

# PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

## MINUTES PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING October 8, 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 exception of Max Elliott. Also present were County Auditor Judith Gumbel, Sheriff Jason McKinney, David Miller, PCHD Administrative Assistant Natalie Byrd, County Administrator Kristi Dischinger, Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, Onyett's Fabrication David Miller, EMA/ E-911 Director Brandon Truitt, Auditor's Chief Deputy Audra Warner, EMS Director Chris Young, Chief Probation Officer Chris Yon, Probation Assistant Brenda Hamm, CED Brook Goble, and Jeff Harting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 17, 2024/APPROVAL OF MINUTES BUDGET HEARING September 17, 2024**

President Craig called the Council's attention to the minutes of the regular County Council and the County Budget Hearing held on September 17th. He called for a motion. Councilman Dennis Bishop seconded by Councilman Randy Harris motioned to approve both sets of minutes. Motion passed 6 – 0.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Establishment of 2024/2025 Base Grant (93.069) – Bioterrorism – Fund 8125.**

Auditor Gumbel explained that her intent is to have the Council approve new Funds by Resolution because these are more easily searched than the minutes of the meetings. This is the fund that pays the contract of the Bioterrorism Coordinator at \$24,000 for the year plus \$1,000 for travel expenses. President Craig called for a motion.

Councilman Greg Willis seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to approve the Resolution 2024-23 establishing Fund 8125, Bioterrorism Base Grant. Motion passed 6 -0.

#### **Ordinance 2024 – 10, Amending Pike County Public Safety LIT**

This served as the hearing for the Ordinance amending the Pike County Public Safety LIT that was modified in 2023. The Ordinance as to be amended annually specifically naming the Fire Departments that will be receiving the 0.0500% of the Pike County Public Safety Lit as used to support the County Fire Departments. The amendment was duly advertised. The units for 2025 are designated as the Petersburg Fire Protection Territory providing protection for Petersburg, Washington Township and Madison Township; Union Fire Department providing protection for Clay Township; Patoka Township Fire District providing fire protection for Winslow, Patoka Township, Lockhart Township, and Logan Township; Jefferson-Marion Fire Protection District providing protect for Jefferson and Marion Township; and Spurgeon-Monroe Township Fire Department providing protection for Spurgeon and Monroe Township.

President Craig asked for public comment. Hearing none he called for a motion from the Council amending the Public Safety LIT.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to approve Ordinance 2024 - 10 amending Ordinance 23-03 per the above listed fire departments as per the taxing units listed. Motion carried 6 – 0.

#### **Invenergy Solar Abatement Timeline Extension Request**

President Craig addressed the Council sharing that Invenergy had contacted him stating that they were behind in their construction schedule. He stated that the Council should be expecting a request from Invenergy to delay the implementation of their abatement schedule with a

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suggestion that they be allowed to make an Economic Development Payment in 2026 rather than starting their abatement schedule. This was simply an FYI.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

**Health Department Requests Additional Appropriation and Resolution for 2024/2025 Bio-Terrorism Base Grant (93.069)- Fund 8125**  
**Amount Funds & Accounts Balance Prior to Action**

\$25,000	From	Fund 8125- Bioterrorism Reimbursement Grant	25,000
\$24,000	To	8125-10990-0000, Coordinator	\$0.00
\$ 1,000	To	8125-30130-0000, Travel	\$0.00
This is to appropriate the grant monies. Monies are reimbursed following the expenditures			

Council was notified in August that Bio Terrorism Grant request was funded at a total of \$25,000. This grant is a reimbursement grant. The purpose of the request is simply to appropriate the money so the coordinator can draw the money down as the grant dollars are spent.

Councilman Bishop seconded by Councilman Todd Meadors to approve the Additional Appropriation Request and Resolution. Motion carried 6 – 0.

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

\$8,000	From	Fund 1176, Motor Vehicles (MVH)	\$ 2,463,035.50
	To	1176-10460-0531 Overtime	with \$438,107.22 Allocated \$813.46
The additional funding is needed for anticipated overtime expenses			

Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd explained that Overtime funding had been over extended due to the storms and by the \$2 million in paving for the CCMG Highway grant that is now almost to an end in County.

Councilman Randy Harris seconded by Councilman Travis Troutman motioned to grant the Additional Appropriation Request and Resolution. Motion passed 6 – 0.

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

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$50,000	From Fund 1000, General	\$ 7,056,432.50
	To 1000-30760-0235, Detention	\$2,312,836.77 allocated
		\$2,075.00
This request is due the increase of youth having to be placed at nonlocal facilities.		

Probation Assistant Brenda Hamm and Chief Probation Officer Chris Yon explained that the pricing in the available juvenile units across the state was high in comparison to the Youth Village which has been closed. Officer Yon shared that transport time had really increased. The counties that are taking our youth are Delaware, Vigo, and Clark. He explained that the prosecutors are allowed to use home detention; however, this is not the correct placement for some of the youth.

