

PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2024 @ 8:30 am

Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mark Flint, President of the BOC called the meeting to order with all Commissioners present. Also present were Auditor Judith Gumbel and County Administrator Kristi Dischinger. Others present at the meeting were Pike County Coroner Ray Brooks, Brent Roberts, Jeremy and Angie Conder, Economic Development Director Ashley Willis, Denise Ballard, Gena Ruppell, Dennis Cox, Jason McLey, Kyle Urenzy, Pike County Sheriff Jason McKinney, EMS Assistant Director Doug Mounts, Jail Commander Brian Maxwell, Michael Feltz, Braden Downing, Auditor's Chief Deputy Audra Warner and Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 3, 2024

President Flint asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 3, 2024 meeting. There were none and he called for a motion to approve. Commissioner Jeff Nelson seconded by Commissioner Ryan Coleman motioned to approve. Motion passed 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR DECEMBER 16, 2024

President Flint asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve claims. Motion carried 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Tuckpointing Bids

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger stated that the Bramwell McLey bid of \$744,000 was the cheapest bid by \$100,000 of the rest of the bids. President Flint stated concerns over the difference in price of the bids from \$744,000 to 1,200,000. Mr. Bramwell explained that it could perhaps be that they were a smaller firm. He stated multiple projects that he had completed with others. He stated that they did not do change orders unless requested by the owner to complete something extra. He said they like to work close to home. It was clarified that the bid definitely meets all of the bid specifications. (Their location is Jasper, IN) He said they will do the project with lifts as opposed to scaffolding. Ms. Dischinger stated that the window contractors were agreeable to waiting to complete their work until the tuckpoint was complete. Mr. McCay stated the job would take about 30 weeks to complete. The manner that the work will be completed is by drilling out the mortar to proper depth, grinding it out, and filling to ½ to ¾ " deep. His estimation of the length of time prior to needing to do it again was 40 to 50 years.

President Flint asked the others if there were questions that had not been answered. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve Bramwell

McCay as contractors for the project at the contract amount of \$744,000 if the funding was approved by the Council. Motion passed 3-0.

Unofficial Detour

Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd explained the INDOT would be working on a bridge on Highway 56 that was going to close the road. This is in Clay Township heading toward Union. They want to use County Roads 350 and 575 for detours. He reminded the Commissioners that if the County doesn't grant the approval it will happen anyway and the result will be damaged roads that INDOT won't be liable for. If we approve it, INDOT will be responsible for fixing any damage that results. The road will be closed approximately 90 days.

President Flint asked for a motion. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the "Unofficial Detour". Motion passed 3 -0.

Sheriff Contracts

Medical Services

Sheriff McKinney explained that QCC appeared the day before Thanksgiving with a new contract in hand to be signed. It was a total surprise and contained an add on to all services of 12% dependent upon the actual usage. The Sheriff said that it could easily cost an extra \$200,000 to \$400,000 and was simply impossible to budget. He requested bids for the service and the lowest cost responsible bidder was 3 C's (Comprehensive Correctional Care) out of Kentucky. Vanderburgh, Posey, Gibson and Knox have already switched to 3 C's and Warrick is in the process. The base contract amount is \$173,500 in advance monthly increments of \$14,458.33.

They reached out to Val's back-up attorney who stated that there was no penalty for backing out of the contract with QCC.

President Flint asked the Commissioners if they had any questions and if not called for a motion. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the Sheriff's choice of 3 C's for the Jail's Medical Service Provider. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Reassurance Solutions

This is for a monitor for the holding cell. It monitors heart rate etc. It is in the approved budget for 2025. EMS Director Chris Young stated that this is something that is very important to the medics if they are called to the jail. The cost of the Sensor is \$4,000, gateway is \$500, annual subscription is \$900 and the installation package is \$1,000 for a total year one cost of \$6,400.

President Flint called for a motion. Motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed 3 – 0.

TimeKeeping Systems, Inc

They looked at four different programs. The recommendation is Guard1. It is an Inmate Tracking system and is in the budget for 2025. It keeps track of meds, meals,

and correctional officers rounding. It is done through a bracelet that the inmate wears. The first year cost is \$7,691.54. Annual Costs after year one is \$2,995.00. The Master Sales Agreement is with TimeKeeping Systems, Inc. This item is in the 2025 budget also.

