

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 17, 2020 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint  
Jeff Nelson  
Ryan Coleman

**REGARDING CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Flint, President of the Board of Commissioners called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present. Others who were present include Auditor Judith Gumbel, County Attorney Val Fleig, Commissioners Assistant Kristi Dischinger, Ritch Luker, Ashley Willis, Dave McGimsey, EMS Director Chris Young, Ken Yocum, Assessor Mike Goodpaster, County Road Superintendent Josh Byrd, Darrin McDonald, Pam Cosby, County Health Nurse Amy Gladish, and EMA Director Ryan Benner.

**REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 3, 2020**

Commissioner Flint asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion.

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

**REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR AUGUST 17, 2020**

Commissioner Flint asked if everyone had reviewed the claims.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to approve the claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**REGARDING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**OCRA CBDG Grant # A192-20-CV-19-111. CFDA 14.228**

Commissioner Flint stated that this is a formality that needs to be completed.

Pike County EDC Director Ashley P Willis requested that the Board of Commissioners convene for a Public Hearing in the matter of the OCRA CBDG Grant. This was duly advertised in the Press Dispatch in preparation for today's hearing.

Ms. Willis explained that this was one of the grants that was quickly made available to small businesses to assist them during the early days of the Pandemic. As a formality she is requesting permission today to apply for the \$60,000 grant from OCRA for the Community Block Development Grant for a block grant allocation to assist small businesses in Pike County that have been impacted by COVID-19. The grant amounts will be \$5,000 per business. The requirement is a letter of need for assistance from Pike County Commissioners, and the businesses to apply for the grant must fill out an application form with a letter of need stating how they were impacted by COVID. These businesses did have to shut down for a period in March and then it has been a slow pace to work back toward reopening through phases 1- 4. The employees also had to fill out an application stating that they were in the low to moderate income bracket, and how they had been impacted during the shut-down due to COVID to see if they did qualify as recipients. Again, Ms. Willis stated that this is the first public hearing in retro as is required, and there will be a second hearing at the close-out of the grant. This is a formality. Commissioner Flint thanked Ms. Willis for the information. This hearing was closed.

**Public Hearing Vacation of Public Way – Luker/Riesenbeck**

This hearing was duly advertised.

Ritchie Luker presented a petition for the closure of a portion of a road on July 20, 2020 and for the passage of Ordinance 2020 - 03 permanently vacating a portion of a street in the unincorporated town of Pikeville, Pike County, Indiana. Said portion is a portion of an unnamed

street in the unincorporated town of Pikeville, Lockhart Township, Pike County, Indiana, as described in the ordinance filed on August 17, 2020, by Ritchie L. Luker, Paula J. Luker & Robert D. Riesenbeck and Donna Riesenbeck.

President Flint asked the Commissioners if there were further questions. Hearing none and since this was the second hearing on the matter, he called for a motion.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to pass this ordinance and vacate the right of way. Ordinance passed 3-0.

#### **REGARDING OLD BUSINESS – None**

#### **REGARDING NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Capital Dynamics/Tenaska EDA & Decommissioning Agreement & Road Use Agreement**

Ashley Willis stated that today the Commissioners have these agreements before them.

Exhibit A is the Real Property involved. Exhibit B is the Economic Development Agreement between the Pike County Council and RATTs 1 Solar LLC, Exhibit C is the projects Decommissioning Agreement. Exhibit D is the Road Use Agreement which is actually the template of the agreement that would be presented to the Commissioners and the County Highway Superintendent 90 days before construction would begin.

Ms. Willis offered to go through the agreements. Commissioner Flint stated that he believed they were all familiar with the documents, and the other commissioners stated the same. Commissioner Flint stated that the key thing is that they must come back for the approval for the roads involved. Dave McGimsey in person and Mary Solada via zoom both of whom are with Denton's Law Firm representing Capital Dynamics offered to answer any questions the board might have. There were none.

Commissioner Flint asked if there was a motion to accept the Resolution to Approve Economic Development Agreement, Decommissioning Agreement, and Road Use Agreement, RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 10.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to approve the resolution. Motion passed. 3-0.

##### **EMS Ambulance**

EMS Director Chris Young was present to request that the Commissioners approve an emergency purchase of a new ambulance because one burned on August 11<sup>th</sup>. He said the ambulance is to arrive back in the County today and the investigator will be on hand to try to determine what happened and what is salvageable. If there is a chassis on the dealer lots, it will take at least six months to have the ambulance ready for service. If one is not available it will take another 10 – 12 weeks. It is a great concern that he is now down to four trucks and should one of those develop a problem he is really in trouble. Transports are increasing and COVID is ramping up in the County. Director Young has a contract for a nearly replicate of the bus that went down with a very base price of \$236,598 with final price dependent on what can be used from the old one.

Commissioner Flint asked for a motion to approve the Emergency Declaration stating that an emergency exists threatening public health, welfare, and safety and that the purchase of an ambulance shall be made pursuant to IC 5-22-10-1 and IC 5-22-10-4.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to accept the Emergency Declaration to move forward with the purchase of an ambulance. Motion passed 3-0.

##### **EMS Transfer**

Director Young requested a transfer \$1,000 from Rent, 1170-020-03-3061 Rent to 1170-020-03-3059 Building Repair/Maintenance. He is resealing the EMS Parking lot and want to be sure he has the money to make it to the end of the year.

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



## REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

### Courthouse Status-COVID

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish stated that the County COVID count is will be 75 with 35 active cases. She stated that the COVID Testing Grant arrangements were progressing nicely and the choices of site are now down to 2 or 3. They should be able to offer 20 hours of testing per week and plan to use 3 contracted employees per shift. It will be easier to track contracted employees as opposed to utilizing County employees. All PPE is provided with the grant. The companion grant they hoped to receive did not work out.

### Emergency Declaration Renewal

The Commissioners discussed the Emergency COVID Declaration. Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger said that she pushed the Declaration out a month to September 21st.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to extend the COVID Emergency Declaration until September 21, 2020. Motion passed 3-0.

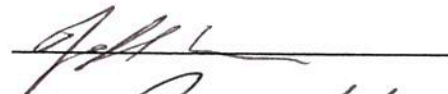
## BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

EMA Director Ryan Benner stated he needed to apply for an Amendment to the State Homeland Security Grant, Grant Agreement # 0000000000000000000038928. He stated that he is not going to be able to get all of the equipment in by the deadline that is sometime in September. The amendment will extend the agreement to December 2, 2020.

## REGARDING ADJOURNMENT

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

Pike County Board of Commissioners



Auditor, Judith Gumbel Attest