

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 17,2021 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

REGARDING CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The May 17, 2021 meeting of the Pike County Board of Commissioners was called to order by the board President, Mark Flint. All commissioners were present as well as Pike County Attorney Val Fleig, Pike County Auditor Judith Gumbel, and Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger. Also, in attendance were Director of Pike County Economic Development Ashley Willis, Pike County Sheriff Kent Johnson, Chief Deputy Dallas Killian, EMS Director Chris Young, Pike County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, County Recorder Jeff Harting, Pam Cosby with the Health Department, Terry Stafford, and Editor of Press-Dispatch Andy Heuring.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR May 3, 2021

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

REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR MAY 17, 2021

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

REGARDING OLD BUSINESS

Recorder's Office

Recorder Jeff Harting stated that he was requesting the Commissioner's approval for a contract that he has negotiated with Fidar for Indexing 437 back scanned, court ordered documents. This is several years of documents that are very time consuming to complete. His office could do it, but it doesn't make sense for them to do it because of the time constraints. The contract will be paid through the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund.

The Commissioners had no questions. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the contract. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING NEW BUSINESS

Capital Dynamics/Tenaska

Jarrold Pitts and Timberly Ross presented the current status of the RATTs 1 Solar Project that was approved for Pike County on August 17, 2020. The 150 MW PPA (Purchase Agreement) with Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) has been signed. As of May 2021, the Decommissioning Plan is being readied for approval from a Professional Engineer. Following that in mid-June they expect to have the Road Use Agreement completed. (There will be only one

heavy load to contend with.) Commissioner Flint requested that they work with County Road Superintendent Josh Byrd to be certain everything is in place. The Decommissioning Agreement is anticipated to be signed in July or August. State and Federal Permitting will be completed in a month or so. Construction is anticipated to start sometime between September and November of 2021 with October being the most realistic timing. It will take 12 to 16 months to complete construction. The plan is to be operational by the end of 2022. There is also the added opportunity to obtain a 50 MW Expansion which would make the project total 200 MW. Total acreage for the initial project and the expansion would be approximately 2000 contiguous acres.

At this point in time the project needs to select an engineering firm to handle the completion of the Decommissioning plans. Three firms were presented to the Commissioners: Barr Engineering Co., Stantec, and Westwood.

Regarding the selection of the Engineering firms the Commissioners had no problems with any of those proposed. President Flint called for a motion.

Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve all three firms and giving Tenaska the authority to choose the firm they thought would be best. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Health Department Testing Grant

Pam Cosby reported on the availability of an extension of the COVID Testing Center Grant from June through December 31st. She said that the Moose is willing to extend the lease. She said that she signed a letter stating the intent to apply, but there is nothing to approve at this time. She said the hours are currently Monday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Community Crossing Grants 2021-1

Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger stated that two of the Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreements applied for were awarded by the State: E Division Rd from SR 257 to County Line – DES No. 2100464 (\$125,054.22), Contract # A249-21-LG210172 and Illinois St from SR 56 to City Limits, Lake Minnis Dr from SR 57 to CR 550 N, E 550 from SR 57 to CR 200 E, Rolling Acres Dr. from SR 57 to SR 57, and E Rolling Acres Ct from Rolling Acres Dr. to Dead End – DES No. 2100463 (\$151,703.17).

Commissioner Flint asked Superintendent Byrd to clarify the locations. He then asked the board if there were any further questions. Hearing none he called for a motion.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the contracts for the projects. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Approve Advertisement for Request Bids CC 2021-1

Ms. Dischinger then asked for approval to advertise for Bids for the project materials.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to advertisement for bids. Motion passed 3 0.

Highway Annual Report

Melanie Brittain, County Highway Office Manager's 2020 Annual Highway Report was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Flint asked if he had a motion to approve the report.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the Annual Highway Report. Motion passed 3 -0.

911-Transfer

The item was added to the Agenda and has been preapproved by the Council upon approval by the Commissioners. The issue was due to timing so that the positions could be paid properly on May 21st and was necessitated due to the administrative changes causing a need to change line items in Harris.

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

Highway Transfer

Commissioner Assistant Kristi Dischinger explained that a transfer was needed from 1176 Equipment Operators to the 1173 Lead Man position in order to pay the new position from the correct fund. It is the same situation as above.

President Flint asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he called for a motion.

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

Library Board Appointment

President Flint stated that this item failed to be placed on the agenda, but that it needed to be addressed. He said that Deb Troutman had agreed to be a member of the Library Board.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motion to appoint Ms. Troutman to the Pike County Library Board. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Courthouse Status-COVID

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish was unable to attend, but Pam Cosby gave her report. The County currently has 16 active cases of COVID-19. The County now has 1,356 total cases. Five thousand five hundred fifty-one citizens have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Four Thousand eight hundred eighty-two persons in the County are fully vaccinated. She stated that the vaccine clinics will no longer be held on Sunday. The vaccinations will be given on Tuesday and Thursdays.

She stated that they received their first Pfizer vaccines this week. Storage is a problem because they have to stay frozen. But she said that having those may changes things up a bit.

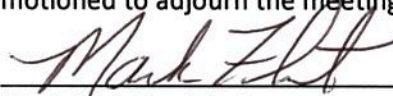
There were no other updates from other departments.

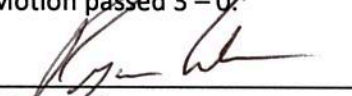
REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

Terry Stafford requested permission to address the Commissioners in regard to the Petersburg Little League field. He stated that the drainage ditches at the side of the field needed to be cleaned out and perhaps fitted with a sewer or something. He says that as they are now, they are impossible to mow. He stated that they would appreciate any assistance that the Commissioners could give them in this situation. Superintendent Byrd stated that he would take a look at the field. He also stated that they were interested in putting up a new building so that the youth could practice inside. Commissioner Coleman said that perhaps they could talk to the Park Board.

REGARDING ADJOURNMENT

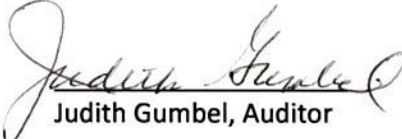
President Flint asked if there were any further business to come before the Commissioners. Hearing none he called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 3 – 0.


Mark Flint, President


Ryan Coleman


Jeff Nelson

Attest:


Judith Gumbel, Auditor

Date: 6/7/21