

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 5, 2023 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint  
Jeff Nelson  
Ryan Coleman

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

BOC President Mark Flint called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present as well as County Attorney Val Fleig, County Auditor Judith Gumbel, and County Administrator Kristi Dischinger. Also present were Pike County Sheriff Jason McKinney, Deputy Alyssa Lee, Chief Deputy Dallas Killian, Pike County Coroner Ray Brooks, EMA/E911 Director Ryan Benner, EMS Director Chris Young, Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, Pike County Assessor Mike Goodpaster, Pike County Treasurer Susan Brittain, and Press-Dispatch Editor Sherri Griffin.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES MAY 15, 2023**

President Flint asked if there were any questions regarding the May 15, 2023 minutes. He called for a motion. Commissioner Jeff Nelson seconded by Commissioner Ryan Coleman motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR June 5, 2023**

President Flint asked for a motion in regard to claims. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to pay the claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CCMG 2023-1 Bid Acceptance**

Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd stated that in regard to the bids received. Cave Quarries was low bidder on all materials except the Tack Oil. Asphalt Materials had the low bid on the Tack Oil. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to accept the Cave Quarries and Asphalt Materials low bids for the CCMG 2023-1. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ARPA Plan Amendment-Ordinance 2023- 07**

Auditor Gumbel explained that the wording on item 12 in the Pike County ARPA plan was changed to Pike County will expand the County's infrastructure to a new housing development by providing sewer and water extensions for the residential area. The County will also be utilizing matching READI grant dollars for the infrastructure extensions.

The County will pursue additional availability of water & sewer infrastructure to support the area surrounding I-69 including the Mega-site.

Estimated Cost - \$700,000

President Flint asked if there were any questions regarding the change. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the change in the Pike County ARPA plan. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **Unofficial Detour MOU**

This is regarding an agreement while a bridge on 356 is being repaired.

Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd explained that people were not following the posted detour (Cato-Algiers Road) established for the State to replace the bridge on Highway 356. Semi's, trucks, local traffic, are using Dutchtown Road and crossing Mud Creek Bridge. Signs are being ignored. The state will not provide signage or barricades. This bridge cannot hold the weight of the heavy trucks. The weight is posted on the bridge, but it is ignored. The limit is 11- Ton and there is also a hole in the Bridge. Problem is if a semi goes down the road (which is not the official detour), and they get to the bridge, there is no way for the semi to turn around. Mr. Byrd feels that someone is going to fall through the bridge. He stated that he had thought of barricading the road with a couple of loads of rock. The question was brought up as to whether or not the state could come up with an alternate route. Superintendent Byrd will talk with INDOT. INDOT said if the MOU is done on the unofficial detour and the road/bridge is torn up, INDOT fixes the road. Road 500 was just repaved. Otherwise it seems useless to develop the detours. It was decided that the locals would be talked with before barricading the road and that Josh would try to talk more with INDOT about an alternate route for local people to travel.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the Unofficial Detour MOU. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS**

#### **Road Dedication and Acceptance, Waylon Dr.**

This is currently a private road, and the homeowners on the road are wanting to dedicate the road to the County. There are 10 homes on the road. It is a short road. Superintendent Byrd stated that the citizens on the road had followed all of the steps required to dedicate the road to the County. President Flint asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to accept Waylon Drive. Motion passed 3 – 0.

#### **Opioid Funding**

These are funds from the State Opioid Settlement that Sheriff McKinney is requesting to use for the purchase of Body Cams. There is \$46,795.47 in the Opioid Restricted Fund 1237 and \$19,945.24 in the Opioid Nonrestricted Fund 1238. The Commissioners were concerned that all of the departments have equal opportunity to apply for the use of the funds. Auditor Gumbel stated that the Health Department, EMS, and EMA had been made aware that the monies were available. Narcan is given to the County at no charge.

Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the purchase of body cams. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**Highway Information**

Superintendent Byrd stated that they are about half way through the paving. He also shared that he had an employee turn in a two-week notice and asked for permission to begin the procedure and to hire a new employee. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to allow Superintendent Byrd to proceed on a new hire. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**Treasurer Susan Brittain**

Shared that the County money is invested at a locked-in 4% and in the last two months the County has earned \$58,000 on the investments.


**EMS Director Chris Young**


Director Young shared that the ambulance that has the 2nd rebuilt Jasper Engine is now going to have to have another rebuilt engine installed in it. The County has not had good luck with the first rebuilt either.

**BUSINESS BY PUBLIC – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

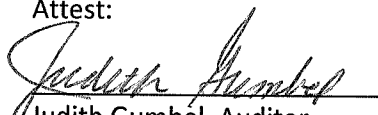
Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn. Motion passed 3 – 0.

  
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Mark Flint, President

  
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Jeff Nelson, Vice President

  
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Ryan Coleman, Member

Attest:

  
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Judith Gumbel, Auditor

6/19/23  
Date