

PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING September 17, 2024

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Jon Craig called the meeting to order. All Council Members were present. Also present were County Auditor Judith Gumbel, County Coroner Ray Books, EMS Director Chris Young, PCPB Jan Hollis, PCCD Dave Elgin, EMS Doug Mounts, PCSO Dallas Killian, PCSO Jason McKinney, PCCD David Holmes, PCCD Dennis Beane, PCCD Stephan Edwards, PCCD Dennis Eversoll, Pike County Highway Melanie Britton, Pike County Highway Josh Byrd, Patoka Fire District, Angie O'Neal, Commissioners Kristi Dischinger, Superintendent Park & Recreation Brandon Schultheis, EMA-E911 Director Brandon Truitt, Patoka Fire District Ed Schusler, Chief Deputy Auditor Audra Warner, Purdue Extension Brooke Goble, Pike County Recorder, Misty Coleman, Economic Development Corporation Ashley Willis, Jeff Marion Fire District Robin Whaley, PCSWD Donna Poehlein, PCSWD Cinda Abbott, Coroner Elect Nick Henson, PCCD Brian Mahoney, Auditor's Deputy Misty Brenton, County Assessor Mike Goodpaster, Assessor's Office Bob Collins,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING August 13, 2024 AND BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES August 13-14, 2024

President Craig asked if there were any corrections or additions to either set of minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve. Councilman Dennis Bishop seconded by Councilman Randy Harris motioned to approve the Minutes of the August 13th Regular Council Meeting and the Aug 13 & 14 Budget Workshop Minutes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Recorder Contract - Fidler

Recorder Misty Coleman explained that she wanted to renew her contract with Fidler to scan the 66 books of deeds from 1817 to 1920. After they are scanned they will be available on line through Laredo. This will close out a project began by Recorder Jeff Harting. She plans to pay one fourth of the contract - \$8,303 with her 2024 Recorder's Perpetuation Budget and the remainder in her 2025 Perpetuation Budget. The Commissioners have approved the project, but her desire was to make everyone aware of the plan. The Council acknowledged the project and appreciated the notice.

Jail Food Service Contract

Sheriff McKinney informed the Council that the Food Service Contract would begin on October 1st. They will continue to employ the jail cook. The will also purchase all of the food that the jail has on hand when they take over the food service. When all of the timing and purchases have been worked out the jail budget will be adjusted.

Prides Creek Conservancy District Property Acquisition

Dennis Eversoll with the Prides Creek Conservancy District addressed the Council concerning a piece of property that the Conservancy would like to purchase. This property abuts the Prides Creek Park on three sides, and one could almost say four sides in regard to the unique way that the property lays out. The plan would be for the Conservancy to purchase the property and then rent/lease the majority of it to the Park until the mortgage is paid off. The tentative plan would be to increase the number of permanent camp sites and to add twenty-five winterized campsites to the Park. There are currently 205 campsites in the Park. There is a small sediment pond on the property which can be made into a nice small lake. The property owners are Shawn and Kristy McMillen. It is 18.75 acres. The price is \$230,000. The property has been appraised by two appraisers as required by law. One appraisal was \$230,000 and the other was \$238,000.

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Councilman Randy Harris who is a Real Estate Broker by trade provided the Conservancy with the name of a reputable appraiser. The Conservancy decided to use the person that Councilman Harris recommended. The appraiser mentioned Randy in the document. Councilman Harris made note to the Council and to the citizens at the meeting that he did no work in regard to the appraisal, would receive no income from the appraisal, and in short had absolutely nothing to do with the appraisal.

Previous to the McMillen's, the property was owned by Brad O'Neal. This is the first time that the property has been available for the Conservancy to purchase. It was discussed that there was a house on the property that could be sold which would bring the cost down. This home has road frontage. A point to consider is that the seller has another buyer and is giving the Conservancy the first opportunity to purchase.

