

# PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

## MINUTES PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING February 11, 2025

**County Council Members: Jon Craig, Greg Willis, Max Elliott, Randy Harris, Jeff Harting, Eric Smith, Travis Troutman**

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Jon Craig called the meeting to order. All Councilmen were present. Auditor Judith Gumbel was also in attendance. Others who signed the meeting attendee roster include President of the Prides Creek Park Board Jan Hollis, Pike County Economic Development Corporation Director Ashley Willis, Pike County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, Pike County EMS Director Chris Young, Pike County Assistant EMS Director Doug Mounts, Pike County Clerk Alan Evans, Highway Manager Melanie Britton, County Administrator Kristi Dischinger, Assistant E911 Director Britainy Strake, EMA/E911 Director Brandon Truitt, Chief Deputy Auditor Audra Warner, Health Department Office Manager Natalie Byrd, Pike County Sheriff Jason McKinney, and Pike County Prosecutor Darrin McDonald.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2025**

President Craig asked if there were any questions concerning the minutes.

Councilman Jeff Harting seconded by Councilman Max Elliott motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed 7 – 0.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. PAWS**

President Craig shared that the county committee had received some paperwork on a potential Memorandum of Understanding from PAWS.

#### **b. Commissary Resolution 2025-01 – Disposition of Money from Commissary Sales; Reconciliation of Receipts I.C. 3-8-10-21**

Councilman Greg Willis asked for clarification as to why the resolution said “Amended” since the wording was exactly as it was amended in 2024 with the only difference being the year 2025. President Craig agreed with him. President Craig stated that he felt that Sheriff McKinney’s understanding that the Commissary resolutions **did not have** to be revisited every year was correct. However, in light of some of the situations that had occurred in other counties in relation to the Commissary he felt that for the Council it was a matter of transparency.

#### **c. Commissary Resolution 2025-02 - Authorizing and Permitting of Disbursements from the Pike County Sheriff's Commissary Fund as allowed by IC 36 – 8 – 10 – 21.**

Councilman Randy Harris motioned to amend the commissary resolutions (b and c above) by striking the word amended from the title and adding the understanding that both resolutions would be addressed annually. He then motioned to approve both resolutions for 2025. Councilman Elliott seconded both motions. The motions passed 7 – 0.

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## 4. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Pike County Clerk – Expenditure Request – Clerks Perpetuation Fund

County Clerk Alan Evans discussed that during budget time former Clerk had requested that the Council allow her to purchase computers with the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund. Council agreed that it would be a good idea. At the time it was thought that the Perpetuation Fund did not have to be appropriated. Auditor Gumbel has since learned that it does have to be appropriated. He explained what he wanted to purchase and that he wanted slightly different equipment. He also shared how the equipment would be used. He shared the current quote and stated that it had increased about \$400. He agreed that he would formally request an Additional Appropriation at the next Council meeting.

### b. Purchase of Technology – Cum Cap Development – Ordinance No. 2025- 04 Authorizing The Transfer By Way Of A Loan From The General Fund To The Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

President Craig stated that during the budgeting process \$177,148 was budgeted from Cum Cap Development to purchase computers etc. However, at the time it was forgotten that this money comes from property tax distributions, CVET, and FIT. These monies will not be fully received until December of 2025. Therefore, in order to purchase the computers, the Cum Cap Development needs a loan from General Fund which is permissible if it is done by ordinance and would have to be paid back to General Fund by 12-31-2025. The loan will occur through a transfer from General Fund to the Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Travis Troutman motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2025-04. Motion passed 7 – 0.

### c. New EMS Barn Payment Completion

EMS Director Chris Young addressed the final payments that would be due on the new EMS Barn. He reminded the Council that \$805,000 was appropriated from ARPA for the Ambulance Barn. Discussion was held at the time the appropriation was made as to the source of the final amount that would be due. Greg Martz GM Development with whom the BOT agreement was made stated that he would be willing to finance the remainder of the cost himself. The Council had the possibility of using the money from the investment of the ARPA money which was moved into Fund 9101 and now equals \$98,996.79. Fund 1170, Public Safety EMS and Fund 1112, CREDIT were also discussed at that time. Councilman Willis stated that he would be in perfect agreement with using the ARPA interest toward the final costs when the building is completed. Auditor Gumbel stated that \$394,459.60 remains in the actual ARPA Fund - 8950. Director Young stated that he has some items at the Patoka Fire District facility which he is renting now and feels that other items will be donated. Final costs are not known quite yet. The BOT agreement was \$1,000,000.

