

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 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 as well as County Attorney Val Fleig, Auditor Judith Gumbel, and County Administrator Kristi Dischinger. Also, in attendance were EMS Director Chris Young, Brian VanMeter, Pike County Coroner Ray Brooks, EDC CEO Ashley Willis, TekCollect Representative Jeremy Marshall, and Press-Dispatch Editor Sherri Sabella.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2023

President Flint asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October 2, 2023 Minutes as presented. Hearing none, he called for a motion. Commissioner Ryan Coleman seconded by Commissioner Jeff Nelson motioned to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR OCTOBER 16, 2023

President Flint asked if there were any questions in regard to claims. Hearing none, he called for a motion to accept. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve all claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

ARPA Additional- EDC Infrastructure

Economic Development Corporation CEO Ashley Willis asked for the BOC to consider her request for approval of an Additional Appropriation Request from ARPA and CEDIT for water and wastewater infrastructure for the Meadows at Parkview Subdivision next to Hornady Park for a total amount of \$500,000. The ARPA Plan allowed \$700,000 for sewer and mostly water infrastructure. However, \$388,691.90 of this has already been appropriated for the Booster Station needed for the new Petersburg Water Tower on half mile hill to get the water to River Birch Farms. Therefore, \$311,308 remains of the total \$700,000 allotted in the ARPA Plan which can be used for the subdivision project. Since she needs a total of \$500,000, \$188,692 has to come from another fund. The fund recommended for the remainder was Fund 1112, CEDIT.

The total Request for Additional Appropriation is \$311,308 from Fund 8950, ARPA and \$188,692 from Fund 1112, CEDIT.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to recommend the Additional Appropriation as requested to the County Council for approval. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Interlocal Agreement- Pike County & City of Petersburg

This Additional Appropriation just approved necessitates a new Interlocal Agreement between the City of Petersburg and Pike County, IN. The agreement is necessary because the City of Petersburg will be the provider of the water and sewer infrastructure at the subdivision as well as future developments in the vicinity. The agreement states that the County will contribute up to \$500,000 for the water and sewer infrastructure of the City to service the subdivision as well as the future development. Petersburg Municipal Utilities will handle the engineering, bidding, letting, and construction inspection for the project and will enter into a BOT Agreement with GM Development Companies. The City will also own the infrastructure at the project completion.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement – Pike County and City of Petersburg. Motion carried 3 – 0.

EMS-TEK Collection Service

EMS Director Chris Young stated that his brother who works for Jasper Memorial Hospital had learned of this service and recommended that Mr. Young talk with the company representative Jeremy Marshall. He stated that the current collections company began working with the County in 2010.

He then asked Mr. Marshall to share the details of his companies processes with the Commissioners.

Mr. Marshall shared that during the first 90 days of a claim, it will not go to Collections. They have a soft start using a series of letters. At this point if the bill is collected the fee is about 5% of what is collected. They do call patients and have about an 80% answer rate. Chris will be able to follow the patients that have been turned over. The update time is 24-hours. After 90 days it goes to Collections. They are able to track people over the entire United States because they are a nationwide company. The cost of the program is \$22.50 per account on a one time basis. The company guarantees a 400% return on investment. After 150 days if a qualified account is not settled County be paid 400% of the county's investment. Sixty to 70% of dollars owed is recovered during the first phase.

Director Young stated that since the beginning of the contract with the current company, the collection rate has been about 10%. Director Young has from 25 to 30 collections per month. This company is also ok with letting a patient who is trying to pay, pay the bill by installments.

This company's contract is month-to-month. Attorney Fleig stated that the current company's contract does not have a timeline, just a procedure of notification.

President Flint asked what the other Commissioner's thought. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motion to go ahead with the contract with TEK Collection Services. Motion passed 3 – 0.

EMS Transfer

The requested transfer was \$425 from Volunteer Runs to Infectious Waste. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motion to approve the transfer. Motion passed 3 – 0.

EMS BOT Resolution

Director Young stated that the purchase of the land to put the new Ambulance/Storage Barn is almost complete. Surveys are complete etc. He is now requesting permission to move forward with an RFP for a Build, Operate, Transfer agreement to build the barn. This requires the acceptance of Pike County Resolution 2023-14 detailing the procedure for finalizing a BOT.

President Flint asked if there were any questions concerning Resolution 2023-14. Hearing none he called for a motion. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve Resolution 2023-14. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Approval to Advertise for Material & Supply Bids 2024

The materials and supplies to be bid include Bituminous Liquid Asphalt Materials, Bituminous Hot Mix, Bituminous Cold Mix, Road Stone & Gravel, and Storm Drainage Structures. President Flint asked if there were any questions. Hearing none he called for a motion.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve Advertising for Material and Supply bids for 2024. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Highway Transfer

Highway requested a transfer of \$10 from Office Equipment Repair to utility Repairs. The transfer is needed to pay for Frontier Utility Damages.

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

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Approval for Inspection and Appraisal of Winslow Property

President Flint explained that the Health Department is considering a possible move of the Health Office and the purchase of the Winslow Medical Center. The building needs to be inspected for mold, structure, and the value needs to be appraised. He asked if there were any questions. If not, he asked for a motion to move forward with the inspections and appraisal.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to inspect and appraise the property. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Courthouse Additional-Utilities

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger explained that additional request was for \$5,800 toward \$4,500 for Courthouse Electricity and \$1,300 for Courthouse Water. She said that the water increase was due to adding the water cooler on 3rd floor and under estimating what the bill would be when the City increased their rates. She stated that she has gone over on the Electricity bill in the past but usually had an overage in the budget for the gas bill. This is not the case in 2023. She has to ask for the additional in order to pay the bills.

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

Extension Office Resignations

Ms. Dischinger shared that she has two resignations, 4-H Educator Amanda Hannah (a Purdue position) and Office Manager Lisa Clark (a County position).

Clerk & Treasurer Monthly Reports

President Flint called the BOC's attention to the monthly reports.

Department Head Reports.

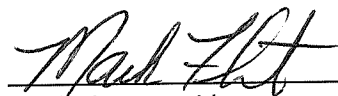
Auditor Gumbel stated that the Adoption of the 2024 Budget was completed by the County Council on October 10, 2023. She also shared that the County Council approved a Resolution to increase the LIT rate from 0.7500 % to 1.2000%. It has also been submitted to State for their action.

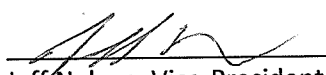
County Administrator Kristi Dischinger stated that the windows will be delivered this week. Current schedule has the window installation complete in February.

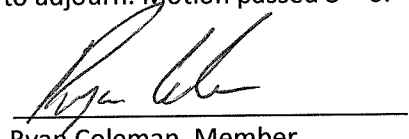
Director Young asked the Commissioners if he should move any of the accounts that are currently in Collections to the new company. If so, he wanted to know how far back he should go since some of the accounts go back six years. President Flint suggested that he talk that over with Auditor Gumbel.

BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

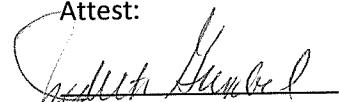
President Flint asked for any business by public. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn. Motion passed 3 – 0.


Mark Flint, President


Jeff Nelson, Vice-President


Ryan Coleman, Member

Attest:


Judith Gumbel, Auditor

11/13/23
Date