

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2020 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

Vice-President Jeff Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. At the time Commissioner Ryan Coleman, Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger, and Auditor Judith Gumbel were in attendance. Commissioner Flint arrived at 8:50 a.m. Others present included EMA Director Ryan Benner, County Health Nurse Amy Gladish, EMS Director Chris Young, Sheriff Kent Johnson, and County Librarian Stephanie Rawlins.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed 2-0.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR OCTOBER 5, 2020

Commissioner Nelson asked Commissioner Coleman if he had any questions concerning the claims. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson moved to allow all claims. Motion passed 2-0.

REGARDING OLD BUSINESS

Woodworking Bid

The bid concerns the woodworking necessary to install permanent protection from vapor droplets as protection during the COVID pandemic. Auditor Gumbel explained that the Indiana Financial Administration had announced a change in the local government expenses eligible for reimbursement with the Corona Virus – 19 funds that Pike County is eligible to receive. The state has set aside \$402,627 for Pike County. To date the county has received reimbursements for \$118,457.73 for projects completed that were eligible for reimbursement including PPE, Health Department overtime, Library Sneeze guards and Hands-Free Document station, computers for departmental remote working capability, computers for zoom meetings, plexiglass sneeze guards, adaptation of departmental openings etc. The County is now able to request reimbursement for the payroll and benefits of public safety workers during the COVID pandemic. The IFA is urging the County to use this method since it is approved, and it will cut down on the number of requests that will have to be made to the IFA for other eligible projects.

Commissioner Nelson stated that this project would benefit the County for all airborne communicable diseases in addition to COVID.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to accept the Streicher bid of \$59,778.00 for the Woodworking portion of the permanent Sneeze guards in the Courthouse offices. Motion passed 2 – 0.

REGARDING NEW BUSINESS

Region 15 Letter of Intent

Lisa Gelhausen CEO of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission (Indiana 15) sent a letter requesting Pike County's Partnership with Indiana 15 in seeking a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant.

Library Board Appointment

Pike County Librarian, Stephanie Rawlins, requested that the Commissioners appoint Jason McKinney to fill Frank Ropp's position on the library board to finish up the remainder of Frank's term. The position is vacant due to the recent passing of Mr. Ropp. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to appoint Mr. McKinney to the library board

vacancy. Motion passed 2 – 0.

EMA Transfer

EMA Director Ryan Benner requested a \$250 transfer from 1000-021-01-1081, Instruction and Schooling to 1000-021-0303015 Cell Phone. Mr. Benner shared that this transfer should pay for his cell phone for the remainder of 2020.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motion to approve the transfer. Motion passed 2 – 0.

EMA Letter of Intent-Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

EMA Director Benner explained that this is a 5-year plan and must be updated every five years. Even though our plan does not expire until 2023 the process needs to be started now. The current 25% local match is met through Mr. Benner's in-kind commitment.

E911 Transfers

E911 was represented by Mr. Benner. The department requested a \$2,000.00 transfer from 1222-000-01-1081, Instruction and Schooling to 1222-000-03-3052, Hardware Software Maintenance. \$4,000.00 was requested transferred from 1222-000-03-3014, Telephone to 1222-000-03-3052 Hardware Software Maintenance. The need is to purchase equipment for the new EOC purchased with CRF funds to mitigate the COVID pandemic. It will enable the Dispatcher unit to operate entirely from the mobile unit if needed. Ms. Gumbel stated that the transfer might not be needed since there was a possibility of the equipment being purchased with the CRF Funds.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson approved the transfer if it is needed. Motion passed 2 – 0.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Courthouse Status-COVID

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish reported that Amber Manor has multiple cases of COVID and is in for a rough next few weeks. The ISDH is working with the facility on a daily basis. They are also trying to get the facility ready for the inevitable flu season. She shared that on day 7 of a COVID case it spirals. There are currently 45 residents and 24 staff effected by the pandemic. She shared that if Amber Manor is unable to staff, Trilogy will bring in staff from other areas.

EMS Director Chris Young stated that his staff has participated in multiple transports involving the COVID. Frequently all 4 "trucks" have been involved leaving nothing in reserve.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC – None

Commissioner Flint motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Coleman. Motion passed 3-0.

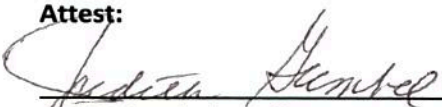
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Attest:


Judith Gumbel, Auditor