

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSINERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 20, 2022 @ 8:30 AM**

**Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Mark Flint called the meeting to order with all Commissioners present. Also present included County Attorney Val Fleig, County Auditor Judith Gumbel, Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger, Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, County Surveyor Rich Williams, County Coroner Ray Brooks, Economic Development Director Ashley Willis, Sheriff Kent Johnson, EMS Director Chris Young, Health Dept Emergency Preparedness Director Pamela Cosby, John Rogers, Susan Craig, Marc McNeece, and Press Dispatch Reporter Sherri Sabella.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES JUNE 6, 2022

President Flint asked if there were any questions or concerns in regard to the minutes. Hearing none he called for a motion to approve.

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR JUNE 20, 2022

President Flint called attention to the claims and asked if there were any questions. Hearing none he called for a motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Accept Bids for CCMG 2022-1

Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger explained that even though the bid from E&B Paving was lower by \$1.00 per ton on the HMA #11 Surface than Cave Quarries bid, there was a problem: the increasing gas price and the pick-up distance from the company. Superintendent Josh Byrd reiterated Ms. Dischinger's statements.

There was only one bid for the AE 90 Tack Oil and that was Asphalt Materials at \$2.57 per gallon.

President Flint asked if there was a motion to accept the bid from Cave Quarries for the HMA #11 Surface at \$77 due to the fact that the \$1.00 difference could not be made up with the high fuel prices and the distance that E&B is from the job site and the only bid for the AE 90 Tack Oil as received from Asphalt Materials.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman made the motion as stated by Commissioner Flint. Motion passed 3 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Maximus CAP 22-24, Contract

Auditor Gumbel explained that this is a renewal of the contract that has been in place for some time. It is in regard to the indirect costs paid by the County to operate the IV-D program: i.e. office space, heating and air, etc. Maximus conducts an audit and reports their finding to the Indiana Department of Child Services. The County receives reimbursement for a portion of these costs of around \$35,000 per year over the past three years. The contract covers January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$3,500 per year.

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

Highway Additional X 2

The first request was \$5,500 from Fund 1176 generated by the sale of scrap metal into 1176-008-04-4060, Machinery and Equipment. The intent is to purchase another box blade.

The second request was from Fund 1176 in the amount of \$8,000 for Fund 1176-008-02-2035 for tires.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the requests for an additional appropriation. Motion assed 3 – 0.

Release Bond Quality Wood Products, LLC

The is County Road 775 E. Quality Wood Products LLC placed a Bond for a logging operation. They took their logs out on a single axle truck. They did not hurt the road. In the meantime, a farmer hauled in about 25 big loads of turkey manure and Frontier was working on a project. The road was damaged, but through no fault of Quality Wood Products. Superintendent Byrd and Commissioner Coleman looked the situation over and feel that the Quality Wood Products Bond should be released.

Commissioner Coleman stated that this has happened more than once. He stated that the County needs to establish a weight limit on the road. It is used as a cut through to Stendal.

County Attorney Fleig stated that an ordinance needed to be advertised, published, and adopted. Commissioners were in agreement. Attorney Fleig will start the process.

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

United Minerals Road Agreement Termination and Bond Release

Superintendent Byrd stated that he and Rich Williams with United Minerals/Peabody drove the road and that it looks fine.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to release the bond and to approve the road agreement termination. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Moose Lease Extension.

At the time the Agenda for the Meeting was set, it was thought that the Pike County COVID Testing Center funding had run out. The intent was to extend the lease ending on June 30th until the equipment and supplies could be removed. But now the Indiana Department of Health has offered funding for the extension of the Testing Center through December of 2022. Pamela Cosby will notify the Commissioners when the grant is received.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to extend the lease with the Moose through December of 2022. Motion passed 3 – 0.

