

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

February 16, 2021 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

REGARDING CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Mark Flint called the meeting to order. Since the Courthouse was closed this meeting was held via webinar. All Commissioners were present as was County Attorney Val Fleig, Commissioners Assistant Kristi Dischinger, and Auditor Judith Gumbel. Others in attendance were County Council President Jon Craig, Region 15 OCRA lead for Pike County Jenny Matheis, EDC Director Ashley Willis, Pike County Health Nurse Amy Gladish, EMS Director Chris Young, EMA Director Ryan Benner, and Press Dispatch Editor Andy Heuring.

PUBLIC HEARING -OCRA GRANT

The meeting recessed and a Public Hearing was conducted in regard to a new grant available from OCRA for Corona Virus Assistance to Pike County Businesses. EDC Director Ashley Willis introduced Jenny Matheis who will be the Region 15 employee assigned to assist Pike County with this OCRA Grant Application. Ms. Matheis explained that the grant will work much like the COVID Phase I grant that the county received last year. The funds are considered federal funds. Pike County will be the Grantee and will be responsible for distributing the funding. The grant agreement will include the CFDA number, program title, etc. OCRA has made at least \$3,200,000 available for this round of funding. The grant is due on March 11, 2021.

The Commissioners had no further questions and authorized her to continue development of the grant. No one else at the meeting had any comments.

President Flint then reconvened the Commissioners Meeting.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2021

President Flint asked if there were any concerns with the minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ryan Coleman seconded by Commissioner Jeff Nelson motioned to approve the minutes. In a roll call vote, all three Commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2021

The Commissioners examined the claims. No one had questions. President Flint called for a motion to approve. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to approve the claims. In a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING OLD BUSINESS

Unofficial Detour Contract

This had previously been brought before the Commissioners. County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd stated that he had driven the detour and that in his opinion, more rock needed to be put on the detour before the contract was released. The Indiana Department of Transportation paid \$2,065.00 to the County to purchase and spread rock on the detour. This met Mr. Byrd's approval.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motion to release the contract. In a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted yes to release the contract. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING NEW BUSINESS

Letter of Concurrence

On September 17, 2018, Pike County and the Indiana Department of Transportation entered into an agreement for an Unofficial Detour in regard to Small Structure Repair on SR 56. The work has been completed and INDOT has asked the County if the roads are in satisfactory condition. President Flint asked if there were any concerns. Hearing none, he called for a

motion. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to sign the Letter of Concurrence. A roll call vote was conducted with all Commissioners voting yes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Highway Additional

Since the highway crews were so busy clearing the County Roads, Superintendent Byrd was not present to discuss the requested additional appropriation of \$7976.00 by the Highway for Fund 1135, Cum Bridge. The desire is to put the requested funds into 1135-000-03-3055, Equipment Repair. Ms. Dischinger called the Highway Office Manager Melanie Britton. She stated that the source of the money being requested was from the sale of scrap metal in late 2020 and early 2021. She also stated that Mr. Byrd wanted to purchase a grader blade for the front of the tractor.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the request for an Additional Appropriation for presentation to the County Council for action. In a roll call vote, the Commissioners all voted, "Aye". Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Cell Phone Policy Update

Ms. Dischinger explained that since the highway position of leadman has been filled, a cell phone needed to be added to the current plan.

Commissioner Flint asked Attorney Fleig if this would require a motion since it is a change of policy. Attorney Fleig said, "Yes." Commissioner Flint called for a motion. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the addition of a cell phone for the lead man. A roll call vote was taken. All Commissioners voted, "Aye". The motion passed 3 – 0.

Additional- Unemployment

Ms. Dischinger explained that the Pike County Government Unemployment Program is a reimbursement plan. She stated that she has seldom experienced the need to pay unemployment benefits, but this year is different. She explained that she had spoken with the County Council during their February meeting, and they had indicated that they would rather that she make additional requests as needed on a quarterly basis rather than monthly. Ms. Dischinger explained that she currently has two individuals on unemployment and that there is a possible addition of two more individuals. Therefore, she is requesting an Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 to the Commissioner's Account in 1000-030-01-1074.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the request for an Additional Appropriation of \$10,000 as stated. A Roll call vote was held with all Commissioners voting yes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Courthouse Status-COVID

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish reported that Pike County has 14 active cases of COVID. There has been a total of 1,262 documented cases of COVID. Today the County is at a 3.3% positivity rate. Two thousand three hundred sixty-two Pike Countians have had the first vaccine and 744 have had the second vaccine. The vaccinations scheduled for today have been canceled due to the weather conditions. They will be rescheduled.

EMS Director Chris Young stated that the highway crews were traveling with the EMS on all runs to be sure they get to their destinations.

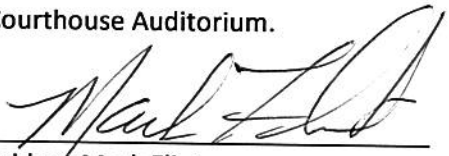
President Flint stated that at this time the Highway Garage trucks are froze up so they are only grading the roads.

EMA Director Ryan Benner stated that the roads are not bad enough to call for a "State of Emergency".


REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

President Flint asked if there were any further business. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn. In a roll call vote of three Ayes, the Commissioners voted to adjourn 3 – 0. President Flint adjourned the meeting.

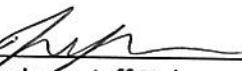
The next meeting will be on Monday, March 1st at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Auditorium.



President Mark Flint

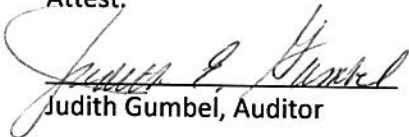


Vice-President Ryan Coleman



Member – Jeff Nelson

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor

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Date