President Flint asked if Commissioners has any questions. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the agreement. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Notice of Petition to Vacate

County Administrator Dischinger stated County that this is an area right across from the Winslow Cato cut through road. Jeremy Conder is purchasing the ground from Dennis Cox. In the survey of the ground it was found that there were multiple street and an alley way within the property that were not actually there. The petition is to vacate these. His desire is to make the different plots that he is purchasing contiguous. His plan is to build a house on this property. He stated that there are several steps that will have to be taken before it can actually be done. Ms. Dischinger stated that it would probably be the 2nd meeting in January before all of the steps can be taken. Suggested that the hearing be set for that date, January 21, 2025.

EMS Transfers

1170-10330-0000 Volunteer Runs to 1170-10730-0000 Group Insurance \$550.
1170-10810-0000 Instruction/Schooling to 1170-10730-000 Group Insurance \$565
1170-30401-0000 Utilities to 1170-10730-0000 Group Insurance \$900
1170-10710-0000 FICA to 1170-10144-0000 PT Tech and Vac/Sick \$500
1170-10710-0000 FICA to 1170-10381 Basic EMT \$1,950
1170-10720-10720-0000 PERF to 1170-10381-0000 Basic EMT \$3,200

EMS Director Young explained that all transfers were necessary to keep his staff paid until the end of the year. President Flint asked if there were questions. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the transfers. Motion passed 3 -0.

EMS Full Time Employee

Director Young requested to hire Zack Sheppers as a paramedic starting on January 1st due to the reassignment of Doug Mounts as a full time EMS Assistant Director. He said that the position was in the 2025 budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the hire of Zack Sheppers. Motion passed 3 – 0.

He also requested permission to immediately terminate an employee effective immediately and to hire Kaitlyn Siteman, currently a part-time employee as a full-time EMT Basic effective January 1st to replace the terminated employee.

President Flint said that he would like to take these two separately. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to terminate the employee effective immediately. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motion to hire Kaitlyn Siteman as a full-time basic EMT, effective January 1st. Motion carried 3 – 0.

EMS Contract-Cots

Director Young stated that the Council approved the purchase of 5 cots and the loading systems. This is the agreement for the purchase. It was approved by Attorney Swartzentruber with no issues. The purchase is going through Source Well. It gives the ability to purchase with the option of purchasing over 3 years if the Council so chooses.

Commissioner Flint called for a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the agreement. Motion passed 3 – 0.

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Previous Transfer Changes

County Administrator Dischinger explained that they had approved a change for hardware software maintenance and that Auditor Gumbel had suggested after the meeting that it be classified as a hardware software purchase. She stated that she had emailed them but just wanted to be sure that they were aware of this change.

Courthouse Policy Sign In Procedures

Ms. Dischinger explained that she and Courthouse Superintendent Blackwell were recommending that a policy be established to have all technicians, vendors, contractors sign-in when coming to the courthouse. She said that earlier in the year there were people present and working that were unknown to herself. She stated that the sign-in sheet would be in her office and also at the security station.

Commissioner Flint asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed policy. Hearing none he called for a motion to accept. Motion was made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the motion. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Frost Ordinance 2025

It would be in effect January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025. It is for the general public and would not affect the bonded roads. Superintendent Byrd said It would not apply to farmers, but it would affect loggers etc. Commissioner Nelson asked about trash trucks. State police will not write a ticket on an ordinance.

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

Region 15 Appointments

The Commissioners current appointments are Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Coleman,

and current Councilman Todd Meadors. Commissioner Nelson agreed to take the Elected Official position and Commissioner Coleman agreed to be the At-large Appointment. There is another at large appointment.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motion to approve the appointment of Commissioner Nelson as the Elected Official appointee and Commissioner Coleman as the at-large appointee to the Region 15 board. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Clerk-Treasurer Monthly Reports

Ms. Dischinger stated that the reports were in the packet.

Updated Amendment to the INVENERGY EDA.

