

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2021 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

REGARDING CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioners Mark Flint and Jeff Nelson were present. Commissioner Coleman was absent. Also present were Pike County Attorney Val Fleig, Pike County Auditor Judith Gumbel, and Commissioners' Assistant Kristi Dischinger. Others who were at the meeting included County Health Nurse, Amy Gladish, Pike County EMS Director Chris Young, County Road Superintendent Josh Byrd, CEO of Pike County Economic Development Ashley Willis, and Press Dispatch Editor Andy Heuring.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 4, 2021

Commissioners' President Mark Flint directed attention to the minutes of the January 4th meeting. He called for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Flint motioned to approve. Motion passed 2 – 0.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR JANUARY 19, 2021

President Flint asked for a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Flint motioned to approve the claims. Motion passed 2 – 0.

REGARDING OLD BUSINESS

2021 Appointments

President Flint stated that he believed that there were still some persons to contact. Commissioner Nelson stated that he would be happy to read the list of suggested appointments. Those recommendations were as follows:

Alcoholic Beverage Board – Open

Library Board – Open

Park & Recreation – Kyle Adams

Wabash Valley Community Corrections – Brian Maxwell and one appointment remains vacant.

Region 15 (3) – Jon Craig will stay on and Ryan Coleman and Mark Flint were appointed last meeting.

Revolving Loan Fund Board (2) – Eddie Boyd has agreed to stay on and one appointment remains vacant.

Jefferson Township Fire District (1)- Scott Fulcher will remain.

Petersburg Plan Commission (1) – Tom Willis will remain.

Patoka Township Fire District Board (2) Ed Schuessler and Ralph Bertram will continue to serve.

Child Protection Team Board (1) – Vacant

Tri-Cap Board (1) – Charlie Barr will continue to serve.

Re-Development Commission (3) – Kristi Dischinger will continue to serve. Mark Flint and Ryan Coleman were appointed last meeting.

PTABOA (2) Jim Shoultz and Kristi Dischinger are both willing to continue to serve.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Flint motioned to approve the appointments named. Motion passed 2 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to Advertise RFP-Grant Administrator

CEO of Pike County Economic Development discussed the new availability of the COVID CDBG

Round 3 OCRA Funding. She stated that it was decided that the community should try to go for funding for the largest amount available which is \$250,000 with a 0% match. She stated that it was certain that our local small businesses could benefit greatly from the assistance. Ms Willis had handled the application etc. for the grant that Pike County received in the 1st Round and we were not eligible for the 2nd round of funding. It was very time consuming and it was for \$60,000. She asked the Commissioners for their approval to seek a grant administrator to work on the County's behalf in applying for the grant and administering it after its receipt. She asked their permission to do a Request for Proposal to obtain this service. She said that this service/position would pay \$6,000 to \$7,000.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Flint motioned to approve the proposal to advertise for a Grant Administrator. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Community Crossing Grants, Call 2020-2

These grants were applied for and awarded in late 2020. They are a part of the Local Roads and Bridges program, and they are a grant representing 75% funding through INDOT with 25% local match by Pike County. The Funding Source is State Funds: Program Title: Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund (I.C. 8-23-30). Three agreements were presented as follows:

(1) Contract # A249-21-LG200549, Application 9722, for \$142,936.80 for Routes S 125 W - From CR 50 W To I-69 Dead End, N 850 W - From SR 65 To Rock (approximately 2,040 feet) and S 375 W - From Winslow Patoka Road (CR 125 S) To CR 200 S.

(2) Contract A249-21-LG200550, Application 9994, for \$66,111.45 for Routes N 325W - From CR 200N To Rock (approx. 1,388 feet), W 75 S - From CR 325 W To Rock (approx. 2,284 feet), W 75 S - From CR 325 W To ROCK (approximately 1,048 feet) and S 300 W - From CR 200 S To Asphalt (approx. 1,678 feet).

(3) Contract # A249-21-LG200551, Application 10016, for \$12,117.00 for Route CR 610 N - From State Road 57 To end of road (approximately 616 feet).

Total amount of the grants is \$221,165.25.

President Flint called for a motion for approval of the presented contracts. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Flint motioned to approve all three (3) contracts. Motion passed 2-0.

