

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2023 @ 8:30 AM**

**Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

BOC President Mark Flint called the meeting to order stating that the meeting was the reschedule of the regularly scheduled November 6th meeting that could not be held due to lack of a quorum. All Commissioners were present as well as County Attorney Val Fleig, Auditor Judith Gumbel, and County Administrator Kristi Dischinger. Also present were EMS Director Chris Young, Sheriff Jason McKinney, Prides Creek Park Superintendent Brandon Schultheis, EMA/E-911 Director Ryan Benner, Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, Pike Representative on the Upper Patoka Conservancy District Kevin Kleumper, and Press-Dispatch Editor Sherri Sebella.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2023

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2023

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

OLD BUSINESS

Change Solid Surface-Window Sills

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger explained that the color picked by the Commissioners for the window sills was now on backorder. She stated that there was a choice that was very similar to the chosen sill that was in stock. It is the same color with less speckles. President Flint asked the others if they needed more information.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to make the sill color change as recommended. Motion passed 3 - 0

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Transfer

This transfer request was for \$3,000 to be transferred from other Garage & Motor Supplies to Equipment Repair. President Flint asked if there were any questions.

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

Highway Staffing

Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd stated that he had an employee quit, and he was requesting permission to hire a new highway employee. Commissioner Flint asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to allow the new hire. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Interlocal Agreement SWMD truck

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger explained that the Solid Waste District had decided to purchase a new truck. With that decision they offered that an Interlocal Agreement be made between the County Solid Waste Management District and the Board of Commissioners that the District would provide a 2014 Ford F-150 Truck as purchased by the District to be used by the Pike County Garage employees with the County becoming the owner of the Vehicle; and therefore, responsible for insuring and maintaining the same. President Flint asked if there were any questions concerning the agreement.

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

E911 Transfer

911 Director Ryan Benner explained that he had to repair his truck and had learned that he had a negative balance in the Drone Expense account. He stated that there was another transfer needed for unexpected overtime for IDACS. He asked for \$500 to be transferred from 1000-0302 County EMA Travel Expenses to Vehicle Maintenance, \$500 to be transferred from Instruction to Vehicle Maintenance and \$10 from Operating Supplies to Drone Expenses. Commissioner Flint called for a motion in regard to these three requests.

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

Director Benner stated that he had just learned that he needed to transfer \$1,500.00, from E911 1000-0302 Overtime to IDACS services. He stated that IDACS increased both their internet fees and their IOT fees.

President Flint called for a motion on IDACS transfer. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve this transfer. Motion passed 3 - 0

State #911 Transfer, Fund 1222

Director Benner requested to move \$1,500.00 from State E-911 Instruction to Overtime. Commissioner Nelson clarified that the two \$1,500.00 were from different funds. President Flint asked if he was ok with the transfer.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the transfer.

EMS Transfers

EMS Director Chris Young requested a \$1,500 transfer from Fund 1170 Basic EMT expense to Professional Service. This is the WTH contract for 2024. President Flint asked if there were any questions.

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

Director Young also requested a \$300.00 transfer from Workman's Comp to Rent. He stated that at the end of 2022 he realized that he had a shortfall in this budget, and the budget for 2023 was already established. Therefore, he has the shortfall in 2023 also. It has been fixed for 2024.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Benner motioned to approved the transfer. Motion passed 3 - 0

Approval for EMS-EMA Building RFP

Director Young addressed the RFP inviting qualified parties to submit Proposals and Statements of Qualifications to obtain financing, design, construct, and/or transfer improvements related to a potential EMS Building planned for the southern part of Pike County. Director Young stated that the RFP was developed in conjunction with the County Attorney Val Fleig. The advertising time lines were discussed. It has to be advertised two times and the proposals cannot be acted on until at least 7 days after the last advertisement.

President Flint asked if there were any questions. Hearing none he asked for a motion to advertise the RFP.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the RFP for advertisement. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Surplus Disposal-Prides Creek Park

Prides Creek Superintendent Brandon Schultheis requested that a 1990 Ford Truck that had blown a head gasket be declared surplus. He stated that it was not worth fixing. He would like to take it to Ireland and sell it for scrap.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned that the truck be declared surplus and sold as scrap. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Cindy Morris-PAWS

County Administrator Dischinger stated that Cindy Morris was not able to be present. She gave some of the statistics. She said that recently PAWS had taken 60 animals on a hoarding case, another 12 on another hoarding case and 4 for starvation. Currently they have 40 cats & kittens, and 40 dogs. Recent expenses have been slightly greater than \$20,000 which does not include wages. Each animal has to be vetted and that has a price of \$300 to \$350 for dogs and \$60 for cats. Sheriff McKinney stated that he receives calls sometimes 2 to 3 times a day for animal issues. He stated that they are not properly equipped to handle the animals. It was also stated that PAWS does not have a means to transport the animals to the vet. Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd and Commissioner Nelson volunteered at PAWS on "The Day of Caring." The County budgeted \$7,500 in 2023 and almost doubled the budget for 2024. The City of Petersburg donated \$5,000 at the first of the year as well as \$6,500 to purchase outdoor kennels so that the animals could have temporary housing when PAWS was closed. An additional appropriation for new funding from CEDIT was mentioned. It is also on the County Council's agenda for November 14th. Commissioner Coleman asked if an Animal Control Officer might help.

