

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 1, 2021 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint Present
Jeff Nelson Present
Ryan Coleman Present

REGARDING CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Mark Flint called the November 1, 2021 meeting of the Pike County Board of Commissioners to order at 8:30 a.m. All Commissioners were present. Also, in attendance were Pike County Attorney Val Fleig, Auditor Judith Gumbel, Commissioners' Assistant Kristi Dischinger, EMS Director Chris Young, Pike Growth Alliance CEO Ashley Willis, Sheriff Kent Johnson, Pike County Health Nurse Amy Gladish, Pike County Road Superintendent Josh Byrd, Editor of Press Dispatch Andy Heuring, and Mike Hurtado

REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 18, 2021

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

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

REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2021

President Flint asked if there were questions or concerns regarding the claims. He called for a motion.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the November 1, 2021 Claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING OLD BUSINESS

Sheriff-Drug Buy Fund Resolution (1995-02)

Sheriff Johnson reported that the County Attorney Val Fleig was still working on the amendment to the Resolution. The account is something that is used by the department. No action can be taken at this time so the resolution was tabled.

REGARDING NEW BUSINESS

President Flint explained that there were networking problems and the order of business would be shifted around until Tom Dooley could be connected. However, minutes of the meeting will be recorded

as shown on the Agenda of the Meeting.

Tom Dooley-Veterans' Officer

Mr. Dooley attended the meeting via zoom. He stated that he has been experiencing health problems with his back. He stated that he has decided to retire. He has some pending cases to be finalized: a homeless vet and ordering a couple of memorial stones. He explained that the Military is offering a TAP class that helps veterans access their benefits. He said that there are roughly 800 vets in Pike County at this time. He said it would take him a couple of weeks as soon as he can come in.

Commissioner Flint thanked Tom for his service and wished him well.

Charter Communications RDOF Presentation - Tabled

Assessor – Open Bids for Technical Advisor

Attorney Val Fleig opened the sealed bids. Two were received: Tyler Technologies at \$280,000 and Reller's Southern Indiana Appraisal, LLC at \$167,900. Commissioner Flint asked for a motion to take the bids under advisement.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to take the bids under advisement. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Recorder's Office – Laredo Billing

Pike County Recorder Jeff Harting shared that prior to his taking office in 2019 the County Recorder entered into a new contract with FIDLAR featuring a product called Laredo. This product allowed vendors to search Pike County property records online. The product had two billing components, but it seems that only one was used. Or it is possible that the product was just not completely set up. With this happening in late 2017 and 2018, it is difficult to know what happened. The result was that that County did not bill for approximately \$7,078 in services provided. The finding has been thoroughly discussed with the State Board of Accounts and one of their recommendations was that the County elect to sustain the loss and not bill the vendors for services that happened so long ago. Recorder Harting recommended that this be the action taken by the Board of Commissioners.

President Flint asked the other commissioners if they wanted further information or if they were prepared to take action.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to not pursue the collection of the \$7,028.00. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Triad Road Use Extensions (4) - Tabled

The county has not received the road use extensions as of the meeting time. This was tabled.

Horvath Towers, Request for Release of Bonds

This is regarding Bond # 014215213 pertaining to the road usage agreement on County Road 575 E. Following the approval and signing of this order, \$16,500 to HORVATH TOWERS V, LLC now held in Escrow will be paid.

County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd stated that the road is good.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to release the bond. Motion passed.

EMS-Approval to Advertise for Ambulance Bids

Director Young stated that after considerable discussion with German American Insurance and Uebelhor's Service Department it has been determined that the ambulance that was wrecked through no-fault of the EMS driver is a total loss. He stated that the settlement amount has not been determined. Director Young asked permission to bid a new ambulance. He has been advised that it will take at least 10-months to get an ambulance in County with in date of signing the agreement to purchase.

President Flint called for a motion.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to allow the EMS Director to advertise for bids for a new ambulance. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Director Young stated that there were companies who were possibly interested in buying the wrecked vehicle. He asked if he could advertise to sell it. The insurance company is not interested in a buy-back. Attorney Fleig stated that it would have to be appraised before anything could be done.

