

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2021 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

REGARDING CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioners Mark Flint, Ryan Coleman and Jeff Nelson were present. Also, in attendance were County Attorney Val Fleig, County Auditor Judith Gumbel, and Commissioners' Assistant Kristi Dischinger. Other present included EMS Director Chris Young, Pike County School Board Member Chris McKinney, Pike County Sheriff Kent Johnson, E911 Director David Capehart, Deputy Sheriff Dallas Killian, EMA Director Ryan Benner, Director Pike County Economic Development Ashley Willis, Jenny Mathias, County Road Superintendent Josh Byrd, and Kevin Meyer with RQAW.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 10, 2021

Commissioner President Mark Flint asked the commissioners if they had any comments regarding the minutes. Hearing none he called for a motion to approve. Commissioner Ryan Coleman seconded by Commissioner Jeff Nelson moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2021

President Flint asked if there were any questions concerning the claims that were presented for payment. Hearing none he called for a motion to approve. Commissioner Ryan Coleman second by Commissioner Jeff Nelson motioned to approve the claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING OLD BUSINESS

Open RFP's for OCRA Phase 3 - \$250,000

Replies to RFP were opened and read by County Attorney Val Fleig and were as follows:

Southern Indiana Development Commission – No Bid

River Hills Economic Development District & Regional Planning Commission – No Bid due to project location.

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission - \$6,250.00 for Grant Management and Administration

Since there was only one bid and since Indiana 15 is known to the Commissioners, Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson moved to accept the bid. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING NEW BUSINESS

"State of the County" Report was given by County Auditor Gumbel. She started with the **100R** which listed all 239 part-time and full-time employees who worked for the County during 2020. This report listed job title and total compensation. Ms. Gumbel reminded the Commissioners that there were 27 pays during the year and therefore totals may seem a bit high. She explained that as Auditor she is required to submit the report to Gateway which is the Indiana State Board of Accounts and the Indiana Department of Local Government and Finance's information portal. The information gathered by the site is information that is considered public information and is available to all at Gateway.ifionline.org She stated that she is also required to post the information in the Courthouse and to advertise it in the local newspaper.

Secondly Ms. Gumbel shared the 2020 Annual Financial Statement which lists the Combined Cash Balance and Investment Report for each of the County Funds 1000 through 9999.

Next Ms. Gumbel shared a statement that shows a monthly comparison report that the County's Financial System Generates stating a comparison between the records of the County Auditor and County Treasurer's Office. It was shared to relate that the two offices work together to ensure that the County's revenue and expenses are being correctly accounted for. During 2020 a

total of \$38,781,481.02 was receipted into County Funds. At the close of the year \$17,183,125.26 remained in the County Funds. The balance was spent operating the County Departments, paying County Employees, and distributed to the County Townships and Cities and Towns for their operations.

The Auditor also shared a report on County Fund 1112, CEDIT – County Economic Development Income Tax. This is the fund from which a lot of the matching funds are drawn for county road projects, purchase of Vehicles, technology, and subsidizing other funds that are running short such as Public Safety. The report included all currently known expenses that are being or planned to be paid with CEDIT Funds, known projected revenue for 2021, and a very conservative estimated of revenues for 2022 and 2023. It also included a prorated normal budget for CEDIT Funds. The forecast was not as bleak as had been feared by the County Government due to the effects of the PANDEMIC. Many of the County workers are considered essential workers and work at higher paying jobs. So, it was good news.

Approval to Advertise for Bids for CC 2020-2

Pike County received \$294,887.00 in Federal monies administered by INDOT for the Community Crossings Call II. Which is federal monies of 75% with a County match of 25%. The request is for approval to advertise for bids to complete the road projects which were requested and granted.

