

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

REGARDING CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Pike County Auditor, Judith Gumbel. All Commissioners were present as well as County Attorney Val Fleig, Auditor Judith Gumbel, and Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger. Commissioners Nelson and Coleman were elected to a new term of office in November of 2020. Other's in attendance were as follows: Sheriff Kent Johnson, County Road Superintendent Josh Byrd, County Health Nurse Amy Gladish, Dallas Killion, Ashley Willis and Stephanie Rawlins.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Since this was the first meeting of the year Ms. Gumbel called for nominations for the Office of President of the Pike County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Ryan Coleman seconded by Commissioner Jeff Nelson nominated Commissioner Mark Flint as President of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Flint said that he would accept the nomination. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Auditor Gumbel requested nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jeff Nelson seconded by Commissioner Flint nominated Commissioner Ryan Coleman for the Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners of Pike County. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Ms. Gumbel then relinquished the meeting to newly elected President Flint.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 21, 2020

President Flint called for examination of the minutes for the December 21, 2020 Commissioner's Meeting. Hearing no discussion, he called for a motion to approve.

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR JANUARY 4, 2021

Commissioner Flint called for examination of claims.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioners Coleman moved to approve the claims as presented. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING OLD BUSINESS

WTH Data Exchange

WTH has proposed that Pike County exchange data in regard to some of the GIS layers with Lake Helmrich. Even though none of the persons present at the meeting were aware of Pike County previously exchanging information with another entity the WTH representative, Steve, stated that it was a common practice. Commissioner Coleman stated that there had been many disputes in regard to the boundaries at Lake Helmrich. Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger stated that the standard charge for a WTH Agreement was \$750.00. A portion of this fee is revenue to the County budget. The new layer would be added to data base.

Commissioner Nelson moved to allow the exchange. Commissioner Coleman seconded. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING NEW BUSINESS

Health Department-Covid Vaccine

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish shared that the Health Department will be getting a grant in the amount of \$40,320.00 with which to handle community vaccinations for COVID-19. The dollars are supposed to assist in the initiative through June 30th. They are supposed to receive

their vaccinations next week. It is her thought that the initiative will be slow for the first three or so weeks. So, the plan is to give the vaccines at the Health Department. They should be getting about a hundred doses a week. The thought is that people will have to be hired eventually to administer the vaccine and keep up with the paperwork. While she doesn't think the \$40,320 will cover the cost, she stated that there are things in place that should meet the rest of the financial demand. The state is going pick up the duties of billing for the vaccines. When an individual has insurance, the individual's insurance company will be billed. The approximate cost of the vaccine will be \$28. The state will deduct some from that for the costs associated with executing the billing, but the remainder will come back to the Health Department. That revenue can help pay the cost of the staff that has to be hired.

Commissioner Flint asked, "What will the order of vaccine recipients be?". Ms. Gladish stated that the order was determined by the State Department of Health. Currently it has been health care workers, long term care residents. She stated that 1st responders have been added to the list. She stated that the next bracket would be individuals 80 years of age and up. Right now eligible Pike County workers and citizens are able to get the Vaccine at Good Samaritan in Vincennes. Next week they will be able to start getting the vaccines here in Pike County. There will be a website to contact and a number to call. The groups that are eligible for the vaccine are receiving this information in writing.

She stated that she had spoken with Val, and he has recommended that persons should be hired as County Employees. They will be part-time. County Attorney stated that the issue is overtime when full time county employees are used. Which department pays the overtime etc. He said that they really can't be considered contract employees because we set the time and place that they work. Ms. Gladish said that the rate recommendation is \$25/hr. for the Vaccine Administrator and \$15/ hr. for the Clerical Support.

The Commissioners told Amy to proceed. Auditor Gumbel added that this funding is actually an amendment to the Testing Center Grant that they formally approved in 2020.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Loan Administrator Bond Approval-RLF

Ms. Dischinger explained that this is the annual bond for administrator of the Revolving Loan Fund.

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

2021 Appointments

Ms. Dischinger provided the Commissioners with a list of appointments and current appointees. President Flint stated that he felt that they needed to look over appointments that were not held by the Commissioners themselves, and he also asked the Commissioners if there were any changes that they would like pertaining to their personal appointments. No commissioner requested a change in personal assignments. President Flint asked for a motion.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson to make the appointments held by Commissioners. Motion passed 3 – 0.

These appointments are as follows:

Board of Finance: Commissioner Flint, Commissioner Coleman, and Commissioner Nelson. The Treasurer, newly elected Susan Brittain, is an automatic appointee to the Board of Finance.

Growth Council: Commissioner Jeff Nelson

Region 15 (3) – Commissioner Mark Flint and Commissioner Ryan Coleman

Regional Mental Health Center Adv. Co. – Commissioner Jeff Nelson

Shawnee Trace Workforce Investment Board – Commissioner Jeff Nelson

Re-Development Commission – Commissioner Mark Flint and Commissioner Ryan Coleman

Employee Appointments

Positions and Current Employees are as follows:

Commissioners' Assistant:	Kristi Dischinger
EMS Director:	Chris Young
County Superintendent	
Road Superintendent:	Josh Byrd
Veterans' Officer:	Tom Dooley
County Attorney:	Val Fleig

President Flint stated that he felt these appointments should be made now.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to renew the appointments of each current employee. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Emergency Declaration

Ms. Dischinger stated that the Local Disaster Emergency Declaration was the same as it had been and that the only change was to extend the declaration until February 1, 2021.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motion to extend the Declaration for one month as stated. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Courthouse Status-COVID

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish shared the current statistics in regard to Pike County and COVID. She stated that as of January 4th there had been 975 total cases with 104 of those cases remaining active. She stated that the County is in the Red zone and will be there for at least another week.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

Road Superintendent Byrd stated that they had been busy cleaning the shop and that they would be patching roads starting again on the 5th. They are also starting to get the snow plows ready.

Hearing no further comments, President Flint asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson made motion to adjourn. Motion passed 3 – 0.

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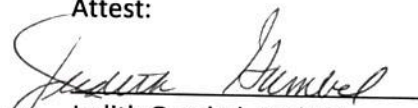
President Mark Flint

Vice-President Ryan Coleman



Member – Jeff Nelson

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor

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Date