

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2023 @ 8:30 AM**

**Mark Flint  
Jeff Nelson  
Ryan Coleman**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President of the BOC of the Pike County Government, Mark Flint called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present as well as County Attorney Val Fleig and County Auditor Judith Gumbel. Also in attendance, were County Administrator Kristi Dischinger, Aubrey Howder, Vance Epple, Bobbie McCandless, Linda McCandless, Jason Dickson, Brittany Staake, EDC Director Ashley Willis, Highway Garage Office Manager Melanie Britton, Coroner Ray Brooks, Keith O’Haver, Brent Roberts, EMS Director Chris Young, Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, and Newspaper Editor Sherri Griffin.

The Regular Meeting of the Commissioners was recessed and a Public Meeting regarding CR 300N was convened.

**PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING CR 300 N PROJECT**

Mr. Vance Epple with BLN, designer of the project, discussed the Environmental Document stating that he had met with several of the property owners/residents involved. During the discussions they requested some design changes and some requests had been honored. Mr. Epple had a map with him illustrating changes (12-foot roll of paper) that was shared with the audience. In the process of the conversations, residents requested that a public meeting be held. CO RD 300 N will be the connection between I-69 to SR 56 during some upcoming road repair.

President Flint asked how close CR 300 would be to the existing structures along the road, how many feet was the project going to go back into the residential area. Mr. Epple stated that it varies depending upon the existing conditions. The plan is for 2-twelve- foot travel lanes and a 4-foot shoulder. This is current design standard. The ditches will be traversable. Typically, on the south side of the road they are trying to hold to a 50-foot right-of-way for electric lines etc. On the north side it varies a lot more. There are some areas that it goes down to 35-foot. There are some areas that it needed to go beyond the 50-foot. Some of the residents requested in those cases that a temporary right-of-way be considered. In the residential areas they tried to limit it to 50-foot. They were within 25-foot of one garage that was long side the road. Safety requirement dictated a guard rail, and they worked with the residents to see where that would be placed. They also thought that placement would make it easy to maintain. The plan has additional temporary rights-of-way but a reduced permanent right-of-way in some cases. The design results in a mowable design. The temporary rights-of ways will remain until the close of the project. The project will be completed in late 2025.

President Flint called for audience comments. There will be an approximate 3 months closure on highway 61. One gentleman in the audience stated that the plan for this “unofficial” detour was going to result in a hazard at the end of his driveway. He feels that someone will be hurt. He requested that something be done – speed bumps, 24-hour police surveillance, something. The hard fact was that 300 N is the only detour possible. Commissioner Jeff Nelson stated that this is always the problem. He stated that INDOT gives the County no help. He said that if the County denies the detour, it will be used anyway, the road will be torn up, and the county will have no recourse. The gentleman pled with the Commissioners to do something to slow the traffic down. It seems that each possible solution causes more hazards. Superintendent Byrd stated that signs are thrown in the ditches. Commissioner Coleman

said that signs do help some. The Commissioners all indicated that they understood everyone's concerns and that they were concerned as well.

President closed the public meeting on 300 N and reconvened the regular meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES JULY 24, 2023 & AUGUST 7, 2023**

President Flint asked if anyone had corrections or concerns about the minutes. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR AUGUST 21, 2023**

President Flint asked if anyone had questions or concerns about the claims. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Windowsill Colors**

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger shared four samples of the windowsill colors for the new Courthouse windows. Commissioner Flint asked for comments. Ms. Dischinger stated that her favorite was "white spec". The others thought it was a good selection.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve "white spec" for the windowsill color. Motion passed 3 – 0.

#### **HVAC Upgrade- updated quote & additional**

Ms. Dischinger discussed this project with the Commissioners. She stated that the quote increased from the one previously discussed with the Commissioners. The December 6, 2022 quote was \$58,975. The new quote is \$65,975 for the Base Price (increased parts cost). The quote also included Option 1 that has a cost of \$23,650. This made the total \$89,625. The County has already received \$26,000 insurance claim money from EMC that can be applied. Ms. Dischinger stated that the County needed an additional appropriation of \$64,000 from either General Fund or CEDIT to complete the HVAC Upgrade including Option 1 and repair to the HVAC system. President Flint called for a motion.

Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve both the base quote of \$65,975 and the Option 1 quote of \$23,650 and to approve the request for an additional appropriation of \$64,000 from either General Fund or CEDIT. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Pike County Clerk Perpetuation Fund Purchase-Copier**

County Clerk, Lana Griffith requested permission from the Commissioners to purchase a new copier from the Clerk Perpetuation Fund. She provided the Commissioners with the information on IC 33-37-5-2 Clerk's Record Perpetuation Fund which explains the source of the monies in the fund and the allowed uses. She also shared a quote in the amount of \$3,881.00 from TM Office Solutions.

