheon at Aren's Field April 18th 9-4. Need to RSVP to Richel for lunch.

IN RE: NATHAN ORIGER, CDC

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Received proposals from 5 interested firms, which have been scored, Nathan and Karla asked for guidance in how many firms to interview. Donald said all five as the scores were close.

CDC UPDATES: Due to recent receiving final payments on 2 RLF loans, there is one remaining active borrower. Available balance is \$396,675.58. Nathan has received 2 new PLF applications and a few other local businesses have expressed interest in the program

Nathan invited Commissioners to the Community Development Summit, April 28th 6:00PM at Knights of Columbus building.

IN RE: TIM HOLLANDSWORTH, VS ENGINEERING

There are outstanding fence items and trash concerns. Updated road use agreement with Grazing Project. Have April 15th meeting with Bottlebrush and nothing new with Mayapple. Jacob has not received any information on Mammoth continuing to reimburse County for VS expense. Tim will follow-up.

IN RE: DISCUSSION

Donald reported that they have received one of the 2 appraisals and building has been inspected. Performance Services have looked at this location

Auditor received email requesting Letter of Support from Commissioners regarding Lawrence Welk Show 70th Anniversary. Donald asked Auditor to forward to the Commissioners.

Jennifer is concerned about solar. She does not understand why this is being allowed. She is receiving a lot of push-back.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

SHERRY FAGNER: Details matter to everyone. Landscaping matters. She is concerned County can't get it straight with one vendor so how will it work with 4 vendors.

DENNIS BOPE: Representing his family. He does not think solar is crowding and there are plenty of setbacks. He is still farming 25% of his ground in solar. His brother has sheep.

MARGARITA BOPE: She showed how much tax money will not be collected without solar.

KEVIN INGRAM: Nothing surprises him in this County. Commissioners are supposed to work for the county, not special interest.

BOB BARGER: Not sure why solar people keep coming to the meetings as they have already won. Value of his home is coming down. This is our County.

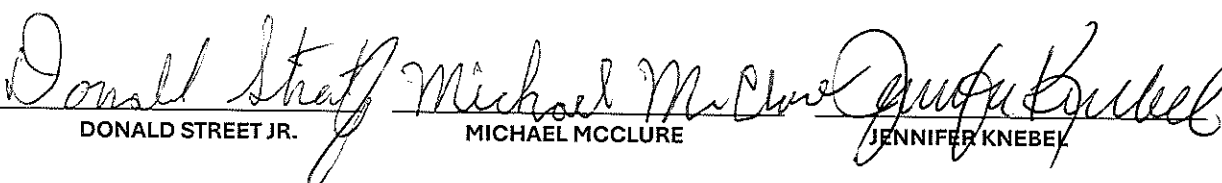
TERRI HANSEN: Complimented job Richel Fox is doing for EMA.

BRANDI LARKIN: When will community know the Knights of Columbus building plan? How can community support the APC board?

CHRIS SCHRAMM: The Commissioners are in charge. Freedom of speech only goes so far and he will do his job if someone needs removed.

With no other public or business to discuss, Michael made a motion to adjourn at 10:03PM, Donald seconded. With no further discussion. motion carried unanimously.

Approved and signed this 20th day of April by the Pulaski County Commissioners.


DONALD STREET JR. MICHAEL MCCLURE JENNIFER KNEBEL

ATTEST: 
TERESA BRYANT, AUDITOR, PULASKI COUNTY, IN