

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING-TELECONFERENCE
MAY 4, 2020 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

The meeting was called to order with all Commissioners present in addition to County Attorney Val Fleig, Auditor Judith Gumbel, and Commissioners Assistant Kristi Dischinger. Also in attendance were Sheriff Kent Johnson, Assessor Mike Goodpaster, County Clerk Lana Griffith, County Treasurer Marta Query, County Health Nurse Amy Gladish, County Highway Superintendent Roger Ham, County Road Superintendent Josh Byrd, and County Highway Office Manager Melanie Britton, County EMA Director Ryan Benner, and County EMS Director Chris Young. This meeting was held via Zoom and all voting was taken via Roll Call.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 20, 2020

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

REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR MAY 4, 2020

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the claims
for May 4, 2020. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING OLD BUSINESS

Community Crossing 2020 Call 1 Grant Agreements

Highway Office Manager Melanie Britton asked the Commissioners to officially approve the grant agreements. She explained that this grant is a 75%/25% Match Grant with Pike County paying 25% of the cost of the project.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the agreements. The motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING NEW BUSINESS

Surplus Disposal – Prosecutor's Office

Ms. Dischinger explained that this item has been tabled because the amount of surplus is still being determined.

EMS Transfer

EMS Director Chris Young stated that EMS has experienced an increase in cleaning costs due to COVID – 19.

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

Courthouse Status

President Mark Flint opened the conversation stating that a lot has happened since the April 20th meeting of the Commissioners. He stated the Governor Holcomb has started the Opening of the State of Indiana effective today. He stated that he was in favor of beginning the process tomorrow by bringing all employees back to work to the Courthouse unless they were sick. He would then like to see the Courthouse opened to the public on May 11th. Pike County's Emergency Document is scheduled to end today. He reiterated that the protective screens will be in place and masks are available and that the staff and public are welcome to wear them. He asked how the other Commissioners felt and they were both in agreement.

Clerk Lana Griffith said that she would be ok with that plan. Treasurer Marta Query stated that she is going to be absolutely swamped because people are still calling the office and wanting to pay in person. Marta stated that she is going to place a table at the entry of her office directing people to the stations at her counter and will be allowing only three people at a time to enter the office. Auditor Gumbel stated that would be the same thing for her office.

Commissioner Flint said that he would be fine with that if the offices are careful to put up signs and mark the distances so that the public would know what to do. Clerk Griffith asked Treasurer Ms. Query where the others would go. It was stated that they would have to wait in the hallway.

Our Public Health Nurse Amy Gladish interjected that she recommended that the offices have limited access, and that people be reminded to follow the recommended six-foot social distancing.

It was brought up that 25 was the number now allowed for Social Gatherings; therefore, that was how many should be in the Courthouse. Ms. Dischinger asked who would be in charge of controlling the number of people. Our security guard Adam Thompson was appointed. Sheriff Johnson asked how long because court would be starting up soon, and it was mentioned the court start-up was probably May 17th.

After the discussions above, Commissioner Nelson motioned that the Reopening of the Courthouse would be handled as follows:

1. On Tuesday, May 5th all Courthouse staff will return to work.
2. On Monday, May 11th the Courthouse will be open to Public.
Office Holders are to establish limitations for their offices as needed.
It is recommended that X's be placed on the floor to establish social distancing.

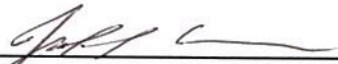
Hearing none, President Flint stated that the next meeting will be on Monday, May 18th in the Courthouse Auditorium at 8:30 a.m.

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

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Judith Gumbel, Attest