

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 2, 2021 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint  
Jeff Nelson  
Ryan Coleman

**REGARDING CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Flint called the meeting to order. All commissioners were present. Also in attendance, were County Attorney Val Fleig, County Auditor Judy Gumbel, and Commissioners Assistant Kristi Dischinger. Others present included Pike County EMS Director Chris Young, Jim Cappazelo with the Press Dispatch, Nikki Jeffers with , Pike County Garage Office Manager Melanie Britton, Pike County Health Nurse Amy Gladish, Pike County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, and Dylan Fisher.

**REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 12, 2021**

President Flint requested a motion to approve the minutes if there were no questions or concerns. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the July 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR AUGUST 2, 2021**

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

**REGARDING OLD BUSINESS** – There was no old business.

**REGARDING NEW BUSINESS**

**Ratts 1 Solar Road Use Agreement & Decommissioning Agreement**

Nikki Jeffers introduced herself as the project manager for the Ratts 1 Solar Project. Items discussed were as follows:

Decommissioning Plan Agreement – Consisting of seven Articles that addressed (I) Restoration Fund Issuance, (II) Disbursement of Security, (III) County Right to Salvage Value of Generating Units, (IV) Other Rights of County, (V) Representations and Warranties, (VI) Term, and (VII) Miscellaneous. The agreement also contained Attachment A, Form of Ratts 1 Solar Facility – Decommissioning Plan and Attachment B, Form of Ratts 1 Solar Facility – Agricultural Soil Reclamation Plan.

President Flint asked the Commissioners and the Highway Superintendent if there were any concerns. None were stated.

The Road Use Agreement was discussed next. Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd stated that the original agreement stated that there would be both bond and escrow amounts for damage potentially caused by the operation of Heavy Equipment. Ms. Jeffers agreed that escrow amounts had been incorrectly omitted from the new agreement.

Superintendent Byrd also had questions regarding the bridge bonds. There are some bridges on CR 550 that are listed on the map as Parking Only. He stated that the persons running the job aren't really going to care how product gets to the site as long as it gets there, and he stated that drivers are not going to follow the map, but will go however GPS takes them with no regard to the maps that have taken load limits of the bridges on the roads into consideration. This is a serious problem and responsibility is going to have to be taken to be certain that drivers deliver per the map. He stated that there are a couple of bridges not listed that he would like to get bond quotes on due to this situation. He stated one such bridge was a wooden bridge on 500 (Chet Williams road) as well as another bridge on CR 400. Ms. Jeffers stated there would be a company on site on August 3<sup>rd</sup> doing videography etc. that would relook at the condition and loads of the existing bridges in the area because they want to know the full situation. She stated that she would share what was found and suggested that the County obtain their bond quotes as being discussed. She acknowledged that this had been a problem on other projects and that something would be put in place to help with the problem.

Superintendent Byrd had additional questions concerning the lifts mentioned in the Agreement, stating that 12-inch lifts should probably be 6-inch lifts with 2 inch base and 2 inch surface if the surface is black top with a trench being cut across the road. Ms. Jeffers stated that the current plan is to bore under the roads rather than cutting trenches in the road. Mr. Byrd agreed that would be the better process.

Attorney Fleig asked what kind of teeth can be put into penalties to address this problem. Commissioner Coleman stated that in these situations a driver would probably be in the area only one time. Ms. Jeffers stated that she would strive to come up with some ideas.

It was also mentioned that the mileage on the map designating rock and blacktop had some errors. Road 675 is black top too. From CR500 to CR 400 needs to be shown as blacktop.

Commissioner Flint stated that he believed the Commissioners are fine with the Decommissioning agreement but that he believed that it would be better to wait and vote on them together. He stated that it was his hope that these issues could be ironed out before the next Commissioner's Meeting.

### **Highway Additional**

This is a request for \$74,000 to be added to Local Roads and Street, Fund 1169 for the purchase of bituminous, account 1169-000-02-2051. Commissioner Flint asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **Pike County/Solid Waste Management District Interlocal Agreement**

Solid Waste Management will be purchasing a truck that will be used by the Pike County Garage through this interlocal agreement.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the interlocal agreement and the purchase of the truck. Motion passed 3 – 0.



