

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2022 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Mark Flint called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present in addition to Attorney Val Fleig, Auditor Judith Gumbel, Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger. Also present were Shanie and Jane Gerth, Jim Brown, Matthew Muller, Melanie Britton, Ashley Willis, Jeff Harting, Brent Roberts, Kent Johnson, Ashley Gideon, Ray Brooks, Kevin Meyer, Ryan Benner, Chris Young, Tara Lloyd, Craig Knies, John Rogers, Susan Craig, and Amy Gladish. Lisa Lee, attorney for Ice Miller, Hannah Pawelczyk, and Kyle Resetarits were present via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES MAY 16, 2022

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

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR JUNE 6, 2022

President Flint asked if there were any questions concerning the claims. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve claims. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to approve claims for June 6, 2022. Motion passed 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Bids for CCMG 2022-01

County Attorney Val Fleig opened the sealed bids for CCMG 2022-01. Those bids are attached to these minutes. Commissioner Flint stated that all bids received would be taken under advisement.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - Invenergy EDA, Road Use Agreement & Decommissioning Agreement

Matt Muller, the newly appointed project manager, summarized the Crosstrack Solar Energy LLC Project. The County Council previously approved the Resolution for Economic Development. It, in addition to the Decommissioning Agreement and Road Use Agreement, must have the final approval of the Pike County Commissioners.

- 1) The project is located mostly in Jefferson Township.
- 2) It will produce enough energy for over 27,000 homes.
- 3) The time line indicates Construction starting late 2023 continuing to late 2024.
- 4) Operations will start in early 2025.
- 5) Benefits include an investment in Pike County of approximately \$110 Million.

- 5) Roughly \$30 Million in new taxes and additional revenue in property tax payments over a 35-year period.
- 6) 130 Construction jobs and an estimated 2 full-time jobs for Operations & Maintenance.
- 7) An estimated \$35 million in payments to participating landowners.
- 8) Solar Panel trackers are photovoltaic.
- 9) Sun's rays are absorbed, then converted to electricity.
- 10) Panels designed to withstand 140 mph winds, large hail
- 11) Operations are very quiet.
- 12) No lights at night.

President Flint asked if there is any anticipation of delay in getting the panels and if the project has the IURC (Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission approval. Mr. Mueller said that no delays are anticipated. Hannah Pawelczyk, attending the meeting via zoom stated that IARC has been approved. Commissioner Flint also asked if the project has a signed customer and that answer was "no". Commissioner Nelson asked if everyone had looked over the Road usage agreement. Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd stated that the process was started. Roads have not yet been approved. Commissioner Nelson asked with that being the case did the agreement need to be signed. Lisa Lee with Ice Miller representing Pike County explained that the Commissioners would only be approving the agreements in "substantially final form" for other decisions to come as outlined in the agreements. The County roads to be used are not determined and that will all be done with County input and approval as to what will have to be done. But the County will have the authority to later determine following the approval of agreements. President Flint ask Mr. Byrd if he had looked at the roads in regard to dust control etc. Superintendent Josh Byrd stressed that he would need adequate time to review the roads selected. Commissioner Flint asked how long it would be before the project leads could tell the County what roads they would like to use. Ms. Pawelczyk stated that design had to be finished but the County would have time to look at the roads. Kyle Resetarits legal counsel with INVENERGY stated that all roads agreements will be worked out 90 days before construction starts. All in all, it looked like there would be 120 to 150 days to get everything in order. County Attorney Val Fleig assured the Commissioners that they are not giving up control of the project "now" by signing the agreements. Lisa Lee stated that the agreement will give the County a comfort level, that all will be worked out in the selection of the roads as needed. Ashley Willis with the EDC stated that these concerns were addressed early in the talks with Invenergy.

President Flint called for a motion to approve Resolution 2022-11.

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

Recorder's Office Scanning Project

County Recorder Jeff Harting presented a contract with Fidar Technology for scanning the deeds recorded from 1964 to 1920. This will be done under what is termed a "Grantee/Grantor" agreement. It will be a 2 to 3 day around the clock project wherein Fidar will be onsite to complete the scanning. These records will then be available on line. The contract cost is \$16,531 and will be paid through the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund.

