

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 10, 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, Auditor Judith Gumbel, and County Administrator Kristi Dischinger. Others in attendance included Coroner Ray Brooks, EDC Director Ashley Willis, Bio-Terrorism Preparedness Coordinator Lana Schmett, Rob McLin with Good Samaritan Hospital, Jennifer Emmons CED of Family Health Center and Broch Lough, Primary Care and Behavioral Health Care with Family Health Center, EMS Director Chris Young, EMA/911 Director Ryan Benner, Extension CED Brook Goble, Sheriff Jason McKinney, and Press Dispatch Editor Sherri Griffin.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES JUNE 19, 2023**

President Flint asked if there were any concerns regarding the minutes. He called for a motion. Commissioner Ryan Coleman seconded by Commissioner Jeff Nelson motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2023 meeting. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR JULY 10, 2023**

President Flint asked if there were any questions in regard to claims. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the July 10,2023 claims as presented. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**INDOT-Pike CCMG 2023-1 Agreements (7)**

County Administrator Krisiti Dischinger explained that the agreements were seven (7) Community Crossings Grants that the County has been awarded. She said they were boiler plate agreements and that Attorney Fleig had looked them over.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the INDOT Agreements for Pike CCMG 2023-1. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Emergency Health Preparedness BP5 Contract & Coordinator Contract**

Bio-Terrorism Preparedness Coordinator Lana Schmett was present. She requested the Commissioner's sign a modification of the contract for 2023. Since she was hired late during the grant year, she did not have time to work the hours planned, and she did not have time to earn the money that was earmarked for her wages. She requested that Indiana Department of Health modify her contract and allow her to purchase some items needed for the department with the excess money in the grant for 2022-2023 fiscal year. The modification was approved by IDOH and the updated contract needed to be approved and signed.

The 2nd contract was for the regular 2023-2024 Emergency Health Preparedness BO5 contract and Coordinator Contract. The grant includes salary for the coordinator, pay for mileage and travel. It does not include payment for a cell phone. The two years are now together for a total contract to end in June of 2024 of \$50,000. It will be under the same contract number.

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

### **Samaritan Center transition to Family Health Center**

A trio consisting of Rob McLin with Good Samaritan and Jennifer Emmons and Broch Lough with Family Health Center explained that Petersburg's Good Samaritan Health Center is transitioning to the Family Health Center. It was explained that there would be more emphasis on Mental Health. The center has achieved the status of a FQHC (Federal Quality Health Care). A new position of Navigator has been added whose duty is to be sure that clients are able to have insurance. It was also shared that the x-ray services that have been provided by Good Samaritan may be discontinued.

President Flint stated that he would really hate to see the x-ray service leave the county since it is the only such service in the county. Commissioner Flint shared that there have been 976 x-rays during the 1-year period from June of 2022 through June of 2023. Mr. McLin stated that he was not aware of that and said that he would take that into consideration while making the final decision as to the fate of the service.

### **Clerk Shelving- Give to Historical Society**

County Administrator Dischinger explained that the Clerk no longer need some shelving. She requested that the Clerk be allowed to donate the shelving to the Historical Society.

### **EMS Additional-LATCF**

EMS Director Chris Young asked the Commissioner's approval of an additional appropriation for the use of \$50,000 in LATCF funds. This is grant money that must be spent in accordance with any legal expenditure of the County Government. The only expenditure not allowed is political lobbying. Mr. Young asked that the Commissioners approve the use of the \$50,000 to purchase 2-acres located in south Pike County for the purpose of building a new EMS facility/EMA Storage barn. The land cost is \$22,000/acre and the additional funds will be used toward the construction requirements of building the facility such as a septic permit. \$500,000 of ARPA dollars was set aside in the ARPA Plan for the building.

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

### **INDOT Unofficial Detour & MOU**

County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd explained that INDOT is designating State Road 550 S as a detour to do some culvert work on State Road 64. It is located around Muren Church and will come out on HWY 61. They expect the work to be ongoing for thirty (30) days. The work will start in the fall. Commissioner Coleman stated that they had been working on various pieces of State Road 64 for years. He stated that it was hard to understand why the work had been so drug out.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the Unofficial Detour and Memorandum of Understanding. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **Highway Fuel Additional**

Superintendent Byrd stated that it was going to take \$100,000 in fuel and lubricants to complete the Community Crossings grants. He stated that the Council had requested that he give them some options as far as where to fund the needed appropriation. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the request for additional.

## **BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS**

### **Clerk & Treasurer Monthly Reports-May 2023**

President Flint called the attention of the Commissioners to the reports.

### **Detour on Hwy 356**

Superintendent Byrd stated that INDOT contacted him and wanted a price for Tree Sap and Rock. They asked for a commitment that there would not be any other damages. Superintendent Byrd told INDOT that he could not commit to that. He said that he didn't foresee any, but something could happen. He has not heard back.

### **Bridge on 475**

Superintendent Byrd stated that as soon as they posted the bridge at 20 Ton they came back to him and said it needed to be posted at 10 Ton. This followed an inspection. The signage was changed as requested. There is dipping in the bridge, and rods are coming out. He has some pricing on it for replacement by a box culvert (\$100,000) and also is obtaining pricing for a bridge with concrete bridge beams (\$60,000). It would be unlimited. BFS is looking at the concrete bridge beams.

### **Budget**

Auditor Gumbel stated that the budget process was going smoothly and the new software was performing as expected.

### **Post Office Boxes**

County Administrator Dischinger stated that they are almost ready for use.

### **Cyber Software**

Ms. Dischinger reported that some of the cyber software is installed on her computer, and it is working well. The plan is to put it on 4 or 5 and see how it is working. After that she will install it on all the computers.

**EMS**

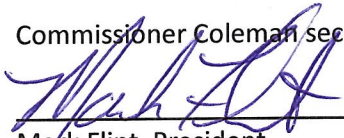
Director Young states that he is currently 41 runs ahead of this time last year. The remount ambulance has been picked up and is in service. He asked the Commissioners what they wanted to do with the ambulance that has the Jasper Engine rebuilt in it. The first engine was installed in January of 2022. The warranty was 36,000 miles and between the two engines there is 38,000 miles. The warranty did not start over with the second new engine. The truck has been out of service 229 days since the engine was first installed in January of 2022. The engines have been pulled 6 times since January of 2022. The Chassis has 275,000 miles on it. Commissioner Flint said that the time to stop it is now. Mr. Young said that the box is in good shape. He has been told that it will take 6 – 8 months to get to get a new chassis. Cost would be \$150 to \$200 thousand. Totally new ambulance would be upwards of \$300,000. He was told that it would take 6 to 8 months to get a new chassis. He needs to discuss with the Council regarding how they would prefer that a purchase would be made.

The Commissioners agreed that Mr. Young should try to move forward with a remount.

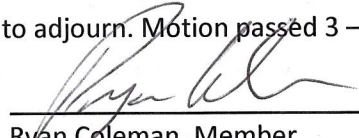
**BUSINESS BY PUBLIC – None.**

**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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Judy Gumbel, Auditor

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Date