

PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

August 13, 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 Councilmen were in attendance in addition to Auditor Judith Gumbel. Others present who signed the register were Pike County EMA/E-911 Director Brandon Truitt, Jail Matron Ashley Gideon, Pike County EMS Director Chris Young, Pike County Interim CED Abby Heidenreich, Pike County Extension Office Manager Tiffany Lundy, Kelli Jenkins Extension Board and 4-H Council, Don Jenkins Extension and 4-H, Chief Auditor Deputy Audra Warner, Chief Probation Officer Chris Young, Deputy Prosecutor IV-D Child Support Michael Fritch, County Administrator Kristi Dischinger, Health Department Administrative Assistant Natalie Byrd, County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, County Commissioner Mark Flint, Auditor Deputy Misty Brenton, Press-Dispatch Editor Sherri Sebella, Mike Horrall, Jeff Harting, County Prosecutor Darrin McDonald, Brittany Staake, Prides Creek Superintendent Brandon Schultheis, County Surveyor Rich Williams, Donnie Poehlein, Cinda Abbott Knight, Ed Schussler, County Coroner Ray Brooks, Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Biesterveld, and Circuit Court Judge Elect Evan Biesterveld. Many of the attendees were present due to the meeting scheduled following this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 9, 2024

President Craig asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dennis Bishop and seconded by Councilman Max Elliott. Motion passed 7 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS RECORDER

Recorder Requests Transfer in Fund 1189, Recorder's Perpetuation Fund.

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$1,000.00	From 1189-50000-0000, Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00
	To 1189-40630-0000, Furniture & Equipment	\$ 0.00
To replace all "public use"/"searcher" chairs in the Recorder's Office with 6 cleanable new year. The current chairs were already old hand-me-downs from other office and not cleanable.		

County Recorder Misty Coleman explained her need for the chairs and stated that she was moving the dollars to another line item for tracking purposes since there was no line in her budget for furniture.

Councilman Randy Harris seconded by Councilman Greg Willis motioned to allow the transfer. Motion carried 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway – Grader Acquisition, Josh Byrd

Superintendent Byrd discussed the Highway's search for a grader. He said that they had tried to work with just two graders, but it's evident that three graders will be necessary during the winter months. He said that the going price for a used one was \$275,000. He has located a new grader for \$329,800. He doesn't have anything for a trade-in because it blew up. The County would not have to bid this because it is coming from Source Well through Catepillar. The Additional Appropriation cannot be acted on until it is advertised and acted on in September, but Superintendent Byrd wanted permission to move forward pending an approval of an additional in September. There will be no lead time after the purchase is approved

Councilman Travis Troutman seconded by Councilman Elliott motioned to approve Superintendent Byrd to begin the acquisition process to purchase the grader pending the approval in September. Motion passed 7 – 0.

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Sheriff's Commissary Resolution, Sheriff McKinney

During the Audit it was noted that when the Sheriff's Office retyped the resolution an important statement was inadvertently omitted which stated that the County Council had to approve any purchase over \$2,000. Without that statement "all" Commissary purchases would have to be approved by the Council. Sheriff McKinney presented a revised resolution for the Council's approval. President Craig stated that the formatting also needed to be corrected. Items 10 through 18 in the lower portion needed to be written in alphabetical order rather than numerical order.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to approve the revised resolution subject to the formatting amendment as previously stated using letters of the alphabet rather than a numerical sequence. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Computer Needs – Gary Eck

Gary Eck, a partner in Eck-Mundy who currently holds the County's IT contract explained why the budgets to be presented for 2025 held so many computer purchases. Microsoft has stated that it will no longer support the Windows 10 Operating System beginning in October of 2025. There are varying means of addressing this issue as dependent on the actual systems that are in place. The safer bet is to replace the County's computers operating on the Windows 10. He stated that the courthouse server is good for now and currently has enough operating space to meet the courthouse usage requirements. If there should be a large increase in video recording, this might need to be looked at again.

