

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2023 @ 8:30 AM**

**Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Mark Flint called the meeting to order with all member of the BOC present. Also present were Val Fleig County Attorney, Kristi Dischinger County Administrator, and Judith Gumbel, Auditor. Also, in attendance were Sheriff Jason McKinney, Chief Deputy Dallas Killian, EDC Director Ashley Willis, Chris Weisman, Brian VanMeter, Thomas Schroeder, Jim Shoultz, EMA/911 Director Ryan Benner, Phil Schneider, Amy Gladish, Superintendent Jerry Blackwell, Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, and Press Dispatch Editor Sherri Griffin.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES JULY 24, 2023 – Minutes were not available.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR AUGUST 7, 2023

President Flint asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the claims.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Health Dept Funding opt in. Resolution 2023-09 (Note that the Windows discussion occurred before the Health Department Funding was discussed.)

Public Health Nurse Amy Gladish shared the plan developed by the Pike County Health Department to meet the standards for Indiana's new Health First Indiana program which is an option available to counties that want to work toward having a continuum of services across the State of Indiana. There are certain KPI's that a county must provide in order to be eligible to receive the funding. It will be \$150,000 during the first year of operation which will be January through December of 2024; just under \$47,000 of that is monies that were formerly provided to the counties through Fund 1206 and Fund 1168, This fund will take the place of the Tobacco Settlement Fund, Fund 1206, and the Health Maintenance Fund, Fund 1168.

The primary first step to the local program plan will be to hire a Community Health Nurse who will be responsible for engaging local delivery through the Health Care System through a community coalition. In 2025 the county will be eligible for up to \$300,000 and the hope would be to start some of activities planned by the coalition in order to better the health of our community for both the citizens and the community businesses. Pike County ranks 43rd in health outcomes and 48 in health factors.

Commissioner Flint asked if there was any possible way that this program could help to provide services for the jail. Ms. Gladish had already asked the state if this would be a possibility. She had learned that the nurse could help with some preventative measures such as STD prevention, but clinical service could not be provided. Sheriff McKinney stated that he had checked with his

contracted services and had learned they concurred with the state in regard to not combining services.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to opt-in to the new Health First Indiana approving Resolution 23-09 to accept the State Public Health Funding. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Courthouse Windows- Additional

County Administrator Kristl Dischinger stated that the following items needed to be addressed:

- Approval of the Window Specifications

- Approval of the Change Order to remove limestone around basement grates and reinstall at \$1,497.00 per unit.

- Approval of the Change Order to Replace the Lintel over the Window at \$2,758.00 per unit.

Tom Schroder was present to address the Commissioners. He began with some additional problems that had surfaced. He said that there was a water leak on the 3rd floor causing the lathe that held the plaster to rust and thus the plaster to pull away from the wall. This needs to be repaired while the window project is going on.

He said that a future task would be to fix a water leak at the base level. It appears that the drain may have collapsed. He said that a camera would need to be ran through the pipe to determine what the problem is. After we know the extent of the problem, repair could take place and the plaster repaired in the auditorium.

President Flint stated that he thought the Commissioners had already approved the window specs. Mr. Schroeder said that he was correct and verified that the specs were the same as those already approved. Commissioner Flint asked why these repairs: the lintels & the limestone weren't discovered during the bidding process. Mr. Schroeder said that they weren't evident until they started with the in-depth look at each window. The problem isn't with every window. There appear to be 12 to 20 sagging lintels that will have to be replaced.

In regard to the limestone around the basement grates, Mr. Schroeder expressed that there needed to be additional work because the grate itself needed to be repaired. There is a bar that is bent with a welded piece on top of it that is part of the grate. The pipe is rusted out, and he would like to get Onyett to repair those while the limestone is being replaced. There are 3 to 4 grates that will need to be repaired.

The project budget was originally \$750,000 and the bid came in at \$726,590. With the change orders and paying Tom for his work, the project is \$5,000 overbudget so, they will have to go in for an additional.

President Flint said that he would start with the changes as presented. He asked for a motion in regard to the specifications.

Commissioner Nelson then motioned to approve the removal of limestone around 4 basement grates and then reinstall them. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. It passed 3 – 0.

Commissioner Nelson then motioned to approve the replacement of up to 20 Lintels over the windows. These will basically be determined one at a time. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Ms. Dischinger stated that an additional appropriation would need to be completed for the rest of the budgeted amounts and suggested adding the \$5,000 to it making the total additional needed at \$65,000.00. President Flint asked for a motion in regard to the additional.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to request an additional appropriation of \$65,000 for the window project. Motion carried 3 – 0.