This is an addition to the agenda received late Friday afternoon. Ashley Willis Director of Economic Development explained the amendment. She introduced David Clipper local INVENERGY project director. The project is not yet started and the initial economic development payment was \$210,000. The tax rates have dropped since this time. INVENERGY is willing to increase their commitment to provide the County with a \$250,000 piece of equipment to help maintain the roads in addition to \$210,000 EDA payment over a 5-year period. The money for the equipment would be available to the County within 60-days after the amendment is signed. She stated that the agreement was not ready at the time of the last Council meeting therefore it will have to be approved at the January meeting. Lisa Lee with Ice-Miller is okay with the Amendment but stated that it needs to be tied in with the road use agreement when it is established.

This project is over a 110 million dollar investment in the County. It will generate 35 million in tax revenue during the initial life of the project.

Project Manager Clipper feels that the project will start in early 2025 and he stated that he is happy to be working with Pike County.

Ms Willis stated that the total value to the County in EDA payments will be \$460,000.

Commissioner Nelson questioned Mr. Clipper as to why they were willing to give the County the \$250,000 for the equipment. He stated that the assessed value of the County had changed since the agreement was established. And INVENERGY was willing to step-up to be more of a partner in recognition of this upturn and also the fact that the projects were putting an additional strain on the highway since contractors were going down roads that were not those bonded by the projects.

President Flint asked for a motion concerning the First Amendment to the INVENERGY Economic Development Agreement. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the amendment. Motion carried 3 – 0.

Highway Report

Superintendent Byrd stated that the control of the truck drivers delivering to the solar projects has been a struggle. It seems that everything that has been done has made someone unhappy. He said that no one wants to vote for zoning, but projects like these are showing that the citizens expect the Commissioners to fix their problems when the Commissioners have nothing

to work with. It is the people who have agreed to contract with the solar projects. Fixing it would require a civil suit. The only thing that the County has had any say in is the Road Usage Agreements. He said that they have tried their absolute best to enforce the agreement. He also asked the Commissioners if they had any problem with the County trying to sell some of the used equipment at a local auction rather than scrapping the equipment. The reply was that they thought that should be his decision.

Commissioner Flint stated that in the future the Road Use Agreement were going to be a lot different.

Auditor Report

Auditor Gumbel shared that Settlement will be calculated on December 17th and that the process should be completed within a week with taxing units receiving their distributions on December 30, 2025. She shared that tax rates are down across all tax units.

GAB Recommended Bond Company Change

Ms. Dischinger stated that German American has reached out to the County in regard to the bond company that they use. They would like to recommend going with the Cincinnati Group rather than Auto Owners and for the County to work directly with Cincinnati on the renewals and take German American out of the middle. It would result in a quicker process. GAB thinks that the bonds will be cheaper.

President Flint called for a motion to change companies to Cincinnati Group. Motion was made to change by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Winslow Health Department Sign

Two Sign Guys bid is \$19,695 and her recommendation is to go with that bid. Commissioner Flint stated that they had all said they wanted a nice sign.

President Flint also asked what they wanted to name the building and agreement was made that it should be the Pike County Government Center.

EMS Report

Director Young stated that the new ambulance barn construction was going nicely. All but one side is sided. They have completed 2,667 runs and that is about 195 more than last year at this time.

Coroner's Report

Coroner Brooks stated that he is transitioning to the new coroner.

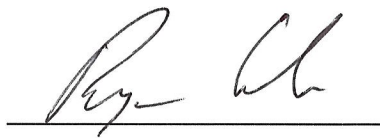
BUSINESS BY PUBLIC – none

MOTION TO ADJOURN

President Flint asked if there was any further business to come before the Commissioners. Hearing none he called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn. Motion passed 3 – 0.



Mark Flint, President

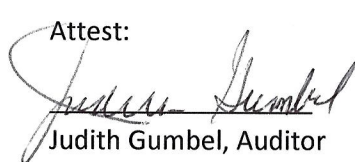


Ryan Coleman, Vice President

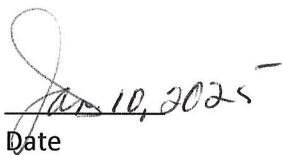


Jeff Nelson, Member

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor



Jan 10, 2025

Date