

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2021 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

REGARDING CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioners' President Mark Flint called the meeting to order with all commissioners present. County Attorney Val Fleig, County Auditor Judith Gumbel, Commissioners' Assistant Kristi Dischinger, Pike County Sheriff Kent Johnson, Chief Deputy Dallas Killian, E911 Assistant Director Brittany Staake, RQAW representative Kevin Meyer, EMS Director Chris Young, County Health Nurse Amy Gladish, Press Dispatch Editor Andy Heuring, and Ross Elmore were also present.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 1, 2021

President Flint asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Hearing none he called for a motion to approve. Commissioner Ryan Coleman seconded by Commissioner Jeff Nelson motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR MARCH 15, 2021

President Flint asked the commissioners if they had any questions concerning the claims present. Hearing none he called for a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to approve the March 15th claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING OLD BUSINESS

Appointment - ABC

Commissioners Assistant Kristi Dischinger stated that Dave Adams had agreed to be the Commissioners Representative on the Alcohol Beverage Board.

President Flint asked if the Board of Commissioners agree with his appointment.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to appoint Dave Adams to the Alcohol Beverage Board for a 1 – year term, 2021. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING NEW BUSINESS

E911 Transfer

Ms. Dischinger explained that the transfer request had already gone through the Council due to timing. This request desired a move of \$5,000.00 from E-911 Overtime to Trainee. President Flint asked if the Board had any questions?

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

Pike-FSSA Contract-Kent

Ms. Dischinger explained that this agreement is in regard to Medical Care for Inmates. It is an agreement between Pike County and Indiana FSSA that allows for arrangement with Medicaid for Medical Care of Inmates. Sheriff Johnson explained that the Sheriff's Department has a contract with Quality Correctional Care to actually complete the enrollment of Pike County Inmates into the program. It was explained to the Auditor that this Contract is a necessary 1st step.

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

Data Request – Indiana 15 RPC

Pike County is a member of the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission. Region 15 has partnered with Rundell Ernstberger Associates (REA) and AECOM to create a region-wide economic recovery and resiliency plan. Part of the plan is to look at GIS data regarding parcels, land use, zoning, transportation, wells, septic, and TIF districts (if applicable and available) made available to download through an FTP site (or other appropriate method).

Indiana 15's request was to use, extract, and utilize the County's data maintained by WTH GIS and to allow the Region a limited use agreement.

This is not the standard agreement with WTH, and it would not be an income generating agreement. There would be no charge to Indiana 15.

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

County Highway Garage New Hire

Larry Julian has retired from the Highway Garage. This is in regard to hiring his replacement. Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd stated that applications and interviews were held. He stated that Commissioner Coleman had assisted with the interviews. Mr. Byrd stated that their recommendation was to hire Steve Nicholson for the position.

President Flint asked if there were any questions. He called for a motion to accept Mr. Byrd's Recommendation to hire Steve Nicholson.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the hire of Steve Nicholson. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

E911 Interim Director

Sheriff Johnson, a member of the E911 Advisory Board, stated that E911 Director David Capehart's condition is declining. The Board met on Saturday and decided that they should advise that it was time to appoint an Interim Director. Their recommendation is that Brittainy Staake current E911 Assistant Director be given the opportunity to be the Interim Director. It would be at no additional pay. It would be an opportunity for Ms. Staake to gain more

experience during the interim period. Commissioner Coleman asked if EMA Director Ryan Benner was doing this now. Mr. Benner and Ms. Staake agreed that they were sharing the duties at this time. Commissioner Flint stated that it was his understanding that Ms. Staake did not want the Director's position. Ms. Staake stated that she had not made that statement. She had discussed the timing etc. not wanting to take advantage of Mr. Capehart's situation. But she stated at this time she has a trainee ready to move into her full-time position, and that she, Brittainy, would like to be appointed to the Interim Director position if there was one.