President Flint asked about the color samples and Ms. Dischinger informed him that they should be available at the next meeting.

Otwell Trash Site Lease-Expansion Amendment

Ms. Dischinger stated that the agreement basically allowed the trash site to be doubled in size and fenced it in. The agreement added \$535 to the rent for the year. Three additional dumpsters have been added to the site. President Flint called for a motion to amend the lease.

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

NEW BUSINESS

HVAC-Chris w/ Messmer

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger explained that the estimate to repair the HVAC system that was hit by lightning is \$31,000. We have received a check from our insurance company in that amount less our deductible. It is running now. While working on the estimate a discussion was held in regard to updating the HVAC system. Currently the system is running with several fans wide open instead of with automatic thermostats that can be programmed to shut on and off. If those are fixed now and then the full system is upgraded at a later date, a lot of the repair money will be lost because the update would make what was done obsolete. Chris with Messmer's Mechanical was present to address the BOC in regard to what all of this means.

He stated that the controls in the current system have been slowly wearing out. He has worked on site for the past 15 years so he knows the system. Eight of the areas have new thermostats. If a problem occurs, each station has to be worked on individually. There are 22 stations yet to be fixed. With a new system everything could be synchronized and many adjustments that need to be done could be completed remotely. The system could also be programmed to shut down at night, and that would save \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year. As it is now, every time something has to be fixed, it requires an onsite visit. The system will also allow a diagnostic search to see where the energy is used. Commissioner Coleman stated that he has experience with a smart system and that it was unbelievable how much the company saved.

The Control System Upgrade Base Bid was \$58,975. The quote to complete the Control System Repairs Due to Storm Damage was \$31,000. That is covered by insurance but there was a \$5,000 deductible. A quote from Buchanan Mechanical for a similar system and repair was \$95,200.00. The quotes from Messmer's put together were a total of \$89,975. However, the county has received an insurance check for \$26,000.00 leaving a remaining cost of \$63,975.00. The Commissioners discussed the options and decided that they did not want to just lose \$31,000. They felt that it would be better to go ahead and upgrade the system and agreed that it would be better to have Messmer's do it. President Flint asked for that to be put into a motion.

Commissioner Coleman motioned to move forward with the upgrade of the Court House HVAC Control System Upgrade and Control System Repairs Due to Storm Damage by the quotes from Messmer Mechanical contingent upon funding and to request a \$65,000 Additional Appropriation for the upgrade. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Request to Vacate Public Way – Colgate

Attorney Phil Schneider was present representing the owners of the lots and lands in The Town of Colgate, a subdivision of Lockhart Township, Pike County Indiana and recorded on May 19, 1916. The current owners, Gary P Gonnerman and Amy L. Gonnerman; Mark G. Houchin and Connie L. Houchin; and Jacob D. Havens wish to vacate the plat of the Town of Colegate. The town has not been developed as planned and platted. President Flint called for a motion in regard to the matter.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve to vacate the plat of the Town of Colegate. Motion passed 3 – 0.

EMS Transfers

EMS Director Chris Young requested a transfer from Incentive pay to the wage lines for Basic EMT, Paramedic, and EMS Director in the total amount of \$39,854.

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

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners' Additional-Insurance Claim

This Additional Appropriation Request is for moving the insurance monies received for the Lightning Strike Claim from the General Fund to 1000-30300-0068. The agent requested documentation of the bills and payment of the vendor.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the request for an Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$28,067.43. Note made that an additional has to be done in whole dollar amounts, so the request will be for \$28,068. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Highway Report

Superintendent Byrd stated that he is doing regular road maintenance at this time. He is still waiting on the pavement money. He hopes to have it by the end of August.

County Administrator

She called attention to the Treasurer's and Clerk's monthly reports for June and July.

EMS

Director Young stated that he is running 75 to 100 more runs ahead of last year.

EMA


Director Benner stated that he will probably have an Additional Appropriation request for the Commissioners to consider next meeting. The Call Recorder is in bad shape. He's looking at about \$40,000 to replace it.

ADJOURNMENT

President Flint asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

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


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Mark Flint, President

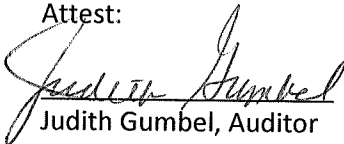


Jeff Nelson, Vice-President



Ryan Coleman, Member

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor Date 8-21-23