Councilman Troutman seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation Request and resolution for \$50,000. Motion passed 6 – 0.

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

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<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>		<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$29,205	From	Fund 1000, General	\$ 7,056,432.50
	To	1000-40800-0005, Vehicle Lease/Purchase	\$2,312,836.77, allocated \$ 0.00
Requesting the Insurance Reimbursement that was deposited into General Fund be added to the Vehicle Lease/Purchase account.			

Sheriff McKinney explained that this was moving the money for the insurance reimbursement into the correct expenditure account.

Councilman Meadors seconded by Councilman Willis motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation and Resolution. Motion passed 6 -0.

**TRANSFER REQUESTS**

**Pike County Assessor Requests Transfer in Fund 1000, General**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>		<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$ 10,089.45	From	1000-10133-0008, Deputy	\$ 10,089.45
	To	1000-10174-0008, Level 2 Certified	\$ - 2,169.30
Jean Shultz is now Level 2 certified and needs to be paid out of the correct account.			

Assessor Mike Goodpaster explained that with Ms. Shultz' new certification she needs to be paid from the proper expense account.

Councilman Bishop seconded by Councilman Harris motioned to approve the transfer. Motion passed 6 - 0.

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

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>		<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$161.00	From	1170-10420-0000, Employee Test Review	\$161.00
\$ 60.00	From	1170-30130-0000, Travel Expense	\$100.00
\$221.00	To	1170-30150-0000, Cell Phone	\$482.25
Transfers needed to maintain balances until the end of the year.			
\$48,000.00	From	1170-10320-0000, Paramedic	\$223,265.25
\$8,000.00	To	1170-10155-0000, Tech/Vac/Sick	\$4,574.80
\$40,000	To	1170-10381-0000, Basic EMT	\$30,266.33
Transfers needed to maintain balances until the end of the year.			
\$1,780.00	From	1170-10330-0000 Volunteer Runs	\$4,610.00
	To	1170-10750-0000 Workers Comp	\$15,546.04
Transfer needed to maintain balances until the end of the year.			
\$7,000.00	From	1170-20340-0000, Fuel	\$28,136.52
	To	1170-20300-0000 Vehicle Maintenance	\$1,793.54
Transfer needed to maintain balances until the end of the year.			

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EMS Director Chris Young explained that through out the year his strategy was to move monies around in his accounts so that he could make just a few additional appropriations at year end.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Meadors motioned to approve the transfer requests. Motion passed 6 – 0.

**Pike County EMA Request Transfer in Fund 1000-0303, EMA**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>		<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$3,500.00	From	1000-10460-0303, Overtime	\$10,650
	To	1000-10152-0303, Part-Time	\$ -2,729.45
To cover part-time costs due to vacations.			

EMA Director Brandon Truitt explained that he was moving money from overtime to part-time to pay those covering for employees who were taking their vacations.

Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Willis motioned to approve the transfer. Motion passed 6 – 0.

**PRE-APPROVED TRANSFERS**

**Park and Recreation Requested Transfer in Fund 1219.**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>		<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$111.00	From	1219-20461-0000, Chemicals for Lake	\$ 1,427.26
	To	1219-20470-0000, Aquatic Supplies	\$ 317.12
Cost of shipping lake water samples.			

This transfer was preapproved by Council policy.

**Recorder Requested Transfer in Fund 1000-0004**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>		<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$400.00	From	1000-30130-3004, Travel Expense	\$ 488.50
	To	1000-30660-0004, Equipment Repair	\$ 250.00
To repair two broken book binders.			

This transfer was pre-approved by Council policy.

Councilman Bishop seconded by Councilman Harris motioned to retroactively approve the pre-approved transfers. Motion passed 6 – 0.

**BUSINESS/INFORMATION BY COUNCIL**

**Clerk and Treasurer’s Monthly Financial Reports**

President Craig called the Council’s attention to these reports.

**Sheriff**

Sheriff McKinney stated that installation of the jail cameras started on October 7th – just two years after the order was submitted.

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**EMS**

Director Young reported that the floor should be poured at the new EMS building this week.

**Auditor**

Auditor Gumbel shared that the County received the official Report from the State Board of Accounts and the County's finances were reported to be in good shape. President Craig stated that he was at the exit conference and thanked the Auditor and her staff for a good job.

**BUSINESS BY PUBLIC - None**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council prior to the Budget Adoption, President Craig called for a motion to adjourn the regular County Council meeting.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Bishop motioned to adjourn the Council meeting. Motion passed 6 – 0.

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**ATTEST:**

  
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Judith Gumbel, Auditor

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