EMA Salary Reimbursement Grant

This grant is a renewable grant under Federal Funds Program Name per Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA): Emergency Management Performance Grant CFDA # 97.042, Federal Fiscal Year: 2020 Federal Award Identification Number EMC-2020-EP-00001-S01, Date Funds accepted by the State: July 15, 2020. The grant amount is \$18,000.00 for Salary Reimbursement for EMA Director, Ryan Benner. The grant runs through October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Flint motion to approve and accept the grant as signed by Commissioner Mark Flint on January 12, 2021. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolutions for CARES Act Funds

Auditor Gumbel explained that this is simply to complete the Resolutions for the use of multiple CARES Act funds as presented and agreed to beginning in March of 2020. The Commissioners retroactively approved resolutions to approve the handling of the funds as follows:

(1) This retroactive resolution pertained to EMS funds deposited in the EMS checking account in two deposits in the amount of \$15,500.40 and \$2,874.60 because EMS was an approved Medicare Service Provider and billed Medicare for reimbursement. The funds were quietused into Pike County Cares Fund 8900 and were used to meet payroll expenses of the Pike County EMS paramedic and director.

(2) On May 14, 2020 the State of Indiana, Office of Management & Budget issued a letter announcing a direct distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) from the United States

Treasury that may be used for the limited purposes set forth in section 601 (a) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Cares Act). Pike County Commissioners President signed the Coronavirus Relief Fund Acceptance Certification on May 19, 2020 to properly handle the funds that were in the amount of \$402,637.00. Funds spent by Pike County in the COVID Pandemic were spent from Pike County CARES Fund 8902, reimbursement was requested from Indiana Cares Fund and was receipted into Fund 8902. The County Council Retroactively advertised and approved the additional appropriation to add the expenses to the budget. Total amount covered by this retroactive resolution was \$118,457.83. The companion resolution for the \$284,169.17 was signed on November 2, 2020.

(3) On November 13th Executive Order 20-48 was signed to implement pandemic requirements for all Hoosiers and targeted restriction for counties having high levels of COVID-19. At this time an additional allocation was added to the CRF fund which was designated as supplemental funds. Pike County was eligible for \$40,263.00. These funds were to be spent out of Pike County CARES Act Fund 8902 and reimbursement requests were to be made to Indiana Cares Fund to be receipted into Pike County Fund upon the reimbursement issuances. The County Council retroactively advertised for an additional appropriation to expend these funds. This is a retroactive resolution also approved by the County Council.

(4) The Pike County Health Department and Pike County Board of Commissioners authorized the application for grants to establish a Pike County Corona Virus Testing Center in the amount of \$100,000 and for a Corona Virus Vaccine Initiative currently at the amount of \$40,320.00. The said grants were awarded and the Pike County Council retroactively advertised and approved additional appropriations for the addition of the funds to the budget and resolutions as to the expenditure of these funds.

Auditor Gumbel explained that the reason this is all being done retroactively is because the Auditors were initially advised that no exception would be made to not following the normal forms of approval due to being unable to meet advertising time lines etc during the Pandemic. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Flint move to approve all resolutions retroactively as stated. Motion passed 2-0.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Courthouse Status-COVID

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish reported on the current state of the COVID Pandemic in Pike County. She stated that 4,417 Pike County citizens have been tested; we have had a total of 1,141 cases of COVID with 82 cases now active, and we have had a total of 25 deaths.

She stated that she is optimistic because the number of cases reported in the last four days have dropped to 20 which is a big reduction.

President Flint asked for some details about the Vaccine Clinic.

Ms. Gladish stated that we receive the vaccine in a frozen state and it can be kept in the refrigerator unopened for 30 days. After opening it must be used within 6 hours. She stated that they gave 100 vaccines last week and have scheduled 200 vaccines for this week and another 200 for the next week. She stated that in Indiana and Kentucky, the 2nd dose of the vaccine is being held in reserved to be administered 28 days later. The vaccine given locally is the Moderna Vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine has a 3-week wait period for the second dose.

Ms. Gladish stated that the State is also readying mobile vaccine units. She said one is set to be Dubois County and Daviess County very shortly.

The vaccine clinics are available to any citizen who registers to take it. Therefore, people are coming from all over.

EMS Director Chris Young stated that there have been no changes. He is still receiving calls to transport and has been able to complete the runs.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

There was no business by public so President Flint called for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Flint moved to adjourn. Motion passed 2 – 0.
Pike County Board of Commissioners



President Mark Flint

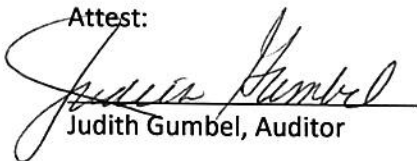


Vice-President Ryan Coleman



Member – Jeff Nelson

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor

2/1/21
Date