

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 6, 2023**

**Mark Flint  
Jeff Nelson  
Ryan Coleman**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

BOC President Mark Flint called the meeting to order. All commissioners were in attendance in addition to County Attorney Val Fleig, Auditor Judith Gumbel, and County Administrator Kristi Dischinger. Also, in attendance were Coroner Ray Brooks, EMA/E911 Director Ryan Benner, Highway Superintendent Joshua Byrd, John K McJ??, EMS Director Chris Young, Thomas Schroeder, and Press Dispatch Editor Sherri Griffin.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AND SPECIAL SESSION 3-2-2023, & EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDA 3-2-2023**

President Flint called the board's attention to the two sets of minutes, February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting and Special Session, March 3, 2023. Commissioner Jeff Nelson seconded by Commissioner Ryan Coleman motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0. President Flint also signed the Memoranda in regard to the Executive Session on March 2, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR MARCH 6, 2023**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Accept Bids CCMG 2022-2**

The bids opened on February 21, 2023 from Cave Quarries and J.H. Rudolph were discussed during today's meeting. President Flint asked Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd as to his analysis and thoughts regarding the bids. Mr. Byrd stated that J.H. Rudolph's material bid for asphalt was lower in price. However, the more distant location of the J.H. Rudolph plant, the time spent waiting to be loaded, additional travel time, the limited number of trucks available to haul the material, and the inability to retain the heat of the asphalt actually made the Cave Quarries' price cheaper, with the exception of the section of Old State Road 64, it being closer to the J.H. Rudolph plant. Further, as to those bids requiring rock for conversion, the Cave Quarries' bid as to the rock was lower. Taking all of the foregoing into consideration, Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motioned to accept the Rudolph bid on the Old State Road 64 portion and the Cave Quarries' bids on the rest of the roads. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **Open Window Bids**

Only one bid was received. It was from Stoll Bros Lumber in the base bid amount of \$1,075,081.80. However, the bid packet did not contain a bid Form 96 which was required. The bid came in at a price that was considerably over the budgeted amount. Tom Schroeder, Project Overseer, was asked what had been done to solicit bids for the project. He stated that bids were advertised, and he had called companies encouraging them to place bids. He stated that there were additional ways that he could advertise and that he could make more direct contacts.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to reject the bid due to the missing bid Form 96. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **EMA Additional**

EMA Director Ryan Benner stated that the monies requested were from the EMA Donation Fund (Fund 4104) and from a Duke Energy Grant (Fund 8107). The use for the money is to purchase a new thermal imaging drone to replace the outdated drone as well as a drone that is not financially responsible to repair.

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

#### **EMS Transfer**

EMS Director Chris Young requested a transfer in Fund 1170, Public Safety. The transfer was \$5,000 from Paramedic to Professional Services. The cost is to pay for two years of the Malcon service for securing the fuel tax reimbursement.

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

#### **Malcon Agreement – Medicaid, Medicare Reimbursement**

EMS Director Young explained that this is the renewal of the contract and that it contained no changes. It is a 3-year contract.

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

#### **VSO Request to Raise Burial Marker Allowance, Ordinance 2023-01.**

Veterans' Service Officer Denny Weitkamp requested that the Commissioners increase the price of the Veterans' grave marker and its placement from \$50.00 to \$100.00. He stated that the surrounding counties paid more. He stated that about 10 per year were purchased and that the placement was a 2-person job. Ordinance 2022-01 contains this price increase.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-01. Motion passed 3 – 0.

## **BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS**

### **Appointments**

#### **JRAC – Kullen Cook (Mark's Representative)**

Commissioner Flint stated that he wished to appoint Kullen Cook to JRAC.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the appointment of Kullen Cook as Mark Flint's representative to JRAC. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **Highway News**

Superintendent Byrd stated that he was changing pipes and getting ready to pave the 2nd group of roads. He also thanked Sheriff McKinney, EMA Director Ryan Benner and EMS Director Chris Young for their help during the recent storm. They helped him drive the roads to find out where trees were down etc.

### **EMS News**

Director Young stated that transports are continuing.

### **Dispatch News**

Director Benner stated that he had an individual quit and requested permission to hire Zach Loveless a former employee who is already trained.

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

### **Sheriff Department News**

Sheriff McKinney stated that the call numbers are up. In January they had 500 + calls and February numbers were close. There are currently 60 to 65 inmates in the County Jail.

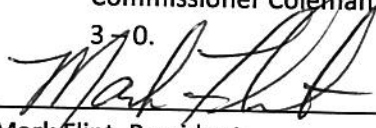
## **BUSINESS BY PUBLIC**


Otwell Citizen Deb Troutman requested that the Commissioners pass an Ordinance to keep people in the County from junking up their home sites and devaluing the property of their neighbors. She stated that Dubois County successfully operates with an ordinance that prohibits this. She stated that Sheriff McKinney was on board with the plan. She said that the ordinance works by having the Health Department take complaints and then referring the complaint to the Sheriff. The Sheriff then does a drive-by. If the complaint is legitimate, a letter is sent to the property owner stating that the owner of the property might have a fine imposed.

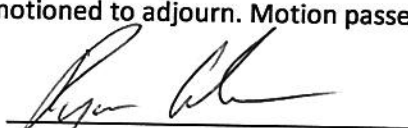
Commissioner Flint stated that there had been multiple conversations in regard to this problem with the Prosecutor and former Sheriff.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn. Motion passed  
3-10.

  
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Mark Flint, President

  
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Jeff Nelson, Vice President

  
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Ryan Coleman

Attest:

  
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Judith Gumbel, Auditor

3/30/23  
Date