

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 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 in attendance. Also present were County Attorney Val Fleig, County Auditor Judith Gumbel, County Administrator Kristi Dischinger, Pike County Sheriff Jason McKinney, EMS Director Chris Young, EMA/E-911 Director Ryan Benner, County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, and Press-Dispatch Editor Sherri Griffin.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 21, 2023**

President Flint asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion. Commissioner Ryan Coleman seconded by Commissioner Jeff Nelson motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

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

President Flint asked if there were any questions regarding the claims. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Otwell Amended Lease, Doc Gray signed**

Ms. Dischinger stated that the Commissioners had already approved the lease; Doctor Gray has now signed the lease. Therefore, all that is needed at this time is for the Commissioners to sign the lease.

**Windows, Additional for Grates**

Ms. Dischinger presented an additional appropriation proposal to the Commissioners for their consideration. Courthouse Superintendent Jerry Blackwell obtained two quotes for the work. One from Onyett Fabrication and one from Sisson Steel. The Onyett quote was to repair the 11 grates as discussed plus provide angle supports to sides of ones needing it and to paint the grates black at \$4,900. Sisson Steel's quote was to repair the grates, provide side supports, and then to galvanize the grates at \$12,240. Commissioner Nelson stated that the longevity of the repair is the question as to the large variance between the cost of the quotes and the methods quoted. After an extensive discussion, the Commissioners decided that the galvanized method would be the best. Ms. Dischinger explained that the \$20,000 in the appropriation request was in excess of the quote, but that it was in order to be prepared should other unexpected repair items be discovered that would need to be addressed quickly in order to keep the window installation running smoothly.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the additional appropriation per the quotation provided by Sisson Steel. Motion passed 3 – 0 from the General fund at \$20,000.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **EMS Additional**

EMS Director Young stated that he was seeking to spend a grant that he had received during the COVID period. \$4,000 would be used to purchase a computer program used for electronic check sheets and for tracking vehicle maintenance.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation Request from Fund 8101, Grant Fund. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **EMS Transfers**

Director Young stated that he was running low on payroll funds in account Part-tech/Vac-Sick. Also, the Fuel fund was at \$268.48. He requested transfers from the Paramedic and Basic EMT lines in the amount of \$5,000 each to Part-tech/Vac-Sick and \$18,000 from each to Fuel, Oil and Lubricants. At a total transfer of \$46,000.

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

### **EMS Staff Changes**

Director Young informed that BOC that a long-time paramedic Kristine Breitzweller was leaving his staff as of September 9th and that he was recommending that Wyatt Majors, currently working part-time on the EMS staff be hired for the position.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to accept Kristine's resignation and hire Wyatt as a full-time paramedic. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **Highway Additional**

Superintendent Byrd explained that he had hired two employees currently paid in Cum Bridge who needed to obtain their CDL license: Adam Grubb and Andrew Sullivan. Commissioner Coleman asked where their schooling would be, and Superintendent Byrd said 360 Driving Academy. Commissioner Coleman requested that another school that should be looked at was Tri-State Driving School.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the Highway Additional Appropriation Request at \$8,400. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **Highway Transfers**

Superintendent Byrd requested that \$3,000 be transferred from Vehicle Insurance to Signs. He said that some of the signs had been stolen and that some speed limit signs were needed. He also requested that \$3,700 be transferred from Equipment Rental to Machinery & Equipment in order to purchase a weed eater and chain saws.

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

#### **DNR Letter-Blackburn Rd**

Superintendent Byrd explained that the DNR was finally ready to complete the road stabilization grouting project along Blackburn Road. The anticipated start date is expected to be in the last part of 2023 to be completed by April 1, 2024. DNR requested that the Commissioners give their permission to complete the repair as described.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the Repair of Blackburn Road by DNR as stated. Motion passed 3 – 0.

### **BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS**

#### **AME Maintenance Quote**

This was the Maintenance Renewal Quotation.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to accept the quote and renew the agreement. Motion passed 3 – 0.

#### **Department Status Reports**

##### **Superintendent Byrd**

They are having trouble with Ayshire Road and High Water because he is not allowed access to unstop the drainage route.

CO RD 356 is finally complete.

The situation is better with the bridge on RD 500. Solar and Nate Wagler are putting in a box culvert. The County will tear the old bridge out and prepare the bottom of the ditch.

The County is still waiting on the receipt of paving money and hope to get it soon.

##### **Sheriff McKinney**

Sam Moore is retiring again. He is advertising for a full-time maintenance person.

Deputies have made 48 new arrests between August 1 and August 31.

The jail is housing 60 or so inmates.

New vehicle is still in the shop.

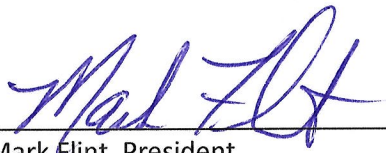
##### **Flood Plane Administrator**

Discussion was held that the County needs to have an administrator. By definition the person who holds the position Should be a surveyor, but our County Surveyor was not excited about the prospect. We need to send someone to a certification course.

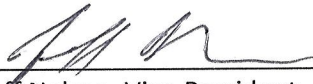
### **BUSINESS BY PUBLIC - None**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

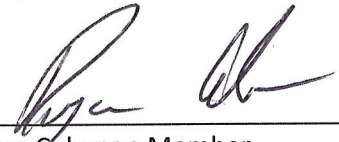
Commissioner Flint called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn. Motion passed 3 – 0.



Mark Flint, President

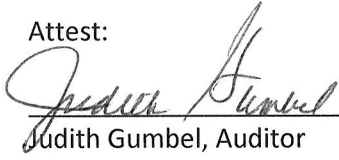


Jeff Nelson, Vice-President



Ryan Coleman Member

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor

9/18/23

Date