

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING-TELECONFERENCE
APRIL 20, 2020 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

President Mark Flint called the meeting to order. All Commissioners; County Attorney, Val Fleig; Auditor, Judith Gumbel; and Commissioner's Assistant, Kristi Dischinger were present. Other County Officials and Department Heads in attendance were Sheriff Kent Johnson, Assessor, Mark Goodpaster, Clerk, Lana Griffith, Treasurer, Marta Query, EMS Director, Chris Young, EMA Director, Ryan Benner, Public Health Nurse, Amy Gladish, County Highway Office Manager Melanie Britton, and Pike County Press-Dispatch Editor Andy Heuring. Commissioner Flint noted that this was the second virtual meeting being held due to COVID-19.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 6, 2020

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the minutes of April 6, 2020. Roll call vote with all Commissioners voting aye. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR APRIL 20, 2020

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the claims. Roll call vote with all commissioners voting aye. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING OLD BUSINESS

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REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Teamcare Participation Agreement-Non-Bargaining Unit

The Pike County Commissioners must agree that the county employees who are not members of the bargaining unit be enrolled in the Central States benefit package program. This must be acknowledged by signing an agreement.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to approve the agreement. Roll call vote with all commissioners voting aye. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Employee determination regarding FFCRA

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Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson to include all employees. Roll call vote with all commissioners voting aye. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Courthouse Status

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Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motion to extend the Pike County Stay at Home policy until at least May 4th. Roll call vote with all commissioners voting aye. Motion passed 3 – 0.

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Clerk, Lana Griffith stated that early voting will only be held from May 26th to June 1st and that polling will be on one day only from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Treasurer, Marta Query, shared that she has already received around \$50,000 in tax collections on line. She stated that she is receiving from 150 to 200 calls daily. Marta shared that she now has at

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Sheriff Johnson stated that temperatures were being check daily at the jail and employees were checked before and after their shift. He said that everyone is staying healthy.

Ms. Gladish asked for direction as to how long the Health Department should continue taking temperatures at the Courthouse? The consensus of opinion was to continue until at least May 4th.

Otwell Trash Site Lease

Ms. Dischinger stated that she had received the signed lease for **Otwell** and requested that the commissioners act on its acceptance.

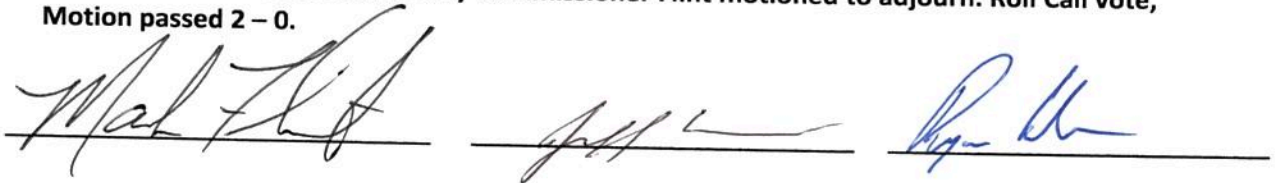
Commissioner Jeff Nelson seconded by Commissioner Flint moved to approve the lease. Motion passed by roll call vote of Ayes from Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Flint. Commissioner Coleman had to leave the meeting prior to this vote so the vote was 2 – 0.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

Commissioner Flint stated that the Highway was getting ready to start paving the roads.

REGARDING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Flint motioned to adjourn. Roll Call vote, Motion passed 2 – 0.

Three handwritten signatures in blue ink are positioned above three horizontal lines. The first signature on the left is highly stylized and appears to be 'Mark Flint'. The middle signature is also stylized and appears to be 'Jeff Nelson'. The signature on the right is less stylized and appears to be 'Roger Coleman'.

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