EDC Budget Overview

EDC Director Ashley Willis presented her proposed budget for 2023. She stated that her budget request from the County remains the same as last year at \$118,000. She updated the Commissioners on the status of the EDC Annual Plan of Work which focuses on seven (7) areas for economic vision: Infrastructure and Facilities, Housing, Workforce Development and Entrepreneurial Support, Community Engagement, Energy, Natural Resources and Renewables, Marketing, and Business Growth. Among other items she spoke to several of the positive developments occurring in Pike County this year: Invenergy's \$110,000,000 investment in Pike County and their \$35,027,030 tax revenue over the life of the project, the COVID Business Grants - \$250,000 to small businesses in Pike County, Pike's participation in a READI (Regional Economic Accelerated Development Initiative) a project where Pike County joined with 4 other counties to receive a grant of \$15,000,000 of which Pike will probably receive 3-million. It will be

used in the development of a family-housing project extending to Hornady Park providing infrastructure. Ms. Willis shared that READI is working on a project researching how to develop previously mined ground at the Mega-site. The READI money is part of the ARPA monies. She stated that the Old Ben Aqua Park is developing and that she's not sure of the impact yet. Responsible Energy has reopened the Charger Mine meaning about 45 jobs to the community in the \$70,000 range. Industrial Rubber Conveyor has opened with seven \$60,000 jobs. A grant has been received from the Welborn Foundation for \$136,000 in playground equipment at Hornady Park, and they are also working with Spurgeon for playground equipment. She shared that Pike County was named as a Broad Band Ready Community last week with PSC's \$12,000,000 project plus the new Charter Spectrum project. Both are working to fill the gap areas currently without internet service.

SWCD Budget Overview

Ms. Dischinger stated that she received no response from Ms. Estey.

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Vehicle Policy

A proposed policy was given to the Commissioners for their review with possible action at the next meeting.

Clerk Treasurer Monthly Reports

These are provided monthly for the Commissioners review

Commissioner's Transfer

Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger requested a transfer from 1000-030-03-3013, Commissioner's Travel Expense to 1000-030-01-1081, Instruction and Schooling.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the transfer. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointment to JRAC

This is an appointment of the President of the Commissioners. President Flint requested that Jason McKinney be appointed.

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

COVID Update

Pamela Cosby reported for Amy Gladish, County Health Nurse. Pike County currently has 33 active cases. There is an uptake in cases in most counties now. The County currently has 5,241 fully vaccinated citizens of eligible age.

Courthouse Custodian

Commissioner Flint stated that Jim Middleton's last day would be June 30th.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to hire Jerry Blackwell as Courthouse Custodian with his duties beginning on June 27th. Motion passed 3 – 0.

BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

EMS Director Chris Young reported that EMS is currently at 340 more runs than last year at this time. This is 1,130 total runs for the year. He stated that they are still struggling with ambulance availability.

Commissioner Nelson stated that Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger had requested that the Commissioners consider changing her title to County Administrator. She stated that due to her current title she is often by-passed when information is shared. She said that she has looked into what duties individuals perform that have this title in other counties. She said that she does about 85% of those tasks.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to change Ms. Dischinger's title to County Administrator. Motion passed 3-0.

Superintendent Byrd stated that due to the storm there were about 150 trees down on the county roads. He thanked Sheriff Johnson and EMS Director Chris Young for their assistance.

John Rogers thanked the Commissioner's for their timely attention to the condition of the Coleman Cemetery.

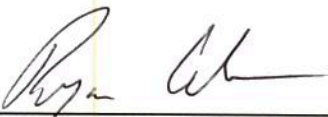
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business being brought to the attention of the Commissioners, President Flint called for a motion to adjourn.

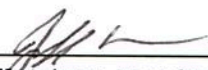
Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0.



Mark Flint, President

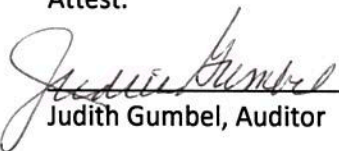


Ryan Coleman, Vice President

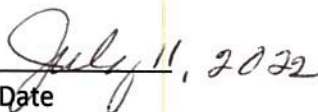


Jeff Nelson, Member

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor



Date July 11, 2022