EMS Transfers

\$2.00 From 1170-020-03-3014, Telephone to 1170-020-03-3045 Infectious Waste Disposal

\$500.00 From, 1170-020-02-2020, Office Supplies

\$84.00 From, 1170-020-03-3013, Travel Expense

\$1,000.00 from 1170-020-03-3015, Cell Phone

TO 1170-020-02-2034 FUEL

Director Young explained that the transfers are needed to get to the end of the year.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to approve transfers. Motion

passed 3 – 0.

County Health Officer Resignation

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish shared that the County Health Officer Nathaniel Grow is resigning effective January 31, 2022. She said that he had told the Health Board about his pending resignation earlier in the year. She said that at this time Dr. Grow just wants to slow down some and simplify his life.

President Flint stated that since this is a resignation that the Board of Commissioners will need to officially accept it.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson moved to accept the Dr. Grow's resignation. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Travel Policy Amendment

Commissioners' Assistant Kristi Dischinger stated there were a couple of items to address.

Itemized Receipts - When a credit card is used to pay for items while traveling such as gasoline, food, hotels, the employee must turn in not only their credit card statement, but also an itemized receipt for purchases.

Meal Reimbursement will be paid for only the employee.

Mileage - The employee may travel from his/her home or the department location, whichever is closest to the destination.

Miles driven may be calculated from the odometer reading or by electronic mapping services, such as Google Maps or Mapquest.

President Flint asked if there were any questions regarding the changes to the Travel Policy. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the changes to the Travel Policy. Motion passed 3 – 0.

2022 Non-Bargaining Holidays

Ms. Dischinger stated that the holidays are the same as in preceding years. If a holiday occurs on Saturday it will be observed on the Friday before; if it occurs on Sunday, it will be observed on the Monday after the Holiday. The schedule is as follows: New Year's Day- Monday January 3; Martin Luther King Jr. Day- Monday; President's Day-Monday, February 21; Good Friday-Friday, April 15; Memorial Day-Monday, May 30; Independence Day-Monday, July 4; Labor Day-Monday, September 5; Columbus Day-Monday, October 10; Veterans Day-Friday, November 11;

Thanksgiving-Thursdays and Friday November 24 and 25; Christmas Eve-Friday, December 23; Christmas-Monday, December 26 (observed); and New Year's Eve-Friday, December 30.

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

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

Courthouse Transfer – \$5.00 Transfer from 1000-031-3051, Elevator to 1000-031-01-1070 Incentive.

Commissioner Transfer– \$2,500.00 Transfer from 1000-030-01-1073, Unemployment to 1000-030-03-3030, Insurance.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motion to approve the Courthouse and Commissioner Transfer request. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Clerk/Treasurer Monthly Reports – September – The State Board of Accounts has advised that the Clerk's and Treasurer's monthly reports that are presented to the Auditor are to also be present to the Board of Commissioners and the County Council for their review. This will now be done monthly.

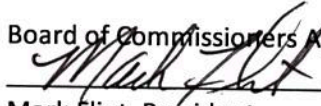
Courthouse Status-COVID – County Health Nurse stated that things are looking better. There are currently 18 active cases. Total of 2,306 cases in Pike County. Current 7-Day positivity rate is 7.3%. Total number of fully vaccinated people in Pike County is 4,845. The numbers being tested is slowing down

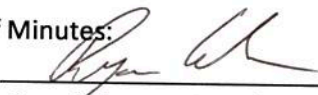
REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC – There was none.

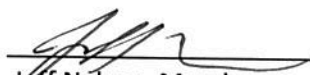
REGARDING ADJOURNMENT

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

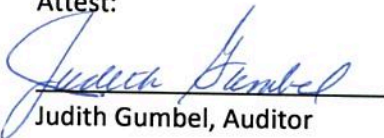
Board of Commissioners Approval of Minutes:


Mark Flint, President


Ryan Coleman, Member


Jeff Nelson, Member

Attest:


Judith Gumbel, Auditor

11/15/21
Date