President Craig stated that he thought that this was a good opportunity. Councilman Willis stated that he would like to see the loan paid down and shared that as a municipality, a better rate should be available to the Conservancy. Councilman Craig also stated that the Conservancy might want to check into Indiana Bond.

Councilman Max Elliott seconded by Councilman Harris motioned to support the Conservancy in their purchase of the property and to the development of an interlocal agreement between the Pike County Government and Pride's Creek Conservancy District. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Resolution Amending Pike County Public Safety LIT

Auditor Gumbel explained that the County would have to amend the Public Safety LIT on an annual bases to reestablish the Fire Departments that would receive the 0.05% rate for fire protection that was adopted in 2023. That hearing will be at the October meeting.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Pike County Park & Recreation Requests Additional Appropriation and Resolution from Fund 1219, Park & Recreation.

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$45,310	From	Fund 1219, Park & Recreation	\$1,322,464.35 with \$351,059.30 allocated
	To	1219-40609-0000, Large Equipment Purchase	\$0.00
Tractor was taken to John Deere for repair. Repair quote is \$18,000 which is twice what the tractor is worth. Park Board desires to trade the tractor in as is and purchase a new one.			

Park Superintendent Brandon Schultheis stated that he had obtained three quotes, two John Deere and one Bobcat. The quotes were in the Council packet for the Council to review.

President Craig asked the Council if anyone had questions.

Councilman Greg Willis seconded by Councilman Todd Meadors motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation and Resolution for the purchase of the tractor. Motion carried 7 – 0.

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

\$329,800	From	Fund 1176, Motor Vehicles (MVH)	\$ 2,151,132.53 with \$506,427.63 allocated
	To	1176-40610-0531, Machinery & Equipment	\$567.29
The additional funding is needed for the purchase of a road grader.			

Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd explained that this was the purchase that had been discussed at length at the last Council meeting. It is a Caterpillar and would be purchased through Sourcewell. Therefore, it has been properly bid. Mr. Byrd stated that there is one available now, although a part called a Scarfar Teeth will have to be purchased to protect the front of the grader. It would be his hope

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to have the grader delivered within a week of when the Additional Appropriation is approved. He said that the company had confirmed that they would be able to bring the part to Pike County and install it.

President Craig asked the Council if anyone had questions. Hearing none he called for a motion. Councilman Travis Troutman seconded by Councilman Bishop motion to approve the Additional Appropriation and Resolution. Motion passed 7 – 0.

C. Pike County Sheriff Requests Additional Appropriation and Resolution from Fund 1000, General.

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$28,000	From	Fund 1000, General	\$ 7,313,287.16
	To	1000-20601-0005, Operating Supplies	\$2,556,589.52 allocated \$ 539.87

This request is partially due to increase in transports and to include extended juvenile transports.

In this case Operating Supplies means fuel. Sheriff McKinney stated that the officers have been really busy. Since the Youth Village closed in Knox County, the juveniles are being transported all over the state. The majority of the time the judge wants the youth brought back to Pike County for their court appearances. The fuel budget has just disappeared. Sheriff was asked if he has anyone at the academy. He stated that one will be going in January.

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

D. Pike County Sheriff Requests Additional Appropriation and Resolution from Fund 1000, General.

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$20,000	From	Fund 1000, General	\$ 7,313,287.16
	To	1000-10460-0005, Overtime	\$2,556,589.52 allocated \$ - 6,011.80

The money is needed for employee overtime. This is partially due to covering shifts, employee turnover, increase in extended juvenile transports.

Sheriff McKinney stated that the transports were adding to overtime need also. He stated that he can't control when an officer gets called on a run; so, it sometimes turns into overtime. He also said that the paperwork involved in the arrests is time consuming.