Brandon Schultheis – Wage Increase

The auditor reported tier one of the new FLSA wage rule went into effect July 1st. She stated that she had been advised by the County Attorney that it would not be advisable to consider the home provided to Brandon with his position of Superintendent of Pride's Creek Park in the calculations of his wage. She stated that the minimum now for a salaried employee was \$1,688 per pay. Councilman Harris seconded by Councilman Elliott motioned to approve the amendment to the Wage and Salary Ordinance in regard to the Park Superintendent pay to a total of \$1,688 per bi-weekly pay including incentive.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

CEDA Requests Additional Appropriation and Resolution in Fund 1148, CEDA

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$2098	From	Fund 1148, CEDA	\$23,728.38
\$2,097.77			
\$524.34	To	1148-30302-0000, Law Enforcement	\$2,500
\$524.34	To	1148-30361-0000, Prevention/Education	\$2,500
\$524.35	To	1148-30490-0000, Treatment/Intervention	\$2,500
\$524.34	To	1148-10340-0000, Administration	\$2,500
Purpose is to align the 2024 budget with the actual income to be received.			

President Craig welcomed Lindsey Denno as the new CEDA coordinator. She shared that they had received confirmation of the final budget numbers for 2023. The budget had been adjusted to a total of \$10,000, and they received \$2,097.77. This is an additional \$524.34 in Law Enforcement, Prevention/Education, and Administration plus \$524.35 in Treatment/Intervention. The Additional Appropriation was advertised at \$2098 because DLGF cannot receive requests in fractional dollars. However, only \$2,097.77 will be spent.

Councilman Troutman seconded by Councilman Todd Meadors motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation Request and Resolution. Motion passed 7 – 0.

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Pike County Commissioners Request Additional Appropriation in Fund 1000-0161, Courthouse.

\$3,100	From	Fund 1000, General	\$ 8,060,707.03 with \$3,497,810.31 allocated
\$1,000	To	1000-30420-0161, Courthouse Water	\$1,808.49
Funding will be needed for short-pay invoices			
\$1,400	To	1000-30641-0161, Courthouse Pest Control	\$ 95.00
Funding will be needed for short-pay invoices			
\$700.00	To	1000-30400-0161, Clothing Allowance	\$100.00
Tuffy and Lona clothing allowance.			

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger explained that water rates have increase and the Pest Control Contract amount had increased. She stated that the commissioners desired to provide attire that would designate Lona and Tuffy as Courthouse employees.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to approve the request and resolution. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Circuit Court Requests an Additional Appropriation and Resolution in Fund 1000-0232, Circuit Court.

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$5,000	From	Fund 1000, General	\$ 8,060,707.03 with \$3,497,810.31 allocated
	To	1000-10810-0232, Instruction and Schooling	\$85.19
Associated fees with Judge Gilmore and Court Reporter Jennifer Deen attending Juvenile and Family Judicial Officer Meeting and judges Jeffrey Biesterveld, Sherry Gilmore, and Elect Judge Evan Biesterveld to various workshop and Orientations.			

Judge Biesterveld introduced Judge-elect Evan Biesterveld. He explained that the training conferences have increased and the new judge will have to attend the new official training. There will be a total of three sessions.

Councilman Troutman seconded by Councilman Elliott motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation and Resolution. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Pike County EMA/E911 Requests an Additional Appropriation in Fund 1222, Statewide E-911.

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$4,000	From	Fund 1222, State-wide E-911	\$ 117,253.18 \$69, 121.80 is allocated
	To	1222-10460-0000, Overtime	\$113.03
The money is needed for employee overtime.			

Director Brandon Truitt explained that he has had an injured employee and has lost some part-time employees. Therefore, more overtime has been required than anticipated.

Councilman Troutman seconded by Councilman Elliott motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation Request and Resolution. Motion passed 7 – 0.

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Pike County Highway Requests Additional Appropriation and Resolution in Fund 1176, MVH.

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$5,000.00	From	Fund 1176, MVH	\$ 2,174,202.02 with \$446,778.87 allocated
	To	1176-10460-0531, Overtime	\$ 1,871.49
Overtime expenses have been higher than anticipated due to weather related O-T hours and the CCMG has just started.			

Superintendent Byrd explained that several employees were opting for overtime rather than compensatory time.

Councilman Elliott seconded by Councilman Willis motioned to approve the Request for an Additional Appropriation and Resolution. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Pike County Highway Requests Additional Appropriation and Resolution from Fund 1176, MVH.

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$150,000	From	Fund 1176, MVH	\$ 2,174,202.02 with \$446,778.87 allocated
	To	1176-20510-0531, Bituminous	\$0.00
Money is needed for the CCMG 2024-1 paving projects.			