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

Following the approval, Recorder Harting mentioned that there is another project to come involving missing margin notes in the scans of deeds from 1995 to 2010. He stated that the full scope of the project is not known at this time.

Highway Approval for New Hire

Superintendent Byrd explained that he had a recent retirement in his workforce. He asked for approval to hire a replacement.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to give Superintendent Byrd authorization to hire a new employee. Motion passed 3 -0.

Highway Fuel Contract

Superintendent Byrd explained that he had been in negotiation with his fuel vendor, Synergy. A contract was signed that will save the County 30 cents a gallon. Prior to contract signing the price for fuel was \$4.56 for off road and \$5.09 for on road. With this contract the price is \$4.30 for off road and \$4.78 for on road. Contract covers 15,000 gallon for on road and 15,000 gallon for off road. Josh stated that they will have to keep an eye on prices and usage to determine if they need to negotiate another contract.

Highway Additional

Bridge 150 x 2

The work on the bridges for the Bridge 150 rehab and Bridge 150 Replacement was a federal grant with the County match funded out of CEDIT. Both projects had an overrun that will have to be paid from the County's match funds. The additional appropriation for \$2,848 is for Bridge 150 Rehab and the additional appropriation for Bridge 150 Replacement is for \$2,200.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the additional appropriations. Motion passed 3-0.

LR&S Fuel

The highway requested an additional appropriation of \$30,000 for their line item Fuel, Oil and Lubricants.

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

Box Culvert/Bridge Replacement

Superintendent Byrd explained that the Highway is requesting \$54,800 for materials the replacement of Bridge 67 over Branchlick Creek. It goes back to when the old iron bridge was replaced. A study was done by an engineer in regard to the water runoff. The plan is to take out the bridge and replace it with a box culvert. The bridge has a 3-ton weight limit on it now. Superintendent Byrd would like to complete the project this year. The additional appropriation request is asking for the appropriation from either CEDIT or Cum Bridge.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the request as per whichever fund the Council would deem appropriate. Motion passed 3 – 0.

E911 Transfer

Director Ryan Benner explained that his computer failed and that it also serves as the back-up CAD station. He also has a failed printer. The printer cannot be purchase from Fund 1222, the State E911 fund, so the request is to take it out of the County E-911 Fund 1000-014. Thus, there is a transfer request within both funds to purchase the needed computer and printer.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the transfers. Motion carried 3 – 0.

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Contract for Materials/Supplies

Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger explained that the State Board of Accounts is now requiring the County to have a contract for the suppliers approved through the bid process for Materials and Supplies for the projects done by the County. Attorney Fleig developed a form contract to meet this requirement.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the Form Contract to comply with the SBOA. Motion passed.

COVID Update

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish reported that there are currently 20 known active cases. There were 46 tests given in May that tested positive. She reminded all that this is not an accurate figure due to the home tests. She shared that the test site will close on June 30th. This is part of the States demobilizing plan.

BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

EMA/E-911 Director Benner requested permission to replace a dispatcher who recently left with Kimberly Truitt. The position is a full-time position.

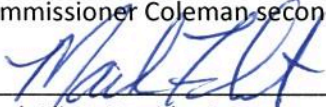
Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the hire. Motion passed 3 – 0.

EMS Director Chris Young stated that he is now up 324 runs from the same time last year. This is a current total of 1,040 runs for 2022.

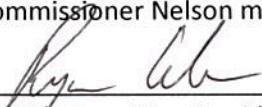
MOTION TO ADJOURN

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 motioned to adjourn. Motion passed 3 – 0.



Mark Flint, President




Ryan Coleman, Vice-President



Jeff Nelson, Member

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor

6-20-22
Date

Community Crossings 2022-1 Paving Materials Bids

Description	Cave Quarries	E & B Paving	Asphalt Mat.
HMA #9 Binder/Wedging			
HMA #11 Surface	\$77.00	\$76.00	
HMA #5 Base			
AE 90 Tack Oil	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.57
#53 Rock			