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

6. TRANSFER REQUESTS

A. Pike County Assessor Requests Transfer in Fund 1224, Reassessment 2015.

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$1,907.50	From	1224-10730-0000, Group Insurance	\$ 23,331.53
	To	1224-30545-0000, Computers & Other Tech	\$0.00

Need funds to purchase a new Surface Pro tablet for reassessment. This tablet was included in my requested 2025 budget. If transfer approved, this will be removed from budget request.

Assessor Mike Goodpaster explained that he had requested a new Surface Pro tablet in the 2025 budget, but it died before we could get to 2025. He said that if he purchases it now, it will be removed from his 2025 budget costs.

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

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

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$500.00	From	1170-10330-0000 Volunteer Run	\$5,660.00
	To	1170-30420-0000, Laundry/Cleaning	\$ 109.64
This will hopefully be enough to purchase cleaning supplies through the end of the year.			
\$500.00	From	1170-10330-0000 Volunteer Run	\$5,660.00
	To	1170-20610-0000 Radio Supplies	\$14.02
To be able to have a pager repaired.			

EMS Director Chris Young explained that hopefully the \$500 would get him to the end of the year for his laundry and cleaning supplies.

He stated that the pager repair was unexpected.

Councilman Meadors seconded by Councilman Willis motioned to approve both transfers. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Pike County Commissioners Request Transfer in Fund 1000-0506, Solid Waste.

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$3,000.00	From	1000-10200-0506, Site Attendant	\$31,354.73
	To	1000-10250-0506, Senior Site Attendant	\$521.46
Increase in days worked has put this balance short.			

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger explained that the Senior Site attendant had originally planned to work only one day per week in 2024, but has since been able to return to working two days per week. Therefore, she is requesting to move funds from the Site Attendant account to the Sr. Site Attendant account.

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

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

Amount	Funds & Accounts		Balance Prior to Action
\$2,000.00	From	1000-20680-0161, Bldg & Structure Repair	\$4,555.94
	To	1000-30660-0161, Equipment Repair,	\$292.72
Account is short for needed repairs. The latest is a chiller motor.			

Administrator Kischinger explained that the courthouse had needed several repairs. She said that in addition to the Chiller she now has an Elevator Repair. Hopefully the \$2,000 will finish out the year.

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

Pike County Commissioners Request Transfers in Fund 1000-0068, Commissioners.

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action

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\$10,000.00	From	1000-10720-0068, PERF	\$121,994.19
\$10,000.00	From	1000-30300-0068, Insurance	\$21,196.45
\$20,000.00	To	1000-30230-0068, Professional Services	\$12,426.59
The funds are needed to pay design/spec & construction admin fees for the courthouse tuckpointing.			

Ms. Dischinger stated that the money was available in PERF because some positions had remained open longer than expected and that she had not been able to purchase cybersecurity insurance yet in 2024.

Councilman Bishop seconded by Councilman Troutman motioned to approve the transfer requests. Motion passed 7 – 0.

PRE-APPROVED TRANSFERS

Sheriff Requested a Transfer in Fund 1000-0380, Jail.

Amount		Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$500.00	From	1000-20380-0380, Inmate Supplies	\$11,450.00
	To	1000-20350-0380, Medical Supplies	\$1,550.00
New AED ordered for the Jail.			

Pike County Emergency Management Requests Transfer in Fund 1000-0302, EMA.

Amount		Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$500.00	From	1000-20300-0302, Vehicle Maintenance	\$930.00
	To	1000-20340-0302, Fuel	\$117.99
To cover fuel costs.			

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Meadors motioned to accept the pre-approved transfers. Motion passed 7 – 0.

BUSINESS/INFORMATION BY COUNCIL

Clerk and Treasurer’s Monthly Financial Reports were in the Council packets.

BUSINESS BY PUBLIC - None

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

President Craig reminded the body that the Budget Hearing would take place shortly after the adjournment of this meeting. He also called the body’s attention to the upcoming October meetings as scheduled.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Craig called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.

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

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ATTEST:

Judith Gumbel, Auditor

10-8-24
Date