

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2023 @ 8:30 AM**

**Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by BOC President, Mark Flint. All Commissioners were present. Also, in attendance were Pike County Attorney Val Fleig, Pike County Auditor Judith Gumbel, and County Administrator Kristi Dischinger. Others in attendance included County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, Pike County Sheriff Jason McKinney, Pike County Coroner Ray Brooks, County EMS Director Chris Young, County Department of Health Member Kelly Cook, County Nurse Amy Gladish, and County EMA/911 Director Ryan Benner. No member of the press was present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

President Flint asked if there were any questions concerning the minutes of the September 18, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Ryan Coleman seconded by Commissioner Jeff Nelson motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR OCTOBER 2, 2023

President Flint also asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the claims. Hearing none he called for a motion. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Re-Mount Bids

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger stated that one bid package had been received for the EMS Re-Mount Request for Bids. County Attorney Val Fleig opened the bid package. It was from American Response Vehicles and was in the amount of \$219,987.01. Delivery time was listed from 360 to 545 days.

EMS Director Chris Young stated that there has only been one time when bids received were from more than one vendor. This is even after he has personally reached out to other companies soliciting their bids. Director Young was asked the price of a new ambulance. He said that a Ford 550, new would be just under \$400,000. Commissioners asked if this remount will allow the county to remount the box again. Director Young stated that the County should be able to add several remounts to this chassis. \$220,000 has already been appropriated in the 2023 budget. Therefore, if approved by the Commissioners, this order can be placed at this time.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to accept the bid of American Response Vehicles at \$219,897.01 for a Re-Mount truck.

Window Installation Schedule (Judge B)

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger explained that the 1st set of Windows should arrive on October 16th and the 2nd set should arrive on October 23rd. A trial is set for October 25th. A second trial will be in November. He stated that a person must be tried within a year. Therefore, these can't be put off. Ms. Dischinger said that the project will take from 3 to 4 months to complete. Judge Jeffrey Biesterveld stated there are issues since the court is scheduled to be in session, and that jail initial hearings must be done in the Circuit Court. Many of the proceedings must be recorded. He stated that the hammering and nail driving would be very audible in the courtrooms, both the Circuit Court and the Family Court. The recording devices are very sensitive. He stated that he and Judge Gilmore would try to share their courtrooms when possible and would hold court in the courtroom furthest from the noise level when possible. The civil proceeding will slow down around Christmas. He stated that his office absolutely does not want to stand in the way of the new windows, but circumstances may make things difficult.

Ms. Dischinger stated that it was the 2nd floor windows that had several window lentsils to replace. The replacement has to be done before the new windows can be installed Ms. Dischinger stated that she will make every effort to get information from the instal ation crew as soon as possible and will relay the information in a timely manner so that conflicts can be avoided in most cases.

NEW BUSINESS

EMS Additional

EMS Director Chris Young explained that this additional appropriation request in the amount of \$161,000 from Fund 1170 was due to a shortfall in the advertisement of the budget for 2024, payout of an employee who resigned, and two vacation buyouts. The new 2023 structural changes for his department and the new incentive plan were considered, but the cola raise was not included in the advertisement. Therefore, both he, the Auditor and the Council knew that there would be an additional coming at year end of up to \$200,000. The \$161,000 is much better than anticipated and also pays the extra costs listed.

President Flint asked for a motion. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissicner Nelson motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation Request for \$161,000 from Fund 1170. Motion passed 3 -0.

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Insurance Additional, General & IV-D Funds

The County has received payment on some of the insurance claims resulting from the electrical storm. The monies were receipted into General Fund and Fund 8897 and these additional are to reimburse the accounts that have already paid the repair bills: In the General Fund 1000 - \$86.25 into 1000-30670-0660, 4,565.00 into 1000-40610-0232, \$11,223.75 into 1000-30660-0161.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the General Fund Additional Appropriation Request. Motion passed 3 – 0.

In Fund 8897, the Additional Appropriation Request was for \$387.50 into 8897-50000-0000. Ms. Gumbel explained that this would have to be in the amount of \$388 because additional must be whole dollars.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the Fund 8897 Request for Additional Appropriation. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Commissioners' Transfer

This transfer is in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Insurance to Unemployment. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the transfer. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Solid Waste Transfer

The transfer request was \$900 from Insurance to Solid Waste Stickers. This is needed to purchase stickers for the remainder of the year. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the transfer. Motion passed 3 – 0.

BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd stated that they had completed 900 E at Velpen, 175 E, and Brewster Branch. He said that two of his crew is mowing, and everyone else is paving.

Coroner Ray Brooks stated that he needs to get GIS mapping in the Coroner's vehicle.

Sheriff McKinney said that he has located a couple of new Dodge Durangos. These are gas and are probably the last of the gas models that he will be able to get.


EMS Director Young stated that he was talking with a different Collection agency, Tek Collect. He said their rate was less than 10%, and they start a little softer than the current company. This group will give him access to the system so that he can see what is going on with each of his cases. The existing contract was signed in 2010.

Nathan Hargis has been off on FMLA. He was hired in January of 2022. He is running out of available time. Director Young asked if it would be ok with the Commissioners to allow him to work as much comp time now as possible because he is going to be out a minimum of another four weeks. The rule is that employees can't accumulate more than 80 hours, but Chris knows that he will use everything that he is able to work, and therefore, it won't stay accumulated. President Flint Asked Director Young if he was talking about shifts that Director Young had open. Director Young assured him that was the situation. He is thinking that there may be from 160 to 200 comp hours available.


Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to extend the comp hours that Mr. Hargis could accumulate. Motion passed 3 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

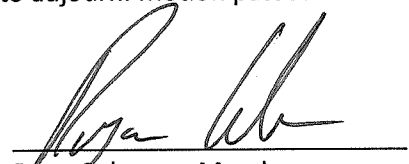
With no further business to come before the BOC, President Flint called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn. Motion passed 3 – 0.



Mark Flint, President

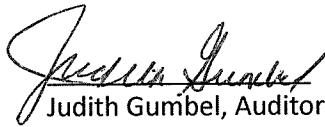


Jeff Nelson, Vice-President



Ryan Coleman, Member

Attest:

 10/16/23
Judith Gumbel, Auditor Date