

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 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 present was Pike County Attorney Val Fleig, Auditor Judith Gumbel, and County Administrator Kristi Dischinger. Others present included Coroner Ray Brooks, Brian VanMeter, EMA Director Ryan Benner Sheriff Jason McKinney, Jim Shoultz, Ashley Willis, Max Horrall, County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, and Press-Dispatch Editor Sherri Sebella.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 20, 2023

President Flint asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes. Commissioner Jeff Nelson seconded by Commissioner Ryan Coleman motioned to approved the minutes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR DECEMBER 4, 2023

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

OLD BUSINESS

2024 Materials & Supplies-Accept Bids

County Superintendent Josh Byrd explained that he wanted to recommend going with the vendor making the lowest bid but in the case of bituminous – hot mix asphalt, the lowest bid does not necessarily result in the lowest cost for the product. The County picks up the bituminous; therefore, the distance from the job site determines whether or not the bid price actually results in a lower or higher cost. The County has to pay the driver and for the gas to pick up the material. For this reason, Cave Quarries' bid is lower for jobs on the North end of the County and J.H. Rudolph's price is lower for jobs on the South end of the county.

With this being said, Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to accept all low bids except in those instances where in the cost of transport and labor to and from the production site and job site resulted in an actual lower cost by purchasing from the higher bid price per the company's physical distance from the production site to the job site. The exception being bituminous and the physical locations of Cave Quarries and J.H. Rudolph. Motion passed 3 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

EDC- Ashley Willis

EDC Director Ashley Willis explained that the Pike County Redevelopment Commission has accepted a grant for the building of a shell building. The grant award is \$1,700,000 in READI

funds and the RDC wishes for the proposed "Project" to coordinate with the Generations Springs landowner, Bowman Family Holdings and the City of Petersburg. The RDC has advertised on 11/16/23 and 11/22/23 for a Request for Proposals/Qualifications to develop the infrastructure to support a new shell building in the County, the Project, under a public-private partnership. The infrastructure includes extending water and wastewater to the shell building and the site preparations for the building to support economic growth. The deadline for receipt of the proposals is 2 p.m. local time on Friday, December 8, 2023.

Approval to Advertise for Bids, Sheriff Camera System

Sheriff McKinney requested the Commissioners' approval to advertise for bids for a new camera system for the jail. He stated that he has been talking with potential vendors and that it seems that prices will range from \$150,000 to \$250,000. Those prices covered a variety of imagery.

The new system will replace a total of 42 cameras with 9 cameras, Video Recording/Management Server, POE surge protectors for an additional 4 exterior cameras, and a door control system. The bid will include installation of new equipment and removal of old equipment as well as training of the staff on the new video system.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve Sheriff McKinney to advertise for bids for this project. Motion passed 3 – 0.

EMS Additional

EMS Director Chris Young requested an Additional Appropriation to be able to use \$4,600 in grant monies that EMS was awarded by the Community Foundation. The grant was awarded to purchase two 800 mhz hand held radios;

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

EMS Transfer

Director Young requested that \$2,300 be transferred in Fund 1170 from Medical Supplies to Furniture, \$1,200 transferred from Medical Supplies to Office Equipment, \$1,500 transferred from Medical Supplies to Professional Service and \$730 from Radio Supplies to Professional Services. He also requested transfers within payroll: \$500 from Part-time Tech to Furniture, \$6,000 from Part-time Tech to Basic EMT, \$1,000 from Part-time Tech to Group Health and \$1,000 from Part-time Tech to Utility.

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

EMS Full Time Hires

Director Young explained that the County Council had approved four new full time hires for EMS for the new budget year. His search has resulted in three basics and one paramedic. He stated that the plan had included three paramedics and one basic. The employees that he wishes to hire are Anson Wagler, Emily Carrico, Justin Wilson, and Megan Burton. These people have been hired on a part-time status so they will be fully trained and ready to go full-time on January 1st.

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

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Transfers, end of year

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger requested approval for a transfer in the Courthouse budget from Gas in the amount of \$200 to Pest Control. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the transfer. Motion passed 3 – 0.

She also requested three transfers in the Commissioner's budget. The first was \$2,500 from Group Health Insurance to FICA. She stated that there was a short fall in FICA due to the PTO Sell Back.

The second transfer was \$3,000 from Hardware/Software Maintenance to Equipment Repair. This was a normal repair in the HVAC system. It was not related to the lightning strike.

The third transfer was \$334 from Hardware/Software Maintenance to Official Bonds & Insurance. She stated that this bill was not really due, but she would like to pay it.

President Flint asked the others for a motion. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve all three transfers. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Frost Ordinance 2024

The Commissioners then discussed the Frost Ordinance for 2024 concerning the prohibition or weight restriction for Highway vehicles from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024 on specific Pike County roads. This action is taken because of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions causing damage or destruction of roads. Said roads will be posted with signs regarding the restrictions.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the 2024 Frost Ordinance. Motion passed 3 – 0.

County Administrator Dischinger stated that there were some framing issues on the 2nd floor windows, particularly the Clerk's Office. There was termite damage in the Extension Office. She stated that all of the window sills were going to be hanging over. So, the contractor is designing something to place under the sills to make them look better.

Highway Superintendent Byrd stated that his department was looking over the road list to determine the plans for next year.

EMS Director Young stated that they were putting the transmission in one of his trucks today.

Sheriff McKinney stated that they had started some life skills classes at the jail. Groups of 8 to 10 inmates. He stated that Commissioner Nelson had helped with some electric training.

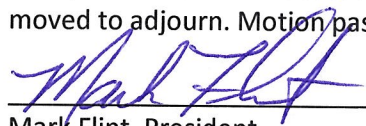
BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

Max Horrall asked the Commissioners if he could have some of the old windows that were being removed from the Courthouse. He wanted them to build a greenhouse for the growth of industrial marijuana. He stated that this would stimulate the economic growth of Pike County. He stated that the location of the soccer field south of Old PG was the ideal place for his plans.

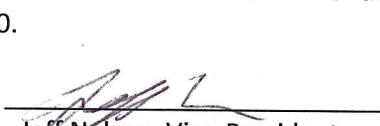
President Flint explained that the removal of the windows was in Wolfe's contract. Commissioner Nelson told Mr. Horrall that he could certainly talk with Wolfe regarding this request and that the location being discussed did not belong to the county, but rather it belonged to the Pike County School Corporation.

ADJOURNMENT

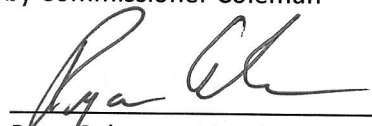
President Flint asked if there was any further business to come before the Commissioners. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman moved to adjourn. Motion passed 3 – 0.



Mark Flint, President

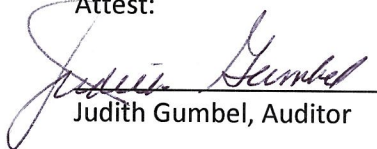


Jeff Nelson, Vice-President



Ryan Coleman, Member

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor

12/18/23
Date