

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 17, 2023**

**Mark Flint  
Jeff Nelson  
Ryan Coleman**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Commissioner President Mark Flint called the meeting to order. All commissioners were in attendance. Also in attendance were County Attorney Val Fleig, County Administrator Kristi Dischinger, Sheriff Jason McKinney, EMS Director Chris Young, Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, Coroner Ray Brooks, EMA/E911 Director Ryan Benner, Tom Schroeder, Ashley Willis, Brooke Goble, Brent Roberts and Press Dispatch Editor Sherri Griffin.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 3, 2023**

President Flint asked if there were any corrections or additions, to which there were no comments. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR APRIL 17, 2023**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Window Bids**

Engineer Tom Schroeder was in attendance to go over the window bids with the commissioners. He said both companies used Anderson windows for their bids. He explained there are 2 alternate bids for the commissioners to consider. Alternate 1 would consist of using White Oak instead of Pine for the interior of the windows. Mr. Schroeder said structurally they both work. The White Oak is more dense and has more grain striations. Alternate 2 would include a transom window and wrapping the back exterior door to match the windows. After discussion, Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go with the low bid from Wolfe Construction in the amount of \$718,046.00 plus alternate 2, adding \$8,550.00 for a total of \$726,596.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and carried 3-0. Commissioner Flint asked about the start date. Mr. Schroeder said he would get Wolfe Construction a notice to proceed and that everything will be completed in 180 days. Ms. Dischinger asked how far out window delivery is running and Mr. Schroeder said about 12 weeks. Attorney Fleig confirmed there would be a contract between the commissioners and Wolfe Construction, to which Mr. Schroeder agreed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Good Friday (Easter) Holiday for 24/7 Departments**

Ms. Dischinger explained there was some concern noted by EMS Director Chris Young regarding the Good Friday holiday. The 24/7 departments observe the holiday on the actual day. Since the holiday is Good Friday and not Easter, those working on Easter Sunday get nothing while those working on Good Friday get a paid holiday. This year the end of the pay period was the Saturday after Good Friday. Ms. Dischinger said this would be formally addressed when holidays are set in the fall. Ms. Dischinger thought the easiest fix would be to make Easter the holiday with those employees working a Monday through Friday schedule to observe the holiday on Good Friday. Commissioners Coleman & Nelson recommended granting the 24/7 departments a floating holiday instead of either Good Friday/Easter. Commissioner Flint asked the department heads in attendance if they would be okay with a floating holiday. Sheriff McKinney and EMA Director Benner both said yes. EMS Director Young said he just wants to make sure his employees that work the Easter holiday get due compensation. After some discussion, Commissioner Coleman made a motion to keep the Good Friday holiday for M-F locations and a floating holiday for 24/7 departments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried 3-0.

### **EDC-Booster Station**

EDC Director Ashley Willis explained funding to build a booster station near the I69 interchange was requested back in 2019 but unfortunately that project didn't move forward. The City of Petersburg now has a water tower in the area and Ms. Willis is requesting they move forward with the booster station. The estimate for construction is \$718,697. She stated there are leftover funds of \$330,000 from a previous grant but even with that money considered, there is still a shortfall of \$388,000 for the project. She is requesting the shortfall amount come from ARPA money. Ms. Willis said this booster station will service the interchange area as well as the SW Megasite area. Commissioner Flint noted that originally there was \$700,000 earmarked for sewer & water infrastructure in the ARPA plan and this would be coming out of that fund. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and carried 3-0.

### **EDC Letter to Request COVID Funding**

Ms. Willis asked the commissioners to approve a letter requesting supplemental COVID funding from OCRA in the amount of \$250,000 for small business grants. The EDC and Indiana Region 15 would work to administer the grants with county approval. A motion to approve the letter was made by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and carried 3-0.

### **Highway Transfer**

The Highway Department requests a transfer in the amount of \$11,000 from Worker's Comp to Vehicle Insurance. The money will be used to pay the annual premium that came in higher than expected.