### **WTH Data Request – Orion Renewable Energy Group**

Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger explained that this was a standard data request for County GIS Data. Orion requested one layer of information for the parcels designated. The County will receive \$250 for the use of the GIS Data.

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

## **REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS**

### **Capital Asset Consulting Agreement**

County Auditor Judith Gumbel explained that the State Board of Accounts is requiring the Counties to move forward with the development of a GASB 34 / GAAP-Compliant Capital Assets Property Record for FY 2021. General Governmental Assets categories that will be addressed are Land, Land Improvements, Buildings, Machinery & Equipment, Vehicles and Software. Governmental Infrastructure Asset categories included are Roads and Highways, Rights-of-Way, Bridges, and Streetlights. Federally Financed Assets identified will be included in the reportable capital assets categories and on a separate dedicated schedule reflecting only Federally Financed Capital Assets. Minor But Sensitive Equipment (MBSE) whose actual cash value might fall below the capital threshold selected by the county will be addressed. The plan is to deliver the final report no later than 90 days from the start of the engagement. The cost is a fixed fee of \$4,000 plus possible reasonable travel-related costs and an administrative fee of 1.4% to cover expenses such as phone and printing. Transportation costs are not anticipated as the plan is to perform the work remotely.

The agreement will be paid for out of the Commissioner's Professional Services account.

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

### **AME Annual License Renewal**

This is 3CX Phone Maintenance renewal for the security update at a budgeted cost of \$415.00.

Councilman Nelson seconded by Councilman Coleman moved to approve the renewal as stated. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **Courthouse Status-COVID**

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish shared that the County is experiencing an increase in cases with 25 active cases. This makes the total number of diagnosed COVID cases for the County 1434. The current positivity rate is 7.1%. Currently the state shows 53% of the County to be fully vaccinated. However, a problem has been found with the recordkeeping software, and Ms Gladish believes that the number is closer to 50%.

Commissioner Nelson asked if the state was tracking the break through cases that were being diagnosed. Ms Gladish stated that these were being tracked. She stated that the County has experienced one known case. Commissioner Flint asked if development of allergies etc. months

after the vaccines were administered was considered a result of the vaccine. She said that some people have developed symptoms but she didn't know how many were following through so that they could be tracked.

EMS Director Chris Young stated that as of this morning the EMS Service had handled 209 more runs than they had in 2020.

Director Young stated that the service had experienced another ambulance wreck. The truck is now at Uebelhors and Mr. Young is waiting for the results of the damage appraisal.

He also shared that he had thought that he would have the new truck that resulted from the last accident this week, but when he inspected the truck he found a couple of items that needed to be addressed by Ford. But we should have the new ambulance very soon.

#### **REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC**

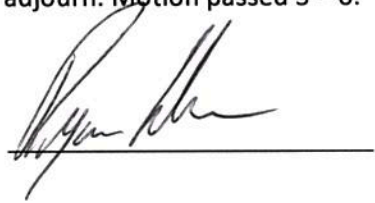
Under other business by public, Commissioner Flint thanked Mark Goodpasture for removing the stump of the tree that was recently cut down located on the front lawn of the courthouse.

Commissioner Flint also read an announcement that AES Indiana filed a petition with IURC (Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission) to acquire and construct a 250 MW solar + 180 MWh energy storage facility in Pike County, IND. The Petersburg Solar Plant is currently being developed by NextERA Energy Resources. Mr. Flint made this announcement as a Pike County Commissioner and as an employee of AES of Indiana.

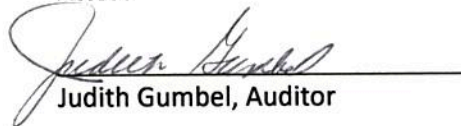
#### **REGARDING ADJOURNMENT**

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

Pike County Board of Commissioners:



Attest:

  
Judith Gumbel, Auditor

Aug 16, 2021  
Date