

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2022 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

REGARDING CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner's President Mark Flint called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. Also in attendance were Auditor Judith Gumbel, County Attorney Val Fleig, and Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger. Others present were Brent Roberts with BF&S, Tara Lloyd with BLN, Sheriff Kent Johnson, EMS Director Chris Young, Director of Pike County Economic Development Ashley Willis, Kevin Meyer with RQAW and Sheree Sebelles, reporter for the Press Dispatch.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 4, 2022

President Flint called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2022 Commissioner's Meeting and the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on April 7, 2022. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve both sets of minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR APRIL 18, 2022

President Flint called for a motion in regard to the April 18, 2022 Claims. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

REGARDING *EMA PUBLIC HEARING*

President Flint called the meeting into the status of a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing an EMA Grant application for a 70/30 matching grant to purchase radio communications equipment (800 MHZ radios) through a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facility Program. The radios would cost \$1200 for a portable radio and \$2,000 for stationary radios. If the County receives the grant, the plan would be to contract with an approved vendor for the purchase on interoperable digital radio communications equipment compatible with current requirements and the existing Hoosier Safe-T network.

EMS Director Chris Young spoke on behalf of EMA Director Ryan Benner who could not be in attendance. He stated that the County has 60 to 70 portable units and 60 to 70 mobile units. He stated that a lot of our existing radios will not be compliant with the new communications requirements. Currently we are 2 to 3 years out before the switch to this type of equipment is required.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the submission of this grant request to Rural Development. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Commissioner Flint then reconvened the Commissioner's Meeting.

REGARDING OLD BUSINESS

Appointments

Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger stated that both she and Jim Shoultz were willing to be on the PTA BOA Board again. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to appoint Kristi Dischinger and Jim Shoultz to the PTA BOA Board. Motion passed 3 – 0. This will be a one-year term.

REGARDING NEW BUSINESS

EMS Additional

Pike County EMS requests an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,00.00 from the 1170 Public Safety Fund into Fuel, line 1170-020-02-2034. It is needed to cover the rising fuel costs. Of the entire amount appropriated for 2022, there is a current balance of \$1.300 for the remainder of the year. This is due to the escalating price of fuel.

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

EMS Transfers

Pike County EMS requested a transfer from Vacation/Sick to Furniture and Equipment to purchase a new hard drive for the camera system at the EMS station. EMS also requested a transfer from the Paramedic line to Official Bonds and Insurance to cover the insurance premium on the commercial package.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve both transfers. Motion passed 3 – 0.

EMS Insurance Quotes

EMS Director Young reminded the Commissioners that the insurance from EMC through German American for the EMS Department came in quite high and would not insure the ambulances at replacement cost but rather at their cash value. Multiple claims are in subrogation with no fault of Pike County. This status made other companies not bid when the County sought additional quotes.

Mr. Young contacted ESIP and requested a quote from them. He had a relationship with them since they hold the insurance contract for Jefferson Township Fire Department of which he is a member. He presented their quote. They will provide replacement coverage for the ambulances. Their deductible is lower. The premiums would be \$24,774 and the EMC premium was \$29,797. He also contacted BFIS. Another thing that Mr. Young learned while he was researching was that any equipment that is hard wired into the ambulance would not have been covered at replacement value either.

Comments from Commissioners Coleman and Nelson were that the entire coverage for the County needs to be looked at again. Special mention was made in regard to the Highway.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned that Chris should move forward with the ESIP quote and coverage. Motion passed 3 – 0. For now, that would require Council action because the premium has been paid and there will need to be a transfer in his budget.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

ARPA Amended Plan Ordinance

Auditor Gumbel explained that the Final Rule in regard to the American Rescue Plan Act was that the County could classify all expenditure under ARPA as Revenue Loss dollars. The reporting and expenditure stipulations are much simpler because the funds can be used in any manner consistent with the services that are allowed to be covered by the County.

It was the recommendation of the ARPA committee to move all of the County projects under the Revenue Loss Category. The proposed projects remain the same as in the original ordinance.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motion to approve the Amended ARPA Ordinance 22-03, Amending Ordinance 2021-11, Amendment I. Motion passed 3 – 0.

COVID Grant Closeout Letter

This is in regard to the CDBG, OCRA Grant that the County received on behalf of County Small Businesses. It was Grant # CV-CV2-359. The County contracted the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission to coordinate the grant, and Jenny Matheis was the coordinator representing Pike County.

The report was that everything has been closed out. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve Grantee's Acknowledgements & Certification for Monitoring and Audit statements as per the best of the Commissioner's knowledge as true and correct. The motion passed 3 – 0.

Engagement Letter

This is in regard to the engagement of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP to perform legal services for the County and outlines the terms on which the firm will represent that County.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motion to approve the Engagement Letter. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Commissioners Additional

Commissioner's Assistant Kristi Dischinger explained that the additional appropriation was being requested due to the need of repairing the damages to the EMA's 2017 Ford truck.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the additional request of \$6,726.74 into account 1000-030-03-3030, Insurance. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Clerk/Treasurer Monthly Reports

President Flint acknowledged the receipt of the Clerk and Treasurer's Monthly Reports.

REGARDING BUSINESS BY PUBLIC


Ms. Dischinger stated that there is one active COVID case and there have been a total of 5 cases this month. The number vaccinated in the County is 5,154.

EMS Director Chris Young stated that as of April 18, 2022 the County EMS has made 706 runs as compared to 231 runs last year.


REGARDING ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to be brought before the Board of Commissioners, President Flint called for a motion to adjourn.


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



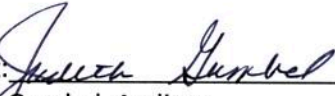
Mark Flint, President



Ryan Coleman, Vice President



Jeff Nelson, Member

Attest: 

Judith Gumbel, Auditor