

PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING April 9, 2024

County Council Members: Jon Craig, Greg Willis, Dennis Bishop, Max Elliott, Randy Harris, Todd Meadors, Travis Troutman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Jon Craig called the meeting to order. All council members were present with the exceptions of Greg Willis and Max Elliott. Also present were Auditor Judith Gumbel, County Administrator Kristi Dischinger, Pike County Sheriff Jason McKinney, Chief Deputy Dallas Killian, Clerk of Jefferson Township Fire District Robin Whaley, Pike County Librarian Stephanie Rawlins, Patoka Township Fire District Ed Schuler and Angela O'Neil, Pike County Coroner Ray Brooks, Circuit Court Reporter Melanie Mosby, EMS Director Chris Young, Auditor's Chief Deputy Audra Warner, Pike County Chamber of Commerce Director Jill Hyneman, EMA-E911 Director Brandon Truitt, Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, and Press Dispatch Editor Sherri Sebella,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 12, 2024

President Craig asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Councilman Dennis Bishop and seconded by Councilman Randy Harris. Motion passed 5 – 0.

CHANGE OF AGENDA ORDER

President Craig stated that the items on the agenda relating to the Highway Department would be discussed following the completion of old business.

OLD BUSINESS

Amendment of Pike County Ordinance 2024 -01 establishing the Sheriff's Public Safety Fund as Fund 4200 to Fund 4950

Auditor Gumbel shared that although Pike County has never used Fund 4200, it is an established Fund by the SBOA; therefore, it cannot be used for the Sheriff's Public Safety Fund. She recommended that the fund number be changed to Fund 4950.

Councilman Bishop seconded by Councilman Harris motioned to approve the change. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Change of Ordinance Number for the Re-establishment of the CCD from 2024-02 to 2024-03.

Auditor Gumbel explained that in the beginning of the process to reestablish the CCD, the next available ordinance number was 2024-02. The process is lengthy and the Commissioners passed an Ordinance 2024-02 in the interim. Therefore, the CCD Ordinance for the Reestablishment of the CCD needs to be changed to 2024-03.

Councilman Harris seconded by Councilman Todd Meadors motioned to approve the CCD Ordinance to 2024-03. Motion passed 5 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Arthur EMS Building – EMS Director Chris Young & Greg Martz

Greg Martz was not in attendance. President Craig stated that the Commissioners were moving ahead with the BOT for the Arthur EMS Building and that an additional appropriation request would probably be on the May Council agenda. President Craig asked Director Young if the intent was still to use primarily ARPA dollars, and Director Young affirmed that was true.

Patoka Township Fire District Additional Appropriation Request & Resolution – Binding Budget Request Additional Appropriation of \$47,730 for Other Services. (Fire Department Public Safety Lit)

The additional public safety distribution is being passed through to the fire departments. Angela O'Neil, clerk of the fire district, stated that the plan in the Patoka District is to add the \$47,730 to the contract of the fire department so that a one-time check could be written out of their reserves. The monthly LIT distributions will reimburse the upfront payment to the departments. President Craig called for a motion.

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Councilman Travis Troutman seconded by Councilman Meadors motioned approve the Additional Appropriation and Resolution at \$47,730 as presented. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Jefferson Marion Township Fire District Additional Appropriation Request & Resolution – Binding Budget. Request additional appropriation of \$34,872 (\$34,871.04) for Other Services. (Fire Department Public Safety Lit)

President Craig explained that this is the same situation as Patoka. The new LIT funds being received by the district have to be appropriated so they can be passed on to the fire department. Jefferson Marion Fire District Clerk Robin Whaley stated that their plan was the same as Patoka's. President Craig called for a motion to approve.

Councilman Bishop seconded by Councilman Troutman motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation and Resolution for \$34,872.00. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Establishment of Fund 8452 93/788 IN ST Opioid Pike 2024, Ordinance 2024-04. Sheriff McKinney

Sheriff McKinney explained the jail was going to be a referral to the Good Samaritan Opioid program. The jail is a partner in the program. He stated that there were inmates in the jail who had the problem and that with the jail's referral the inmates could receive counseling. The jail will receive \$5,000 per quarter for the referrals. The funds need to be kept in a unique fund for tracking purposes. The funds are federal funds and have specified uses. Sheriff stated that other counties participating with Good Samaritan are Knox and Daviess. Auditor Gumbel has suggested Fund 8452 which is within the series of numbers set aside for federal funds.

Councilman Harris seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-04 establishing Fund 8452 93/788 IN ST Opioid Pike 2024. Motion passed 5 – 0.

River Birch Farms CF-1 for 2024/2025

President Craig explained that this is the annual form required for the abatements and that it appears to be in good order. He asked Council if there were any questions and if not, he asked for a motion to accept River Birch's statement of compliance.

Councilman Harris seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to accept the statement of compliance. Motion passed 5- 0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

Circuit Court Requests Additional Appropriation in Fund 1000-0232.

