

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
MAY 1, 2023 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

BOC President Mark Flint called the meeting to order. All Commissioners as well as County Attorney Val Fleig, County Auditor Judith Gumbel, and County Administrator Kristi Dischinger were in attendance. Also present were County Coroner Ray Brooks, Director of Economic Development Ashley Willis, EMS Director Chris Young, Pike County Sheriff Jason McKinney, EMA/E-911 Director Ryan Benner, and Pike County Health Nurse, Amy Gladish, County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, and Press Dispatch Editor Sherri Griffin.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES APRIL 17, 2023

President Flint asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes. Hearing none he called for a motion. Commissioner Ryan Coleman seconded by Commissioner Jeff Nelson motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR MAY 1, 2023

President Flint called for a motion in regard to the Claims for May 1, 2023. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

EMS Transfers

EMS Director Chris Young requested transfers in two funds, 8950 ARPA and 1170 Public Safety-EMS.

\$4,716.13 from 8950-10720-0000 PERF to 8950-10386-0000 Basic EMT.

\$1,489.76 from 8950-10730-0000 Group Insurance to 8950-10386-0000 Basic EMT.

\$20,000 from 1170-10320-0000 Paramedic to 4470-20300-0000 Vehicle Maintenance.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motion to approve the transfers in Fund 8950 and Fund 1170. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Health Dept. Panic Button Quote

The Health Department presented a request for an Additional Appropriation to purchase a panic button in the Health Office to the County Council at the April 11th meeting of the Council. It was approved. County Health Nurse Amy Gladish asked the Commissioners who should sign the quote – Commissioners of the President of the Health Department Board. County Attorney Val Fleig stated that it should be signed by Dr. Rudolph.

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Pitney Bowes Lease

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger stated that it was time to renew the 2-year lease with Pitney Bowes. New equipment will be received. Along with that Pitney Bowes has increased their lease amount to \$266.76 per quarter as compared to the \$200.55 per quarter currently being paid. She asked the Commissioners for approval of the new lease.

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

Bee Removal

Courthouse Superintendent Jerry Blackwell shared that the Courthouse has a bee swarm(s) located someplace within the wall of the 3rd floor between the jury room and small claims. He stated that he had requested a quote in three phases. He said that DNR says that we have to try to get the bees out alive before they are exterminated. If we can't get them out then we can exterminate the bees. The dead bees and the other swarm residue has to be cleaned out because it will attract other bees and bugs.

1st phase would be \$600 for the removal of the bees and repair of the walls would be extra if required.

2nd phase would be \$1240 in addition if the bees are between the exterior wall and the steel beam.

3rd phase would be if the contractor has to provide a lift to get to the outside and that would be an additional \$1,600. County Superintendent Josh Byrd stated that he could get a lift here.

It was discussed as to where the bees are actually getting into the building. The answer to this is unknown.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to move forward on the project. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Petersburg Energy Center

This item was added to the agenda. Director of Economic Development Ashley Willis stated this project, The Use and Development Commitment and Agreement for the Petersburg Energy Project (UDC), is for the Commissioner's review. The project will be constructed by Next ERA near Cart Road and the Willisville area. The project will generate assessed value for the county as the capital investment is estimated to be \$250,000,000, and the owners are not requesting a tax abatement. The project is constructing a new 345 kV transmission line that will hug the existing Duke Energy 345 kV transmission line. The new transmission line is required to be constructed to deliver the electricity from the PEC to AES Power Plant. The UDC also gives us certainty that developers can build under the transmission line. For example, it could be for water retention ponds, roads, or parking lots. The UDC also outlines that there will not be solar panels constructed on the I-69 area that is zoned by the City of Petersburg on County Road 400 N. Prides Creek area. There is also a Tax Reporting Agreement that the company has approved that will be passed by the county with the Road use Agreement and Decommissioning Agreement. The Tax Reporting Agreement is to prohibit the redistribution of utility assets taken outside of the county and relocated elsewhere. The City of Petersburg Plan Commission

approved the permit to Next Era contingent upon the County passing the Tax Reporting Agreement, Road Use Agreement, and Decommissioning Agreement to protect the community.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the Use and Development Commitment and Agreement for Petersburg Energy Center Project. Motion passed 3 – 0.

EMS Director Chris Young

Director Young stated that he hopes to have the Remount Ambulance within the next 60 days. However, the ambulance ordered in November of 2021 has been delayed again. We had hoped to receive it by the end of 2023. No chassis are available. Director Young reported that we are 35 runs ahead of last year at this time.

Sheriff McKinney

Sheriff McKinney stated that he has two vehicles that were damaged. One is back and the 2nd is in the shop. He asked the Commissioners whether or not the claims should be turned into the insurance. County Administrator Kristi Dischinger said that the total claim will be about \$10,000, and we will have a \$4,000 deductible to pay. GAB states that it should not effect our insurance much. Commissioner Coleman said that if we don't turn it in, it will probably take at least two years to get the claim settled. The Commissioners advised Sheriff McKinney to call the other person's insurance company and find out what would have to be done to settle directly with them directly. We have two years to file a claim if it doesn't work out.

Highway Superintendent Byrd

County highway is currently working in the Dodge City area. All of the roads that are schedule to be paved with the Community Crossings grant this year are ready to go as soon as we receive the go-a-head.

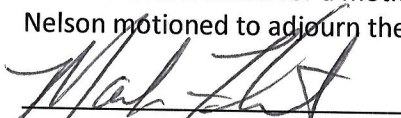
Appointments:

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to appoint Janet Graff for appointment to the County Board of Health and Ryan Houchin to the Patoka Township Advisory Board. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 – 0.


BUSINESS BY PUBLIC - None

ADJOURNMENT

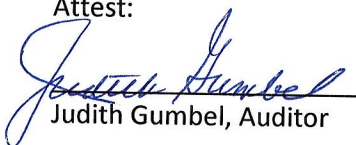
President Flint called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 3 – 0.


Mark Flint, President


Jeff Nelson, Vice President


Ryan Coleman, Member

Attest:


Judith Gumbel, Auditor

5/15/2023
Date