

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2024 @ 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 in attendance. Also present were County Attorney Val Fleig, County Auditor Judith Gumbel, and County Administrator Kristi Dischinger. Other persons attending were Pike County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, Ride Solutions, EDC Executive Director Ashley Willis, Pike County Chamber of Commerce Representatives President, Jill Hyneman and Robin Smith, EMA-E911 Director Brandon Truitt, E-911 Assistant Director Brittany Staake, EMS Director Chris Young, Jackie Berry, Highway Office Manager Melanie Britton, Chief Deputy Auditor Audra Warner, Amity Traylor with Soil and Water, Falena Adams, Beth Browning, and Press-Dispatch Editor, Sherri Sebella.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES MAY 20, 2024

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR JUNE 3, 2024

President Flint asked if there were any concerns regarding the claims. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

(Approval of claim to WSI)

Note that County Administrator Kristi Dischinger asked the Commissioners for the pre-approval of a claim to be paid to WSI following the approval of an Additional Appropriation by the Council on June 11, 2024. The Additional was necessary to place money received from an insurance claim into the budget. Her request was for approval to pay the claim as soon as the money was available through the appropriation process. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Motion passed 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Bids CCMG 2024-01

Attorney Fleig opened and read the bids for the materials for the CCMG 2024-01 recently awarded to the County. Bids were received from Asphalt Materials, Cave Quarries, Rejuvtec, Inc and J.H. Rudolph Inc. All bids are available in the Commissioner's Office.

Following the reading of the Bids, President Flint stated that the bids would be taken under advisement with the intent of awarding the contracts at the next meeting.

Extension Office Part Time Asst.

Administrator Dischinger shared the CED Brooke Gobel had selected the Extension Office's Summer intern, Kate Bonke. She has already started her duties.

NEW BUSINESS

Ride Solutions, Asst.

Beth Browning, Transportation Coordinator for Ride Solution presented a request for funding in the 2025 budget. She stated that Ride Solutions has served Pike County since 2002. In 2023 over 9,000 rides were given to Pike County residents. She stated that they took people to dialysis and other medical appointments, job sites, shopping etc. She thanked the County for its support. The request for the 2025 Budget was \$6,000.

SWCD Budget

Ms. Amity Traylor represented the SWCD Budget request for 2025. They received a Clean Water Indiana Grant that partially funded a District Technician. Their request for the County is 25% of the Technician's annual salary, \$5,000 for supplies, and \$2,000 for per diem payments for Soil & Water Conservation Board of Supervisors, for a total of \$14,000.

Chamber of Commerce Budget

Jill Hyneman, Executive Director of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce and Robin Smith Chamber Treasurer presented the Chamber's 2025 Budget Request. The request was for \$25,000 with \$2,200 dedicated to Indiana Tourism Association membership, academy, conference, and summits. \$3,100 to education expenses, \$14,700 to marketing, and \$5,000 to Operational Support which included \$500 for office supplies and \$4,500 for Tourism Office Management (4-hrs per week of Ms. Hyneman's time). Ms. Hyneman reported that an analysis in regard to Tourism in the State was completed, and Pike County was at the bottom. She emphasized that Tourism could be a very important part of the County's Economic and Development growth.

EDC Budget 2025

Ashley Willis EDC Director presented an overview of the activities of the EDC. She stated that Pike County is being put on the map from the Federal perspective. Pike was one of eight communities across the nation selected as a BRECC community (Building Resilient Economies in Coal Communities). Our history has been determined by the downturn of our coal industry. Pike County is a Designated Federal Energy Community. Our businesses are eligible for an extra tax credit – 48c tax credit. It means they are eligible for an extra tax credit. The EDC 2025 Budget Request was the same as the 2024 request, \$138,000.

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Teamcare Participation Agreement

This is the annual participation agreement between the County and Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Health and Welfare Fund. This agreement is for the Non-bargaining

Employees of the County and through it the County provides the medical insurance for the non-union County employees. The employer rate has increased from \$417.50 to \$440.70 per employee. The agreement specified the timelines and specifies which employees must be covered by the agreement.

President Flint asked if anyone had any questions. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the agreement.

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

Courthouse Additional

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger explained the mixer in the Circuit Court recording system was damaged during a lightning strike. County has received an insurance reimbursement for the mixer. Appropriation is necessary to spend the funds.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the request for an additional appropriation. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Byrd stated that Glezen was hit pretty hard with the recent storm. Lots of trees and debris had to be cleaned up.

He shared that DNR filed for \$470,000 to repair the old mine shaft cave in on Blackburn Road.

He stated that Meridian Road will be closed until Hwy 61 is reopened. The County did not choose 300 N for the detour. That was INDOT's decision.

County Administrator

Ms. Dischinger stated that the shades were ordered for the Courthouse. She also said that Sondhi is scheduled to start on the 10th with the email migration.

EMS

Director Chris Young stated that the State has approved the septic plans for the new ambulance barn. He stated that he has one ambulance in the shop.

He also shared that there were new OSHA laws that could drastically affect our local fire and EMS. He stated that the change could result in the director/chief being held criminally and civilly responsible in some situations. The first comment period has passed.

EMA and E-911

Director Brandon Truitt stated that all of the sirens in the County were checked out last week and were working. He stated that the cost of a siren was about \$20,000.

He stated the new flooring in Dispatch will require moving consoles out of the office.

BUSINESS BY PUBLIC – None

ADJOURNMENT


Hearing no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners. President Flint called for a motion to adjourn.

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

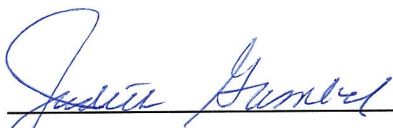
Mark Flint, President



Ryan Coleman, Vice-President



Jeff Nelson, Member

Attest: 

Judith Gumbel, Auditor

CR 175 S- Raod Conversion from the following intersections

CR 750 E to CR 775 E \$ 101,237.00 \$ 4,120.00 \$ 99,726.00
From CR 775 E to CR 800 E \$ 33,442.50 \$ 530.00 \$ 24,570.00
CR 800 E to Bridge 63 \$ 35,843.50 \$ 570.00 \$ 26,334.00
\$ 71,001.00 \$ 1,130.00 \$ 52,164.00
\$ 140,287.00 \$ 2,230.00 \$ 103,068.00

CR 700 E- Road Conversion

From CR 50 S to 5,000 feet \$ 188,650.00 \$ 3,500.00 \$ 138,600.00

CR 300 E-Road Conversion

From SR 356 to CR 475 N \$ 104,615.00 \$ 1,665.00 \$ 76,860.00

CR 400 E- Road Conversion

From SR 64 to Old SR 64 \$ 102,557.00 \$ 1,630.00 \$ 75,348.00

Flat Creek Rd (CR 900 E) - Road Conversion

From SR 56 to 4056 feet \$ 152,978.00 \$ 2,435.00 \$ 112,392.00

CR 400 N- Road Conversion

From CR 1000 E to CR 1050 E \$ 111,646.50 \$ 1,775.00 \$ 82,026.00