

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2021 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint  
Jeff Nelson  
Ryan Coleman

**REGARDING CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The October 4, 2021 meeting of the Pike County Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Mark Flint. Commissioners Jeff Nelson and Ryan Coleman were in attendance. Also, in attendance were Pike County Auditor Judith Gumbel, Pike County Attorney Val Fleig, and Commissioners' Assistant Kristi Dischinger. County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, EMS Director Chris Young, DNR Representative Jay Akes, and Press Dispatch Editor Andy Heuring were present.

**REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

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

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

**REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR OCTOBER 4, 2021**

President Flint asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the claims.

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

**REGARDING OLD BUSINESS - None**

**REGARDING NEW BUSINESS**

**L.E. Myers Bond Release #404002741**

On January 9, 2012, L.E. Myers Co. presented two road use bonds to the County in connection with Duke Energy Power Line, 175 East, Washington Township from Highway 356 to County Road 400 North (Bond # 404002742 and County Road 300 West, Logan Township from County Road 200 South to County Road 300 West (Bond # 404002741).

On September 11, 2013, L.E. Myers Co. requested the bond be released for both roads and the release of the Escrow amounts of \$20, 625 and \$5,625. This action was granted by the County Commissioners on September 16, 2013. The County Auditor released the Escrow amounts on 9.19.2013. Bond # 404002742 was released, but bond # 404002741 was not released. Note that the request stated Bond not Bonds. When the letter was written releasing the bond, only one bond was released.

The petition before the Commissioners was for an official release of Bond # 404002741. Ms. Dischinger explained the situation as stated above. President Flint asked if the board had any questions. Hearing none, he called for a motion to release the bond.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to release the bond. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **Blackburn Road-DNR**

Jay Akes with Indiana DNR reported to the Commissioners in regarding to the “sagging” of Blackburn Road. His proposal to fix the road was to cut out the existing asphalt and haul it away. Following the removal, the DNR would place HPE pipe under the road, roll it in and back fill with stone. New asphalt would then be placed over excavated/filled area by the County. The plan would be to reimburse the County for any labor the County would do and to pay Tri-County Asphalt directly for the material as well as the contractors that DNR hired. He reported that hopefully the project could be done in two (2) days.

Commissioner Flint asked if the repair could be done in the spring or if it could be done on Saturday and Sunday because AES is hauling a lot of coal over the road during the week. Commissioner Flint stated that Hoosier Energy probably had trucks using the road, too. Mr. Akes stated that Hoosier Energy now has another access to the plant.

Mr. Akes also stated that DNR completed a series of 4 drillings and found that 20 foot down there's a 10-foot silt stream; it's a natural cavity that goes along the side of the road. That is what caused the initial problem.

No action was taken and Mr. Akes stated that he would consult his contractors to see if the project could be done on the weekend. He did state that he would like to complete the project as soon as he could.

### **Approval of check for EMS**

EMS Director Chris Young stated that his department has to apply for a DEA License through the Indiana Professional Licensing agency. He has to send a \$100 check with his application. There is no way to obtain an invoice prior to the transaction. He requested that the Commissioners approve the Auditor to write a check to submit with the application.

Commissioner Flint asked if the Auditor could use the application as an invoice. Auditor Gumbel said that it could be done.

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

## REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

### Courthouse Status-COVID

Ms. Dischinger reported on behalf of the Pike County Health Nurse Amy Gladish. She stated that there were 72 active COVID cases in the County. The total COVID Cases is 2,188. At this time 4,672 Pike County citizens are fully vaccinated.

### Highway Report

Superintendent Byrd reported that paving for the fall is complete. It was agreed that Illinois Street looks good. Mr. Byrd stated that the street has to be striped per INDOT specifications. They are waiting for Petersburg to get their part of the street done.

## REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC - None

## REGARDING ADJOURNMENT

President Flint asked if there were any further business to come before the Board of Commissioners. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn.


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

  
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President Mark Flint

  
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Ryan Coleman Member

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Jeff Nelson Member

Attest:

  
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Judith Gumbel, Auditor

  
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Date

