

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 18, 2024 @ 8:30 AM

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

BOC President Mark Flint called the meeting to order with all Commissioners present. Also, in attendance were Val Fleig, County Attorney; Judith Gumbel, County Auditor; and Kristi Dischinger, County Administrator. Others present included Pike County Coroner Ray Brooks, EDC Executive Director Ashley Willis, EMS Director Chris Young, Pike County Sheriff Jason McKinney, Chief Deputy Dallas Killion, Brent Roberts, EMA/E-911 Director Brandon Truitt, Auditor's Chief Deputy Audra Warner, Pike County Extension Director Brooke Goble, Sara Worstell with Southwest WorkOne, Linda Jones with Southwest WorkOne, Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, and Sherri Sebella Press Dispatch Editor.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 4, 2024

President Flint asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for March 4, 2024. Hearing none he called for a motion to approve. Motion given by Commissioner Jeff Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Ryan Coleman. Motion passed 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR MARCH 21, 2024

President Flint asked if there were any questions regarding the claims. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the claims. Motion made by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Nelson with motion passing 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Bids for Dump truck

Only one bid was received for a used 2019 Volvo Tri-Axle Truck. The amount bid by VOMAC was \$166,900. Superintendent Byrd was asked how the truck would be paid for. He shared that the Council had transferred money within Fund 1112.

Commissioner Nelson motioned to accept the bid of \$166,900 and to pay for the truck via the approved transfer. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. It carried 3 – 0.

Amended Road Use Agreement-Petersburg Energy Center

Paul Park was present representing Petersburg Energy Center. The Road Use agreement for Petersburg Energy Center was originally 9.9 miles and with the changes to include a portion of County Road 250 and Illinois Street, the agreement now covers about 19.4 miles. Roads sections included in the agreement were depicted on the accompanying map. The verbal agreement is that three existing bridges on the roads will be replaced with box culverts; and therefore, no bond is necessary for the bridges. The bridges were not on the county's bridge inventory; and therefore, the weight limit is unknown. The road bond increased from 3 million to 5.12 million. Videos have been shot of the original roads and will also be completed for 250 and Illinois Street. President Flint asked Attorney Fleig if the agreement needed to be amended to include the replacement of the bridges. Attorney Fleig replied in the affirmative. It was discussed that

Petersburg Energy needs to be using the roads now. Motion made by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to accept the Road Use Agreement as amended to include 250 and Illinois Streets with the understanding that it would be further amended to include the bridge language. Motion passed 3 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Southwest WorkOne Elected Official Agreement-Sara Worstell Executive Director

Ms. Worstell stated that she was there to renew the agreement between the Local Elected Officials in Pike County and Region 11 to set forth the procedures governing the LEO's and their responsibilities to the provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and all federal and state statutes, rules, and regulations promulgated as written. She also requested that one of the Commissioners serve as Pike County's Elected Official on the Workforce Board in Southwest Indiana. Current representative is Commissioner Coleman. She stated that there is a Business meeting on April 26th wherein Pike County needs to be represented by the selected person or a proxy. President Flint called for a motion regarding the agreement and the appointee.

Ms. Worstell also shared the Pike Central JAG program is one of the top programs in Region 11. She also stated that there are WorkOne representatives at Buchta Technology Center on Tuesdays and the Petersburg library on Mondays.

Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the agreement and to appoint Commissioner Coleman to the Southwest WorkOne Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed 3 – 0.

Highway Department New Hire

Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd requested permission to replace Mike Walburn who has retired. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the request to hire. Motion carried 3 – 0.

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Surplus Disposal

Ms. Dischinger requested to get rid of the old Net Book, 5 phones, and a Lexmark printer. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the surplus disposal. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Commissioner Coleman mentioned that items that had been previously approved for disposal was in various places in the basement. However, immediate plans were not made on how to dispose of them, and since that time various uses have sometime been found. He stated that he would like for this to be looked at and a recommendation made as to how to proceed to finish the job even if it means reapproving of the disposal of the items.

Clerk & Treasurer Monthly Reports-February

President Flint called the Commissioner's attention to the reports that were in their packets.

Superintendent Byrd

He is working on the purchase of a new grader. He said the oil samples were not great on the one that was available in Evansville.

Auditor Gumbel

Ms. Gumbel said that Tax bills are in the hands of the Treasurer.

County Administrator

Ms. Dischinger stated that she has a quote on shades for the courthouse windows. They are completing the punch list and are about complete. They will not finish the yard work until the County decides what to do with the tuckpointing. Prices are coming comparing sodding and seeding.

She also announced that the Courthouse will be closed to the public on Monday, April 8th due to the Eclipse. Employees may work from home or take a PTO Day as worked out with their Department Head. She stated that Dubois County is expecting 60,000 visitors.

EMA/E-911 Director Truitt

He asked if anyone had concerns about the sirens Thursday evening during the weather alert.

Sheriff McKinney

Sheriff stated that his department has handled several drug arrests since the last meeting.

BUSINESS BY PUBLIC – None

ADJOURNMENT

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



Mark Flint, President



Ryan Coleman, Vice-President



Jeff Nelson, Member

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor

Date