President Craig asked if the Council wanted to make any recommendations at this time.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Elliott motioned to request the Commissioners agree to use the ARPA interest toward the final expenses. Motion passed 7 – 0. It will require an Additional Appropriation. Motion passed 7 – 0.

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**d. County Highway Equipment Donation & Fund Establishment**

Highway Superintendent discussed the \$250,000 to be received from INVENERGY to be used to purchase Highway equipment. The money will have to be reported as an Economic Development Payment received. Highway has decided that what is needed at this point in time is a dump truck, and that hopefully by the time paving starts again, a new tandem dump truck will be available. The \$250,000 could be received into Fund 1176 and appropriated into the account from which the equipment will be purchased. President Craig stated that he would like to see a fund established to appropriate the \$250,000 into for tracking purposes. Perhaps it could be used for the reimbursement of only materials. Mr. Byrd stated that the County would receive the \$250,000 check in a few weeks

The total MVH cash on hand is \$2.64 million. Highway has one brush cutter on order to be paid from the 2025 budget. The dump truck that should become available by paying time will have a cost of \$169,102.41. The county is on the list to be able to purchase it. If the \$250,000 would be used for the dump truck, roughly \$80,000 would remain. If the Council and Commissioners agree, Highway could use the remaining \$80,000 toward another brush cutter, and another \$122,000 would need to be appropriated from MVH or perhaps CEDT to order a 2nd brush cutter. The 2nd brush cutter would be a new tractor and brush cutter. Highway took the old brush cutter off of the existing tractor and repurposed the tractor.

Superintendent Byrd also shared that application could be made to Community Crossings for some of the bridges on the 10-year plan. He said that Waglers has notified him that they have four box culverts available that they would give the County a good deal on. Mr. Byrd said there are 4 bridges in the 10-year plan that could use the culverts. Councilman Smith asked how long Waglers would hold the culverts. Superintendent Byrd stated that it appeared that it could be indefinite.

Mr. Byrd said that the County has learned a lot about "Road Use Agreements" and INVENERGY will find that the new "Road Use Agreements" will be much different – much stronger language.

President Craig asked Auditor Gumbel to prepare an Ordinance to establish an Economic Development Payment Fund.

**5. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

**a. Highway Requests Additional from Fund 1135, Cumulative Bridge.**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>	<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$2,500	From Fund 1135, Cum Bridge	\$274,236.28
	To 1135-10460-0000, Overtime	\$853.40

The appropriation is needed to pay for Overtime Expense due to budget already being near depletion due to the winter storms.

Councilman Elliott seconded by Councilman Randy Harris motioned to approve the \$2,500 Additional Request and Resolution for Cum Bridge overtime. Motion passed 7 – 0.

**b. Highway Requests Additional Appropriation and Resolution from Fund 1176, MVH**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>	<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
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\$16,500	From	Fund 1176, Motor Vehicles	\$1,807,296.32
\$500	To	1176-10123-0530, Office Manager	\$ 43,487.84
\$500	To	10191-0531, Truck/Equip Operator	\$ 134,277.56
\$500	To	10382-0531, Lead Person	\$ 6,757.60
\$15,000	To	10460-0531, Overtime	- \$ 1576.88
The appropriation is needed to pay for Overtime Expense due to budget already being depleted due to the winter storms.			

Superintendent Byrd explained that \$11,000 in overtime has already been used due to the January snowstorm. He shared that one road had over 40 downed trees due to the ice. It was mostly birch and ash trees.

Councilman Elliott seconded by Councilman Harris motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation and Resolution of \$16,500 from Fund 1176 into overtime and to reimburse wage accounts that had to be used for overtime. Motion passed 7 – 0.

**c. Treasurer Requests Additional Appropriation and Resolution from Fund 1000, General or Fund 1112, CEDIT.**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>		<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$8,818	From	Fund 1000, General	\$8,132,224.54
	To	1000-30520-0003, Hardware Software Maintenance (Treasurer)	0.00
		<b>OR</b>	
		1000-30520-0068, Hardware Software Maintenance (Commissioners)	\$37,744.50
		<b>OR</b>	
		1112-30520-0003, Hardware Software Maintenance	\$0.00
The appropriation is needed to purchase the X-Soft Cash book program and 1-year of the maintenance for the program. Current software for the X-Soft program for the Treasurer is paid out of the Commissioner's General Fund Budget. It was also advertised in CEDIT			

Pike County Treasurer Susan Brittain explained the old cash book which is an excel spreadsheet is so old that it will no longer hold the formulas. She stated that the X-soft Cash book program will automatically pull from what is entered into X-Soft. She stated that the program was not available when the County purchased the original X-soft tax program. It was explained that the current software expenses for X-Soft are paid by the Commissioner's budget in the General Fund.

