

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2022 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Mark Flint called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present in addition to County Attorney Val Fleig, County Auditor Judith Gumbel, and Commissioners' Assistant Kristi Dischinger. Also present were County Superintendent Josh Byrd, EMS Director Chris Young, EMA/E911 Director Ryan Benner, County Councilman Travis Troutman, Deputy Sheriff Dallas Killian, EDC Director Ashley Willis, Marc McNeece with United Consulting, and Sherri Sebella Reporter for the Press Dispatch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2022

President Flint asked if there were any concerns regarding the minutes. Commissioner Jeff Nelson called for an amendment to the minutes under approval of claims. President Fleig should be amended to President Flint. Commissioner Ryan Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2022

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

OLD BUSINESS

Appointments

Regional Mental Health Advisory Council – Commissioner Nelson agreed to be reappointed.
Growth Council – Commissioner Nelson agreed to reappointment.
E911 Advisory Board – Commissioner Nelson agreed to reappointment.

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

Insurance Renewal

President Flint stated 8 to 10 responses were received in request for quotations for the County insurance. The majority of the responses were a decline to quote. German American Insurance did present a renewal proposal at the February 7, 2022 Commissioners Meeting. Timelines required that the decision be made now.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to accept the German American Insurance Proposal. The motion passed 3 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

DLZ Supplemental for Main & Cox Well Abandonment

IDEM has required additional steps in the abandonment of seven monitoring wells located at the former Purvis Gas Station Site, 1812 East Main Street, Petersburg, IN known today as Pike County Main Street and Cox Street Clearance Project. DLZ has the contract for the project and this is a quote for the required additional steps. Proposed lump sum payment – \$4,900. President Flint asked if there were any questions regarding the proposal.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Flint motioned to approve the proposal. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Ordinance for Veteran’s Burial and Marker – Ordinance 2022-1

Commissioners’ Assistant Kristi Dischinger explained that it was the County practice to pay up to \$100 toward the burial of a veteran and \$50 for a grave marker. The new ordinance authorizes payment of up to \$200 for burial and \$50 for a grave marker. Specific paperwork is required that is presented to the Auditor for payment.

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

Broadband Ready Community Ordinance 2022-2

This document would establish Pike County as a Broadband Ready Community and establishes steps that would be taken as related to broadband projects.

Ashley Willis with EDC shared that the Ordinance is required for providers to know that the County is prepared to work with them. Charter Spectrum was awarded grant funds for about 1200 capacity and Perry-Spencer is putting about 100 miles of Broadband in the Spurgeon and Stendal area. However, this does not complete service in Pike County. She reported a scenario where a Pike County citizen reached out requesting service, and her area was not part of either of the new companies’ broadband build-out. Charter stated that the cost to put in a line would be a million dollars. This ordinance is just another step to find funding that will enable the County to have complete broadband coverage. It will make us more competitive when working with broadband providers.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the ordinance. The motion passed 3 – 0.

EMA 2021 Salary Grant

EMA Director Ryan Benner explained that this is just the agreement that allows Indiana Homeland Security to reimburse the County for a portion of his last year’s salary.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to approve the Subrecipient Grant Agreement for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Contract # 0000000000000000000059759 between the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and Pike County. The motion passed 3 – 0.

Highway Additional - Fund 1176

This is an Additional Appropriation Request for \$13,800 that was previously approve under Fund

1173. Per SBoA the tractor cannot be purchased in Fund 1173. Therefore, the new request is for purchase under Fund 1176.

Commissioner Coleman asked Superintendent Byrd if there was anymore scrap out at the garage. He stated that things were pretty well cleaned up with the exception of a small amount of pipe. Superintendent Byrd stated that they were selling scrap to get the money to purchase the tractor.

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

Highway Transfer - Fund 1112

This is a transfer of \$1,350 from funds appropriated for CR 350 N Rehab to Bridge 150 Rehab. Transfer is needed for the final invoice for Bridge 150 Rehab.

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

Presentation of 100R

Auditor Gumbel explained that Employees' annual wages are required to be published and presented to the Commissioners by statute. They have been advertised in the Press Dispatch and have been submitted to the State Board of Accounts through Gateway. This is public information and is available on the DLGF website under County Specific Information.

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

E911 Staffing

E911 Director Ryan Benner explained that Cheri McLaughlin has submitted her retirement effective February 4, 2022. A part-time staff member, Tabitha McKinney has been moved into that position. Also, Brandon Truitt gave his two-week notice. Director Benner has hired a new part-time staff member, Danielle Hamilton, and would like to move her into the full-time position being vacated by Mr. Truitt.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve hiring of a full-time staff person to replace Brandon Truitt. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Approval to Advertise for Mowing Bids

Commissioners' Assistant Kristi Dischinger explained that this is an annual procedure. She stated that she increased the number of mows for Old Town Cemetery to two times in April, and decreased from 3 times in June to two times with the understanding that they can call the office if it needs more mowing. The bids will be opened March 21, 2022.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the change in mowing schedules and the approval of advertisement to bid. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Clerk & Treasurer Monthly Reports, January 2022

These reports were presented to the Commissioners. No action was required.

Covid Updates

County Health Nurse Amy Gladish sent the following update to Ms. Dischinger.

Active Cases – 28
Total Cases Diagnosed – 3698.
Positivity Rate – 12.5%
Vaccinated Pike County Citizens – 5,164

BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

Grange Haul Road

County Road Superintendent Josh Byrd responded to a comment made by Jim Johns at the February 7, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting in regard to a specific timeline that was established between the County and Solar Sources for the Grange Hall Road to be put back into place. Mr. Byrd researched the document and no timeline was indicated. There is still an active mine at this location. Solar has the bonds for the road, and the bond will remain with the Solar. The agreement is with Solar Sources Underground.

Ambulance Engine Replacement and Ambulance Runs

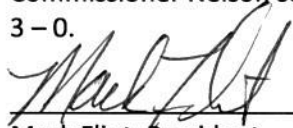
EMS Director Young stated that the replacement is complete. The County had the ambulance in possession for a couple of days and it was decided that there were some minor issues that needed to be addressed. The ambulance is currently at Uebelhor's in Jasper.

Mr. Young stated that the EMS service is at 355 runs for 2022 and that is 120 more runs than this time last year.

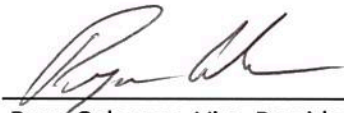
ADJOURNMENT

President Flint asked if anyone had further information. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

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



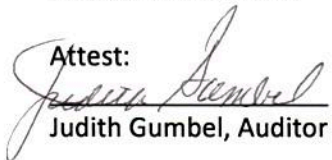
Mark Flint, President



Ryan Coleman, Vice-President



Jeff Nelson, Member

Attest:

Judith Gumbel, Auditor 3-7-22
Date