President Flint asked the Commissioners if they had any questions.

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

#### **EMS Additional-Ambulance**

EMS Director Chris Young stated that this purchase was originally part of his 2024 budget request to be purchased from Cum Cap Development. The County Council recommended that Mr. Young consider asking for an additional appropriation from Fund 1170 during 2023. This will hopefully speed up the time frame for ambulance delivery.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the request for an additional appropriation for a Remount Ambulance in the amount of \$220,000 from Fund 1170. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Commissioner Coleman asked Director Young what the status was of the Remount Ambulance that was at Uebelhor. Director Young replied that for now it was running, and the department uses it as a last resort.

#### **EMS Transfers**

Director Young asked for the following transfers:

From Official Bonds/Ins to Professional Service in the amount of \$1,500

From Volunteer Runs to Professional Services in the amount of \$2,500.

He explained that he needed the funds in Professional Services to pay the MALCON contract in the amount of \$9,500.

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

#### **EMS Permission to Advertise for Bids-Ambulance Remount**

Director Young requested permission to advertise for bids for the Ambulance Remount purchase that was just approved.

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

#### **EMA Additional-Recording Software**

Assistant EMA Director Brittainy Staake shared that there had been some issues with the Recording Software currently in use. She said that the system had missed recording some calls that were needed in the prosecution of some cases. The one proposed is digital, it has more storage space. It also has room for a radio. Commissioner Nelson stated that there had been a miss of some crucial data. Commissioner Flint called for a motion.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the request of an additional appropriation in the amount of \$40, 640 for Recording Software from Fund 1222. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **Highway Additional - Fuel & Lean-to/Painting.**

Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd explained that the request for fuel was one which was accidentally left off of the Council's last month appropriation requests. The County should complete 2.3 million dollars of paving in 2023. The increase of the paving and the increase of fuel prices has made the request necessary.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the request for an additional appropriation from Fund 1176 in the amount of \$50,000. Motion passed 3 – 0.

He also requested approval for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 from Fund 1176, Lawn & Building Care. This was originally in the 2024 budget proposal to the County Council. It was the Council's suggestion to move it to 2023 if possible. This is to paint an existing garage, add a lean-to and paint it. Actual project cost is \$39,000 but only \$20,000 additional is needed to complete the project. This will keep the county equipment and materials inside a building and keep it from view of persons at the softball field. President Flint called for a motion.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the request of an additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 in Fund 1176 to paint the existing building and build a lean-to and paint it. Motion carried 3 – 0.

Superintendent Byrd stated that they will be paving as soon as the County receives the 1.3 million in funds from INDOT.

### **Auditor**

Auditor Gumbel stated that the Estimated Budget is ready to submit to the state.

### **EMS**

Director Young stated that the department is busy. They are running 100 runs over last year at this time.

## **BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS**

### **Courthouse Additional-Email & Deployment Services & HVAC Upgrade**

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger explained that the HVAC Upgrade had been determined earlier in the meeting. She stated that she finally received a pricing proposal for the support services necessary to migrate several email services in the county to Google. The quote is for \$9,526.59. This will help us to not lose any emails. Everyone in the County will be on the same domain. This will require email licenses and it was recommended that the County go with licenses at a level that would also include a vault. The Council will have to choose the level and the exact quote is unavailable. A ticket has to be opened and applicants have 10 days to respond to the quote at that time. Ms. Dischinger believes that the cost of the one with a vault will be \$26,563. This is the standard mid-price range. This initial contract has to be paid at the beginning. Therefore, she is requesting an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$36,563 to include the one-time charge of \$10,000 for migration support and the 1-year agreement for the email licenses at \$26,563.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve a request of \$36,563 from the General Fund. Motion passed 3 – 0.

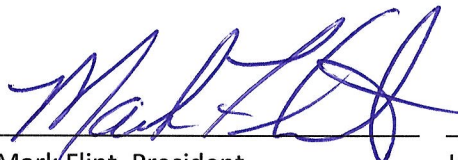

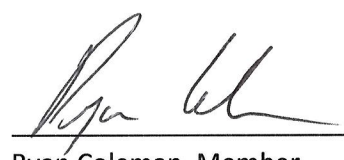
**BUSINESS BY PUBLIC**

President Flint asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak. Keith O’Haver introduced himself to the BOC. He is with Sunrise Coal. He gave his card to the Commissioners and requested that they call him at any time there was any questions in regard to the activities of Sunrise Coal. President Flint thanked him for coming in.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Flint asked if there was any further business to come before the BOC. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

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

		
Mark Flint, President	Jeff Nelson, Vice-President	Ryan Coleman, Member

Attest:

	<u>9-5-23</u>
Judith Gumbel, Auditor	Date