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Councilman Travis Troutman seconded by Councilman Harting motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation for the X-Soft Cashbook program. Motion passed 7 – 0.

**d. Sheriff Requests Additional Appropriation and Resolution from Fund 8110, Drone Program.**

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$2,074.00	From Fund 8110, Drone Program	\$2,074
	To 8110-40610-0005, Equipment	\$0.00 Not budgeted
The donation was made to purchase new drone.		

Sheriff McKinney explained that the department received an additional private donation to purchase a smaller drone.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Elliott motioned to allow the Additional Appropriation and Resolution for the drone purchase. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**e. EMS Requests Additional Appropriation from Fund 1170 – Public Safety EMS.**

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$62,000	From Fund 1170, EMS or 1112, CEDIT	\$870,778.61 \$5,877,613.20
\$20,000	From 1238- Non-Restricted Opioid	\$34,453.85
\$35,628	From 4901, Refuge Revenue Sharing	\$35,630.73
	To 1170-40620-_____	\$0.00
	1112-40620	
	Vehicle Purchase	
	To _____-40622-_____ EMS	\$0.00
	Equipment	
	-40620-_____	\$0.00
The appropriation(s) is needed to purchase a truck for the EMS Director and the needed equipment for operations.		

EMS Director Chris Young explained that another truck is needed for the newly appointed Assistant EMS Director. The position is a new position starting in 2025. The older EMS truck will be taken over by the assistant. Director Young has located a 2024 Dodge 2500 Tradesman. He obtained three quotes. The price for the truck is \$57,736 and there will be an additional cost of about \$4,000 for radios plus an installation fee. It should be a total cost of \$61,200.

Council agreed that the truck needed to be purchased. The question was how to pay for it. Auditor Gumbel reported that she had advertised the purchase from multiple funds to enable the Council Flexibility. Currently there is \$870,778.61 in EMS Public Safety, \$34,453.84 in Non-Restricted Opioid, \$35,630.73 in Refuge Revenue Sharing and over 5 million dollars in CEDIT.

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Councilman Willis stated that his thought was not to use the EMS Public Safety funds. He would rather see the purchase made from Refuge Revenue Sharing with the balance out of Non-Restricted Opioid.

Councilman Troutman stated that he would prefer to use all of the Opioid Funds for some type of treatment program. With no further conversation, President Craig called for a motion.

Councilman Willis motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation and Resolution for the purchase of an EMS truck and radios from the Refuge Revenue Sharing Fund with the balance from the Non-Restricted Opioid Fund. Motion passed 7 – 0.

**f. Commissioners Request Additional Appropriation from Fund 1000, General**

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$744,000	From Fund 1000, General	\$ 8,132,224.54
	To 1000-40691-0161, Courthouse Tuckpointing	\$0.00
Funds will be used for tuckpointing and repairing limestone on the courthouse. This was originally appropriated from CEDIT.		

President Craig reminded Council that they had approved a \$744,000 request for an Additional Appropriation from CEDIT at the January Council meeting. However, since that time the Treasurer has informed the Commissioners that she was calling for the interest on the Wealth Management Funds to be pulled from the fund and for deposit in the General Fund. It was in the amount of \$766,913.48. and in February another \$28,705.29 was deposited making the total received \$805,618.77 from the Wealth Management account with GAB. Due to this, it is being recommended that the tuckpointing be paid from the General Fund – Courthouse.

Councilman Harris seconded by Councilman Troutman motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation and Resolution from General Fund. Motion passed 7 – 0.

**g. Commissioners Request Reduction of Appropriation from Fund 1112, CEDIT**

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$744,000	From 1112-40691-0161, Courthouse Tuckpointing	\$744,000
	To Fund 1112, CEDIT	\$5,877,613.20
This is to return the appropriation made last month from the CEDIT Cash Balance back to the CEDIT Cash Balance		

Due to the action taken in f. above, this request is to reduce the appropriation of \$744,000 from the CEDIT budget. Councilman Willis stated that he would like to leave \$50,000 of the appropriation in place and to later request that \$50,000 be transferred from the tuckpointing expense to the final EMS barn expense.

