

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

JANUARY 6, 2025 @ 8:30 am

**Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Auditor

Pike County Auditor Judith Gumbel called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. Also present were County Administrator Kristi Dischinger, County Sheriff Jason McKinney, EMA/E911 Director Brandon Truitt, Pike County Coroner Nick Henson, Auditor's Chief Deputy Audra Warner, County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, and EMS Assistant Director Doug Mounts.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENT

Auditor Gumbel welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Pike County Board of Commissioners for 2025. She then called for nominations for President of the BOC. Commissioner Jeff Nelson seconded by Commissioner Ryan Nelson nominated Commissioner Mark Flint for the office of BOC President. Auditor Gumbel asked if there were other nominations. Hearing none she called for a vote. The vote for Commissioner Flint as President of the body was 3 – 0.

Ms. Gumbel then called for nominations for Vice-President of the BOC. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Flint nominated Commissioner Nelson as Vice-President of the BOC. Ms. Gumbel asked if there were other nominations. Hearing none she called for a vote. The vote was 3 – 0 to elect Commissioner Nelson as Vice-President.

Ms. Gumbel turned the meeting over to President. Flint.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2024

President Flint asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR JANUARY 6, 2025

President Flint asked if there were any questions or concerns in regard to the claims. The Court Docket was retroactive to the December 16th meeting of the Commissioners. Hearing no questions, President Flint called for a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

2025 Public Official Bonds; Clerk & Coroner

County Administrator Dischinger explained that it was the duty of the Commissioners to take the Bond Oath of the County Coroner and County Clerk. The Clerk was not present. Coroner Nick Henson gave the Coroner's Oath. The bond will be recorded in the Recorder's Office.

NEW BUSINESS

EMS Transfers

It was explained that these transfers had been preapproved at the last Council Meeting due to timing. They were as follows:

1170-10320-0000, Paramedic - \$50.00

1170-10381-0000 Basic EMT - \$775.00

1170-10710-0000, FICA - \$300.00

1170-10720-0000, PERF - \$320

All the above TO: 1170-10730-0000 Group Medical Insurance

1170-10320-0000 Paramedic \$150.00 to 1170-10155-0000 PT Tech/Vac/Sick

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve all of the EMS Transfers. Motion passed 3 – 0.

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Floodplain Administrator- Update Ordinance

County Administrator Dischinger stated that this position had previously been held by the County Surveyor. At this time the recommendation is a change in the Ordinance and designation of the EMA Director to administer and implement the provisions of the ordinance and to be referred to as the Floodplain Administrator.

Ms. Dischinger shared that EMA Director Brandon Truitt will be required to take classes for this position. President Flint asked Director Truitt if he was ok with the designation, and he stated that he was.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve Ordinance. 2025-01, Amending Ordinance No. 2018-02 & 2014 – 1 appointing Director Truitt as the Floodplain Administrator per the provisions of the ordinance. Motion carried 3 – 0.

Tuckpointing Additional (CEDIT)

Administrator Dischinger stated the tuckpointing bid as approved by the Commissioners at the December 16th minutes would require an additional appropriation in the 2025 County budget. The additional request was \$774,000 from Fund 1112, CEDIT into 1112-40691-0068, Courthouse Tuckpointing.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the request. Motion passed 3 – 0.

2025 Appointments

Library Board, Commissioner Flint stated that Library Board President Jarod Furman stated that Deb Troutman has agreed to serve another 4-year term ending 12/31/2028. Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to appoint Ms. Troutman to the Library Board. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Note was made that Jason McKinney has resigned from this board so another person will have to be appointed.

Alcoholic Beverage Board President Flint stated that Dave Adams is willing to continue. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to appoint Dave Adams to the 1-year term on the board. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Tri-Cap Board This is a 1-year appointment. Tri-Cap Director Joyce Fleck notified the BOC that Charlie Barr is willing to serve one more year. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to appoint Charlie Barr to the Tri-Cap Board. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Public Defender Board

Judge Jeffrey Biesterveld notified Auditor Gumbel that Kyler Henry was willing to serve again.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motion to reappoint Kyler Henry to the Public Defender Board. Motion passed 3 – 0.

County Employee Appointees

County Administrator – Kristi Dischinger
EMS Director – Chris Young
Highway Superintendent – Josh Byrd
County Attorney – Val Fleig
Veteran’s Officer – Denny Weitkamp

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to reappoint the above listed employees to their respected positions. Motion passed 3 – 0.

County Highway

Superintendent Byrd stated that things had really been busy with the weather issues and determining which roads needed to be a part of the 2025 Community Crossing grant request. He said that he had emptied the sand barn and refilled it. Forty to fifty loads were purchased.

EMS

Asst. Director Mounts stated that EMS ended the year with 2784 runs. He said that he had to turn down 4 trips to Indianapolis due to the inclement weather. He said the new cots are in and they are now awaiting the installation.

EMA

Director Truitt stated that the County is still under a travel watch. He stated that he had buildings prepared to serve as warming shelters if needed. He stated that Warrick and Knox counties were a big help in this time.

He stated that Brittainy Staake has made the move to more Assistant Director responsibilities, and he is now ready to hire the full-time employee to replace her in dispatch. He said that the budget for 2025 allows 8 dispatchers and 1 assistant. The person he wishes to hire has worked part-time. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to allow Mr. Truitt to hire a new employee. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Sheriff

Sheriff McKinney stated that his department had taken over 4000 calls for the County alone, made over 3500 traffic stops, and made over 400 arrests in 2024.

Auditor

Auditor Gumbel stated that County employees may now download their W-2's online.

BUSINESS BY PUBLIC – None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn. Motion passed 3 – 0



Mark Flint, President

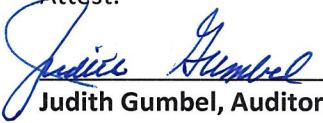


Jeff Nelson, Vice President



Ryan Coleman, Member

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor

1-21-25

Date