Superintendent Byrd stated that INDOT increased the funding for our CCMG 2024-1 paving projects. Therefore, we have to cover additional construction materials. The County pays for these as our 25% project match.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to approve the Request for Additional Appropriation and Resolution. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Prosecutor Requests Additional Appropriation and Resolution in Fund 2501, Pre-Trial Diversion

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$5,000	From	Fund 2501, Pre-Trial Diversion	\$ 265,226.30 with \$55,987.13 allocated
	To	2501-10491-0000, Depositions & Transcripts	\$227.55
A change in a Discovery rule mandated by the Indiana Supreme Court now shifts responsibility for paying for defendant's copies of Grand Jury transcripts to the Prosecutor's office resulting in \$3,700 in unanticipated expenses. Litigation has also been busy this year.			

Prosecutor McDonald explained that most of this expense came from pauper fees and that he had \$7,500 budgeted for this purpose. However, the County experienced a fatality and an alleged rape. These caused the Grand Jury to meet more often. This is the information that has to be transcribed.

Councilman Elliott seconded by Councilman Troutman motioned to approve the Request for Additional Appropriation and Resolution. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Pike County Probation Requests an Additional Appropriation and Resolution in Fund 1000-0235, Probation.

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$25,000	From	Fund 1000, General	\$ 8,060,707.03 with \$3,497,810.31 allocated

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	To	1000-30760-0235, Juvenile Detention	\$3,375.00
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Dollars are needed to pay detention fees at different facilities across the state that must be used after the closure of Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village in March of 2024. Account also covers Knox County Probation Home Monitoring Program.

The Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village has discontinued its juvenile detention services. Probation is having to send our youth to several facilities across the state. This is more expensive. Evansville will not take Pike County youth. We already have \$13,020 in invoices that need to be covered by the \$25,000 requested.

Councilman Bishop seconded by Councilman Troutman motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation Request and Resolution. Motion passed 7 – 0.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Highway Request Transfer in Fund 1112, CEDIT

	Amount	From	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
	\$50,000.00	From	1112-32300-0531 CR 300 N	\$898,221.42
		To	1112-30230-0531, Professional Services	\$0.00
Transfer is for engineering services.				

The County has ongoing projects that need the expertise of a Professional Engineer. Federal projects such as the Bridge 32 on 500W will have an Engineering cost of \$30,000. Road speed signs need to be put up and these require a speed study. The Army Corp and the State of Indiana require permits for ditches. Superintendent Byrd stated that they are past his level of expertise. The thought is to place someone on contract for this year and next year.

Councilman Harris seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to approve transfer. Motion passed 7 – 0.

E-911 Requests Transfer in Fund 1222, State-wide E-911

	Amount	From	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
	\$1,700.00	From	1222-30140-0000, Telephone	\$14,304.61
		To	1222-30810, Dues and Subscriptions	\$253.80
This is needed to cover the Think GIS.com User Subscriptions for 20 logins, AVL live layer display, and Rapid SOS live layer display.				

Director Truitt explained out the system worked.

Councilman Harris seconded by Councilman Troutman motioned to approve the transfer. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Pike County Prosecutor Requests Transfer in Fund 1000-0660- IV D

	Amount	From	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
	\$300.00	From	1000-30130-0660, Travel	\$370.26
		To	1000-30300-0660, Office Supplies	\$43.23
More money is needed to purchase office supplies				

Prosecutor McDonald explained that the increased workload has caused an increase in supply usage.

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Councilman Elliott seconded by Councilman Harris motioned to approve the transfer. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Pike County EMS Requests Transfer in Fund 1170, EMS Public Safety.

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$84,050.00	From	1170-10320-0000, Paramedic	\$451,076.49
\$20,000.00	To	1170-20300-0000, Vehicle Maintenance	\$2,944.15
There is a current bill of an oxygen lift (\$4,900) and some other maintenance bills that are outstanding. Hopefully this will cover until end of year.			
\$42,000.00	To	1170-20340-0000, Fuel	\$700.45
During 2024 budget discussions it was stated that the fuel budget was short and would have to be increased at some point. This is an average of the last four months times 5. Fuel is decreasing so hopefully this will be in excess.			
\$15,000.00	To	1170-10155-0000, Tech Vac/Sick	\$12,080.55
We have hired several part-time and also have been working at part-time as much as possible. Currently has 2 full-time people off – one for FmLA for approx. 6 weeks and a second for worker's comp. Hopeful that she will return in September. Another full -time staff person is scheduled for surgery in August and will be off until early September.			
\$ 2,000.00	To	1170-31680-0000, Building Repair	\$668.00
This is for damage done to a garage door at the Otwell station when an ambulance accidentally pulled out the door not all of the way up and damaged the door. The estimate is \$1900 for repairs. This is under the deductible amount.			
\$5050.00	To	1170-10750-0000 /Workers Comp	\$12,437.00
This request is looking ahead to the October premium for insurance and also for insurance for the new ambulance that will hopefully arrive in August. First ½ year premium was \$16,459.99			