President Flint called for a motion to approve the proposal to Advertise for Bids. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motion to approve the request to advertise. The motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution Regarding FFCRA – Family First Corona Virus Relief Act

Commissioners' Assistant Kristi Dischinger explained that part of the Federal 2020 Corona Virus Relief Stimulus Plan was allowing employees a maximum of 10 paid days dependent upon their individual work schedule to receive time off when taking care of family related COVID issues. This was not renewed in the Federal 2021 COVID Stimulus Act. It expired on December 31, 2020. However, individual employers were permitted to extend this benefit to their employees. This Resolution extends the benefit to Pike County Government employees who have not yet utilized the benefit through March 31, 2021. They will be allowed to use any days NOT used in 2020 for which they were eligible through March 31, 2021.

The Resolution also directs the County to identify and track expenses related to the voluntary FFCRA EPSLA benefits extension, including the costs of overtime of their workers associated therewith, and report those costs to the Board.

The Resolution reserves the right to terminate, modify or replace this voluntary extension of the FFCRA EPSLA benefits should new federal or state legislation or administrative action occur impacting this approved leave or should the Board of Commissioners determine for any other reason this leave is no longer in the best interest of the County.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the FFCRA Resolution retroactive until January 1, 2021. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Emergency Declaration

Indiana Governor Holcomb has again renewed Indiana's State of Emergency with his Executive Order 21-01 and Executive Order 21-02 Third – Extension of County Based Restrictions through February 28, 2021. Commissioner Flint asked the Commissioners what they wanted to do in regard to Pike County's Emergency Declaration.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to extend Pike County's COVID Emergency Declaration. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Road Conditions

Commissioner Ryan Coleman stated that on January 28th the Pike County School Reach message stated that due to road conditions they were going to close school. He stated that he then called

Pike County School Board member Chris McKinney asking him if he agreed with that statement. He said that Mr. McKinney stated that he did not agree. He then called School Board Member Steve Potter. He stated that Mr. Potter agreed with the call. In turn Commissioner Coleman called all of the school board members: Chris Satterfield, Howard Knight, and Forest Manning. He stated that basically the board members said they trusted the professional opinion of their staff and had not personally contacted the Pike County EMS or the Pike County Highway Road Superintendent. Commissioner Coleman stated that he felt that the School Reach message was completely false.

Pike County School Board Member Chris McKinney was in the audience. He stated that between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. on Thursday he received a phone call from the "President of the School Board" stating that school was going to be canceled because many of the county roads were not good. Mr. McKinney stated that he told the President that he didn't agree with that call and felt that it was too early to make it.

Road Superintendent Josh Byrd asked Mr. McKinney if "snow routes" were in place. Mr. McKinney did not know but said that he would ask. The roads were in good condition by Thursday afternoon and almost completely dry by Friday.

Everyone at the meeting agreed that the call was made prematurely. Mr. McKinney indicated that he would share opinions with the other school board members. Road Superintendent Josh Byrd stated that he would be happy to come to a School Board Meeting.

Commissioner Coleman stated that it would definitely be a "best practice" to call the Garage or the EMS before making such a decision. He stated that he was not trying to say that the Pike County School Corporation should report to the County. But he said that he felt that the professional opinion was that of the Highway Garage and the EMS.

Commissioner Flint stated that "communication" is a wonderful thing. PCSC board member Mr. McKinney stated that he would pass the conversation along to the rest of the school board.

Courthouse Status – COVID

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish was not present due to being personally quarantined due to COVID. Commissioner's Assistant Amy Gladish gave her report as follows: The cumulative number of cases in Pike County is 1,226 with 61 active cases. County is currently in red, but the hope is that it will be moved to orange on Wednesday. One thousand five hundred eight Pike citizens have had the 1st vaccine injection, and 283 have completed the series.


EMS Director Chris Young reported that he has continued to be busy with COVID transports.

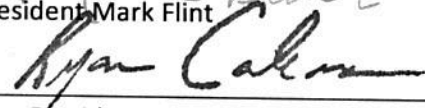
Sheriff Kent Johnson stated that the situation appears to be good.

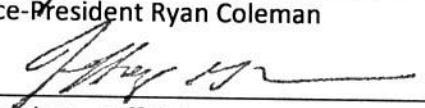
REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC – None

Commissioner Flint called for a motion to Adjourn.

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



President Mark Flint


Vice-President Ryan Coleman


Member – Jeff Nelson

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor
Date 2/16/21