Everyone present recognized the problem, but the Commissioners agreed that the situation needs to be researched.

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

2024 Meeting Schedule

County Administrator Dischinger presented the Commissioners with a potential schedule for Commissioners Meetings in 2024. She stated that Commissioners usually have only one meeting in July, but July of 2024 was another July with five Mondays which puts a long time between claims. Therefore, she scheduled two meetings in July. President Flint asked for comments.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the schedule as presented. Motion passed 3 – 0.

2024 Non-bargaining Unit Holidays

County Administrator Dischinger presented a potential Holiday Schedule. She mentioned that the number of holidays and the recognized days remained the same. She said that some had discussed whether or not the Good Friday holiday could be a floating holiday due to the fact that the actual holiday is Easter which is always on a Sunday. She stated that those departments working 24-7 ended up working the actual holiday without getting holiday pay since our holiday was Friday. Discussion was whether or not it could be said that the holiday was Sunday, but observed on Good Friday. The Commissioners needed more time to think about this. President Flint tabled the item.

Courthouse Additional-Insurance

There are two more additional claims involving the insurance claim for lightning. They are for \$1,600 and \$2,626 from General Fund to 1000-30660-0161, equipment repair. President Flint called for a motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Motion passed 3 – 0 to approve the additional requests.

Commissioner Transfers

Four transfers were presented with the amounts going to 1000-30230-0068, Professional Services for Appraisals and Inspections; totaling \$7,000 with \$2,500 from 1000-30300-0068, Insurance; \$1,500 from 1000-30150-0068, Cell phone; \$1,000 from 1000-20050-0068, Copy Machine Supplies, and \$2,000 from 1000-30520-0068, Hardware Software Maintenance.

A fifth transfer was from 1000-30680-0068, Land Sale Co Expense to 1000-30660-0068, Equipment Repair. This was for Chiller Repair.

President Flint asked for a motion to accept all of the Transfers.

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

President Flint asked Ms. Dischinger if she had anything else. She stated that the Commissioners had approved an additional appropriation for repair for the limestone

around four of the windows. The contractor showed Ms. Dischinger that it was not just four of the windows, but actually all of the lower windows where the limestone was coming apart. She stated that she was not sure what was going to be recommended at this time or a cost.

Ms. Dischinger also shared that when they were putting in one of the windows in the extension office they found extensive termite damage. The window had to be reframed. The lintels are all done on the 2nd floor, and they are ready to start with the 2nd floor windows.

She also stated that the window tinting does not appear to be enough, and that if tint were added it would void the warranty. She stated that she has a call into the window manufacturer, Andersen, to see what could be done.

Chris Young stated that he had received the 2023 medicaid reimbursement - \$26,612.77. Currently EMS is 100 runs ahead of last year. He has a truck in the shop with transmission problems. He shared that his collections for October were \$134,950 of which \$69,664 was for transports. He also shared that with the new collections company, the people who were already in collections with the old company had to stay in collections.

Sheriff McKinney asked how they should go about the bidding for the new jail cameras. President Flint stated that it would definitely have to be bid out. They had learned that with the cameras, options are good, better, and best. The technology is pretty great. The cameras can detect a struggle, whether or not a person is breathing... The bids were around \$200,000. President Flint told Sheriff to get the bids together as soon as he could.

Josh Byrd stated that Highway has finished up Community Crossings. All the asphalt is laid for this year. There were two projects where the roads were torn up. They have been fixed and the damage was paid for by those who tore the roads up. They just started ripping the bridge out on 500 E. Hope to be complete by the end of the week. This is what needs to be done for RATTTS 1. The Bridge Inspection Report came back. The historical bridge 500 down in the Oatsville bottoms has some critical fractures which will have to be looked at with a federal aid project. They also had 2 smaller problems come back. Kevin Kieumper is here to talk a little with the Commissioners after the meeting regarding the Patoka Conservancy.

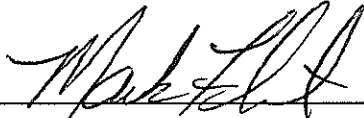
Auditor Gumbel reported that another stage in LOW training has started. Four have been trained in entering the department totals into LOW. This was a request from the Department Heads and Office Managers.

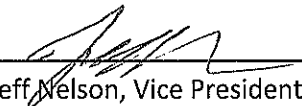
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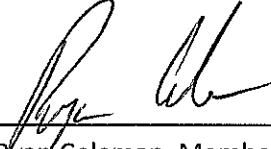
President called for any Business by Public. Hearing none, he asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Mark Flint, President


Jeff Nelson, Vice President


Ryan Coleman, Member

Attest:

Judith Gumbel
Judith Gumbel, Auditor

11/20/23
Date