EMS Director Chris Young explained that these transfers are needed at this time. He chose to request a transfer with the hope of making one request for an additional appropriation in the paramedic line closer to year-end that would finish the year out. He said that all of the AC's went out on the trucks. He stated that he, personally, already has 44 hours on the truck and it is only Tuesday.

Councilman Troutman seconded by Councilman Elliott motioned to approve the transfer request. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Sheriff Requests Transfer in Fund 1000-0380, Jail

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$8,000.00	From	1000-10380-0380, Maintenance/Janitor	\$27,500.00
\$10,000.00	From	1000-10201-0380, Cook	\$25,600.00
\$18,000.00	To	1000-10154-0380, PT Employee	\$ - 4,000.00
Overage due to employee turn-over, training new employees, covering kitchen and maintenance along with full-time employee shifts			

Sheriff McKinney stated that he has had to use a lot of part-time hours due to employee turnover.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to approve the transfer. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Sheriff Requests Transfer in Fund 1000-0005, Sheriff's Office

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$4,000.00	From	1000-30520-0005, Hardware/Software	\$12,000.00

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	To 1000-20601-0005, Operating Supplies	\$ 3,200.00
To cover cost of Synergy bill until additional can be advertised for September meeting.		

Sheriff McKinney explained that he will have to ask for an Additional Appropriation for operating supplies, but in the mean time he has to pay this bill.

Councilman Harris seconded by Councilman Elliott motioned to approve the transfer. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Circuit Court Requested Addition to the Transfers in Fund 1000-0232, General Fund.

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$4,300.00	From 1000-40610-0232, Equipment	\$4,565.00
	To 1000-30670-0232 Maintenance Contracts	\$3,785.66
The request was made to enable tracking of maintenance contracts as opposed to purchase of equipment.		

Councilman Bishop seconded by Councilman Meadors motioned to approve the transfer. Motion carried 7 – 0.

PRE-APPROVED TRANSFERS

Sheriff Requested a Transfer in Fund 1000-0005, Sheriff's Department.

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$490.00	From 1000-30660-0005, Equipment Repair	\$2,900.00
	To 1000-30540-0005, Radio & Repair	\$70.00
This was requested to cover the cost of Radios installed in vehicles.		

This was pre-approved per Council guidelines. Councilman Bishop seconded by Councilman Harris motioned to retroactively approve this transfer. Motion carried 7 – 0.

BUSINESS/INFORMATION BY COUNCIL

Clerk and Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports

President Craig called Council's attention to the reports in their packets.

EMS Report

EMS Director Chris Young stated that he had been informed that the remount ambulance would be delivered in September. He also said that the new Ambulance Building is ready for the foundation. The General Contractor will be Graber.

Groundbreaking Ceremony for Meadows at Parkview

President Craig stated that it would be on Tuesday, August 27th at 10 a.m.

Prides Creek

Superintendent Schultheis stated that the John Deere tractor that was taken in for repair would cost more to repair than it was worth. He said the Park Board wants to acquire a new tractor. A 4052 HD model is available through Source Well for \$45,310. He requested a motion of

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support for the acquisition process until an Additional Appropriation could be requested in September.

Councilman Randy Harris seconded by Councilman Max Elliott motioned to support the park's move to acquire the tractor pending the approval of an additional appropriation in September. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Superintendent Schultheis stated that the park is opening up 25 camp sites during the winter to accommodate the solar construction crews.

BUSINESS BY PUBLIC - None

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
BUDGET HEARING MEETING – Tuesday, September 17, 2024 following the Regular Council Meeting.**

President Craig called Council's attention to the next month's meeting schedule.

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before Council, President Craig called for a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to adjourn. Motion passed 7 – 0.

NAYS

Jon Craig, President

Greg Willis, Vice President

Dennis Bishop

Max Elliott

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ATTEST:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor

9-17-24
Date