

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 21, 2021 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint  
Jeff Nelson  
Ryan Coleman

**REGARDING CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Board of Commissioners President Mark Flint called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present as well as Pike County Attorney Val Fleig, Auditor Judith Gumbel, and Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger. Others present included Pike County Sanitation Officer Pamela Cosby, Pike County's new County Extension Director Alex Mahrenholz, Pike County Assessor Mike Goodpaster, Pike County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, Pike County EMS Director Chris Young, Brent Roberts, and Press Dispatch Editor Andy Heuring.

**REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 7, 2021**

President Flint asked if there were any questions concerning the minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Ryan Coleman seconded by Commissioner Jeff Nelson motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR JUNE 21, 2021**

Commissioner Flint asked if the Commissioners had reviewed the claims and whether or not there were any questions. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve all claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**REGARDING OLD BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of Bids-CC 2021-1**

Bids for Community Crossings 2021, Call 1 were received at the June 7, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Flint asked County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd if he had any comments. Superintendent Byrd asked for the Board to remember that the bids presented by J. H. Rudolph were not the price delivered to the County but rather what County would pay at the pick-up point at the Rudolph Plant Site at Bretzville. Therefore, when considering the bids the Commissioners would need to add the cost of the County traveling to the plant site to pick up the materials. Therefore, on paper the Rudolph price was \$1/ton cheaper, in reality it was not. Superintendent Byrd also stated that Bid procedures for the Community Crossing grants require that bids be made per road. Attorney Val Fleig clarified that the bids were by material costs per road rather than by material costs for the overall project. He also stated that the Commissioners were allowed to approve what was a higher price on the material due to the bid resulting in a actual higher cost to the County due to distance the highway would have to travel to pick up the material. Upon consideration the following motion was made.

Commissioner Ryan Coleman motioned to approve Cave Quarries bid. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Commissioner Nelson then motioned to approve the bid by Asphalt Materials for the tack oil. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Motion passed 3 – 0. County Attorney Val

Fleig asked that the minutes reflect that the decision was made due to the higher transportation cost required for J.H. Rudolph.

## **REGARDING NEW BUSINESS**

### **Health Dept. Moose Lease Extension**

Pamela Cosby, Project Director for the Covid Testing Center stated that the County has verbally been approved for an extension of the grant for the County Testing Site at the Petersburg Moose. The contract with the Moose ends on June 30, 2021. Ms. Cosby stated that the hours for the Testing Center have been modified and will be monitored by current COVID conditions in the County. She requested that the contract be extended through December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to extend the contract with the Moose through December 31, 2021. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **E-Verify Ordinance**

Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger explained the E-Verification is required for employers who are recipients of federal grant monies. Per the new ordinance:

The Auditor's Office shall administer the e-verify enrollment of all County new hires and shall ensure appropriate forms are properly completed and retained as required by law.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the E-Verification Ordinance for new Pike County employees. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **Amend Handbook**

Ms. Dischinger explained that various changes have been made to the Pike County Government Handbook since the last official updated version. This amended handbook simply incorporates all of those amendments as well as the addition of the E-Verify just approved. The revision date is June 21, 2021. President Flint asked the Commissioners if there were any questions. Hearing none he called for a motion to approve the June 21, 2021 update of the Handbook.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the Handbook Update, June 21, 2021. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **FMLA Policy Update**

Ms. Dischinger explained that the only change is to move the completion of the procedure from the Commissioner's Office to the Auditor's Office.

President Flint said that this would be viewed as a notification to the Commissioners and County employees.

## **REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS**

### **Courthouse Status-COVID**

Pamela Cosby gave the COVID update for the Health Department. She stated that the County



has three (3) active cases, has experienced a total of 1382 cases, and currently has a 4.1% Positivity Rate. Five thousand three hundred eighty-four Pike County residents are fully vaccinated. She stated that the department is experiencing 10 to 20 individuals seeking a vaccination during weekend clinics. These will be done through next week.

#### **REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC**

##### Purdue Extension Update

Alexandra Mahrenholz took the opportunity to introduce herself to the Commissioners. She is the Purdue Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources and 4-H Educator. She is the newly appointed Pike County Extension Director (CED). She explained that she is the point person for all things concerning the extension office.

##### Patoka River Navigation Problem

Commissioner Nelson stated that the situation on the Patoka River from the State Forest Bridge to Winslow was not navigable. He stated that he had just learned about the existence of the Upper and Lower Patoka Conservancies and that boards existed etc. Auditor Gumbel confirmed that the Conservancies do exist and they do receive distributions from the County. Ms. Gumbel stated that the Conservancy is guided by the principles under which they are organized. Upper Patoka board chairman is Art Nordhorff and Lower Patoka is Vern Partenheimer. Commissioner Flint asked if Superintendent Byrd would investigate the situation. The board positions are elective positions. The farmers on the board must own ground along the Patoka. The immediate concern is the upcoming Patoka Clog where thousands of people will converge on Winslow. Benny has told Josh that he will clear the jam between the State Forest Bridge and Winslow.

#### **REGARDING ADJOURNMENT**

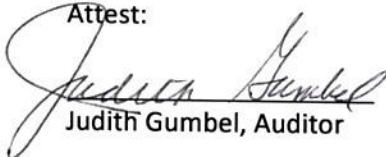
Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson moved to adjourn. Motion passed 3 - 0.

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President, Mark Flint

  
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Member, Ryan Coleman

  
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Member, Jeff Nelson

Attest:

  
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Judith Gumbel, Auditor

Date

7/12/21