Commissioner Nelson stated that it was no secret that the County may be facing budget cuts down the road, and that discussion has taken place that the E911 Director Position and the EMA Director position could be combined. Commissioner Flint stated that was similar to what was being done at the Garage with Mr. Byrd holding both positions of Highway Superintendent and Road Superintendent. Commissioner Coleman asked if it was working now. Ms. Staake stated that she felt that she and Mr. Benner work well together. Commissioner Coleman stated that he would really rather wait until later. Commissioner Nelson asked why an Interim Director needed to be appointed. Sheriff Johnson asked the question that if something happened and a decision had to be made whose responsibility would it be.

Attorney Val Fleig asked, "Why with the Title Assistant Director, that Ms. Staake wasn't already in the position of making the decision if the Director was not available?"

Commissioner Nelson asked, "What all was going on right now?" Next Gen 911, Consoles, addresses were named. Mr. Benner stated that he was handling the 911 Console project and Commissioner Nelson asked him why he was handling it? Commissioner Nelson asked Ms. Staake if she felt that she had learned enough to be able to handle the Dispatch Director position.

Commissioner Flint asked Mr. Coleman to clarify what he would like to have happen. Attorney Fleig asked what the 911 Board said. He reminded the Commissioners that the authority to recommend the E911 Director sits with the Advisory Board. It is the Commissioners' job to approve or disapprove the recommendation. Commissioner Flint clarified with Attorney Fleig that the Commissioners should not appoint someone that the Advisory Board did not recommend. It was left as is with Ms. Staake as Assistant Director.

E911, Next Gen 911

Mr. Benner stated that this was a federal grant project that Director Capehart did. It updated the GIS map. The County paid our 40% match in 2019. The project is completed. This is a reimbursable grant, so the County needs to now pay \$15,390.00 so that the State E911 can pay reimburse the County. The vendor who worked on the project was WTH. The payment is due by March 31, 2021, and the County Commissioners need to sign a Certification of Compliance as a sub-grantee of the Federal 9-1-1 Grant Program that the project was completed as approved by the Indiana Statewide 9-1-1 Board.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve signing of the Certification of Compliance and the payment of \$15,390.00. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Approval to Advertise for Mowing Bids

Commissioners' Assistant Ms. Dischinger asked for permission to advertise for mowing/trimming bids for Old Town Cemetery and Coleman Cemetery per specifications listed

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson moved to advertise for bids per the advertisement form submitted. Motion passed 3 -0.

Nationwide Retirement Plan Changes Yes to both

Commissioner Flint said this item was tabled because new information was received just prior to the meeting.

Solid Waste Site Agreements

Ms. Dischinger stated that there were no changes in the lease between Max A. Carlisle, Rex O. Carlisle, and Beth A. Goepfner and Pike County and no changes in the lease between Marlin R. Gray and Pike County for the Solid Waste Sites to which the leases pertain.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the Solid Waste Site Agreements. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Certificate Sale Calendar Changes-Ratify

Ms. Dischinger explained that the Calendar had previously been approved for another date and that April 29, 2021, the new sale date, was the only change. She stated that she had emailed the new calendar to the Commissioners due to the timelines in regard to advertising Certificate Sales. The new calendar was approved, but that she would like for them to ratify the change.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson moved to ratify the change of date and the Certificate Sale Calendar. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Courthouse Status-COVID

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish was not present and there were no updates from the the other Public Safety Departments.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC –

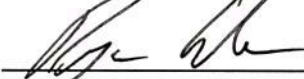
President Flint stated that we wanted to acknowledge the great job the E911 Director David Capehart has done for the County. He in no way wants the discussion of the direction of the department to reflect negatively on David. He is just in a situation now where he can't perform the duties of the position. It is the County's sincere hope that he will be able to come back to the position of Director.

Hearing no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, President Flint called for a motion to adjourn.

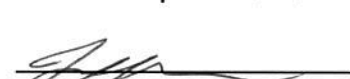
Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motion to adjourn. Motion passed 3 – 0.



Mark Flint, President

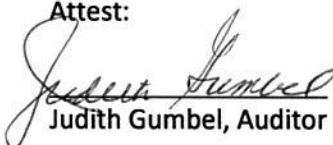


Ryan Coleman



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Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor

4-5-21
Date