A motion to approve the transfer was made by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and carried 3-0.

### **Request to Advertise for Bids CCMG 2023-1**

Ms. Dischinger explained this is the request to advertise for bids for Community Crossings 2023 call one. The county received all funds requested and allowed for 2023 so this will be the only bidding for CCMG 2023. Bids will be opened on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the regular commissioners' meeting. Ms. Dischinger asked Superintendent Byrd to explain the only change to the previous advertisement. He is requesting the RAP (recycled asphalt pavement) limit in the hot mix be at a maximum of 5%. Mr. Byrd explained sometimes this can be 20-25% of the mix and can be milled rubber tires, shingles, etc. The commissioners asked several questions about the impact the percentage of RAP has on the mix and if it was obvious when a mix with a higher RAP percentage was used. Superintendent Byrd said different entities create different standards, but virgin material is better. This will standardize the mix the county receives. A motion to approve the advertisement with the 5% RAP stipulation included was made by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and carried unanimously.

## **BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS**

### **Spurgeon Wastewater Loan**

Ms. Dischinger stated that in 2010 the town of Spurgeon requested and received a loan in the amount of \$60,000 from the county. They are now in the midst of upgrading their sewer services and are asking the county to forgive this loan. Ms. Dischinger told the commissioner that the county council met last week and although they didn't make a formal motion, they stated it would be their intention to forgive this loan. Ray Brooks said Councilman Craig told him the town attorney and county attorney needed to get together and decide what needed to be done. Attorney Fleig said the terms of the note basically said the town would repay the loan when they received the grant money, which didn't happen. This is a different project from the one in 2010. Commissioner Nelson thought most of the funds were initially intended for a study. Since the commissioners signed the loan agreement in 2010 the topic was brought before them. A motion to forgive the loan from the Board of Commissioners' standpoint was made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and carried 3-0. Attorney Fleig noted the county council needs to approve this also.

### **Prides Creek**

Commissioner Flint said they were getting some inquiries about the condition of the water at Prides Creek. He went on to add that people think the commissioners are over those issues, but they are actually overseen by the Park & Rec Board. Commissioners Coleman and Nelson, as well as Attorney Fleig, thought this may be more of an issue for the Conservancy. Ms.

Dischinger said the comments she had received were that the lake was too mossy, and one gentleman was told it wouldn't be treated until late June or July. Ms. Dischinger forwarded the information to the Park Superintendent and Secretary but had not talked to the superintendent personally. She will do that this week.

*Commissioner Flint asked department heads in attendance for anything they would like to share.*

**Superintendent Byrd** said they are waiting on the paving money to come in to begin that and that the conversion roads have the rock spread so they will be ready to be paved soon. He noted they have had a few calls potholes in Spurgeon. In the past work may have been done, but they cannot do that without interlocal agreements. He recommended they go to the town board. Ray Brooks thought the town bought the material and the county put it in for prior instances, but they are not allowed to do that anymore. Superintendent Byrd said the county isn't over those roads, Spurgeon is its own entity. He also noted they have received the new excavator and it's up and running.

**Sheriff McKinney** shared some numbers for the month of March. The Sheriff's Department arrested 30 people, booked 46 and took 3,160 calls. He said April and May are usually some of the busiest months for them. They had a jail analysis done and are waiting for the report back but he knows they are understaffed according to state standards.


**EMS Director Chris Young** stated all trucks are back on the road and the remount should be picked up soon.


**BUSINESS BY PUBLIC**-None

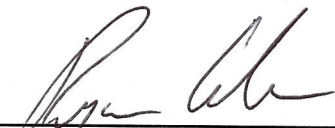
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

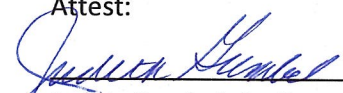
Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed 3 - 0.

  
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Mark Flint, President

  
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Jeff Nelson, Vice President

  
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Ryan Coleman, Member

Attest:

  
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Judith Gumbel, Auditor

5-1-23  
Date