Amount	Fund / Account	Balance Prior to Action
\$8,865	FROM General Fund, 1000	\$5,782,102.45
	TO 1000-40610-0232, Machinery and Equipment	\$0.00
Request is to update the FTR Recording System in the Pike Circuit Court and in the Small Claims, Family and Juvenile Division of the Pike Circuit Court to resolve issues with the recorders.		

Circuit Court Reporter Melanie Mosby explained that the recording system was hit by lightning. Insurance covered it, but they could not install a mixer because the software was not up-to-date. Indiana code requires the Court to have reliable recording services. President Craig reminded the Council that this was brought to the Council's attention at last month's meeting. He asked if there was any further discussion.

Councilman Meadors seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to approve the Appropriation Request and Resolution as stated. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Pike County Highway Requests Additional Appropriations in Fund 8300, Bridge 30/Co Rd 300 N and Fund 1176, MVH.

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$705 (\$704.50)	FROM Fund 8300, Bridge 30/Co Rd 300 N	-\$26,651.77

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	TO	8300-50006-0000, DES.1802900	\$0.00
Monies received from BLN to cover cost where they worked ahead of a notice to proceed making that amount not reimbursable by state. It will cover a shortfall of a claim sent to INDOT for reimbursement.			
\$28,721 (\$28,720.17)	FROM	MVH, Fund 1176	\$1,893,389.00 \$921,044.50 appropriated \$25,000
	TO	1176-20502-0531, ROCK	
Requesting money received back for road bonds from Solar Sources & Blackhawk mines so that the money is available in the budget for rock.			

Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd explained the two requests as stated above. President Craig called for a motion.

Councilman Bishop seconded by Councilman Harris motioned to approve both Additional Appropriations and Resolutions as requested. Motion passed 5 – 0.

10. TRANSFER REQUESTS

- a. **Sheriff Requests Transfer in Sheriff Department Budget, General Fund 1000-0005**

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$9,500.00	FROM 1000-30660-0005, Equipment Repair	\$18,115.00
	TO 1000-30540-0006, Radio & Repair	\$5,500.00
To cover costs of Radio installed in new vehicles		

Sheriff explained that \$14,922 was the entire cost of the installation. The amount of the transfer will allow the payment of the installation bill.

Councilman Harris seconded by Councilman Troutman motioned to approve the transfer. Motion passed 5 – 0.

11. PRE-APPROVED TRANSFERS

- a. **E-911 Requests Transfer in State-wide E-911, Fund 1222.**

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$230.25	FROM 1222-30520-0000, Hardware Software Maintenance	\$2,882.50
	TO 1222-30670-0000, Maintenance Contracts	\$1,034.84
To Cover Indigital Invoice of \$1,265.09		

Councilman Bishop seconded by Councilman Meadors motioned to ratify the transfers. Motion passed 5 – 0.

SHERIFF MCKINNEY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sheriff stated that things ran smoothly over the Eclipse Weekend. He stated that he did have 14 arrests. Five were DWI's and 8 were drug related.

EMA-E-911 Director Truitt

Director Truitt said that EMA District 10 had no notable issues.

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BUSINESS/INFORMATION BY COUNCIL

Clerk and Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports

President Craig reminded the Council that these reports were in their packets.

Sheriff Department Working Group

President Craig stated that he was appointing a work group for the Sheriff's 2025 Budget. He requested that Councilmen Harris, Meadors, and Willis work with Sheriff McKinney to develop the 2025 budget. He also stated that this would be a positive thing for all departments to consider.

Budget Calendar

President Craig stated the Council's regularly stated meeting in September was the 10th. This is also slated as the Budget Hearing. Unfortunately, this is also the week that he has a business conference that he must attend. He asked the Council to consider meeting either the 1st Tuesday which would coincide with the Commissioner's meeting since that is the Tuesday after Labor Day or the 3rd Tuesday. Dependent upon which date is chosen, this could also affect the date of the October meeting because the Auditor's Office needs ample time to get the figures ready for the budget adoption.

BUSINESS BY PUBLIC -

PIKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIAN Stephanie Rawlins

Director Rawlins presented the Council with the Library's Long-Range Plan

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUESTED TO REMAIN UNTIL ALL PAPERWORK IS SIGNED.

ADJOURNMENT

President Craig called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Troutman and seconded by Councilman Bishop. Motion passed 5 – 0.

NAYS

Jon Craig, President

Greg Willis, Vice President

Dennis Bishop

Max Elliott

Randy Harris

Todd Meadors

Travis Troutman

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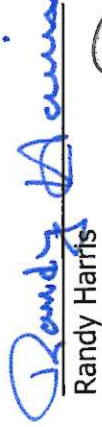
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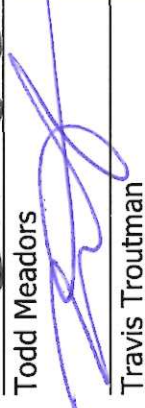
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ATTEST:

 5-14-24
Judith Gumbel, Auditor Date