Councilman Willis put this into a motion, and it was seconded by Councilman Harting. Motion for the reduction of appropriation of \$694,000 and the resolution for same carried 7 – 0.

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**6. ENCUMBRANCE REQUESTS**

HWY 1176	1176-20351-0533	790346	4/19/2024	Dubois Cty Tire	\$ 2,039.44
HWY 1176	1176-20351-0533	796680	6/28/2024	Dubois Cty Tire	\$ 256.75
HWY 1176	1176-20351-0533	803870	9/17/2024	Dubois Cty Tire	\$ 792.01
HWY 1176	1176-20351-0533	806025	10/6/2024	Dubois Cty Tire	\$ 1,140.24
HWY 1176	1176-20351-0533	806132	10/10/2024	Dubois Cty Tire	\$ 924.94
HWY 1176	1176-20351-0533	806932	10/18/2024	Dubois Cty Tire	\$ 924.94
HWY 1176	1176-20351-0533	807063	10/21/2024	Dubois Cty Tire	\$ 60.45
HWY 1176	1176-20351-0533	807920	10/30/2024	Dubois Cty Tire	\$ 420.45
HWY 1176	1176-20351-0533	808231	11/4/2024	Dubois Cty Tire	\$ 429.43
HWY 1176	1176-20351-0533	808351	11/5/2024	Dubois Cty Tire	\$ 239.85
HWY 1176	1176-20351-0533	3350	11/21/2024	Myers Tire & Service	\$ 405.00
HWY 1176	1176-20351-0533	3371	11/25/2024	Myers Tire & Service	\$ 106.23
HWY 1176	1176-20502-0531	204366	11/9/2024	Cave Quarries	\$ 26,937.87
HWY 1176	1176-20510-0531	204094	10/26/2024	Cave Quarries	\$ 669.33
HWY 1135	1135-20502-0000	205212	12/4/2024	Cave Quarries	\$ 4,158.40
HWY 1135	1135-45001-0000	106502	12/6/2024	Grant Agreement	\$ 1,545.60
HWY CCMG 9131	9131-51518-0000			Grant Agreement	\$ 11,021.24
HWY CCMG 9131	9131-51519-0000			Grant Agreement	\$ 15,770.86
HWY CCMG 9131	9131-51520-0000			Grant Agreement	\$ 18,425.77
HWY CCMG 9131	9131-51521-0000			Grant Agreement	\$ 15,100.70
HWY CCMG 9131	9131-51522-0000			Grant Agreement	\$ 16,847.36
HWY CCMG 9131	9131-51523-0000			Grant Agreement	\$ 8,368.91
HWY CCMG 9131	9131-51524-0000			Grant Agreement	\$ 22,391.96
HWY CCMG 9131	9131-51525-0000			Grant Agreement	\$ 24,474.01
HWY CCMG 9131	9131-51526-0000			Grant Agreement	\$ 24,935.44
HWY CCMG 9131	9131-51527-0000			Grant Agreement	\$ 19,564.77
HWY CCMG 9131	9131-51528-0000			Grant Agreement	\$ 7,853.01
HWY CCMG 9131	9131-51529-0000			Grant	\$

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9131				Agreement	25,763.85
Probation - 2100	2100-10402-0000	10785	12/7/2024	New End Zone	\$ 105.00
Circuit Court	1000-10402-0232	590452-1	12/5/2024	Siegels Uniform	\$ 196.92
Circuit Court	1000-30130-0232	12/12/2024	12/12/2024	Honourable Jeffrey L. Biesterveld	\$ 356.35
Circuit Court	1000-30130-0232	12/12/2024	12/12/2024	Honorable Sherry Gregg Gilmore	\$ 296.72
Circuit Court	1000-30130-0232	12/12/2024	12/8/2024	Honorable Evan C Biesterveld	\$ 321.52
Circuit Court	1000-30150-0232	12/15/2024	12/15/2024	AT&T	\$ 128.84
Circuit Court	1000-40610-0232	12/26/2024	12/26/2024	Eck-Mundy	\$ 4,101.00

Councilman Eric Smith seconded by Councilman Elliott motioned to approve the encumbrances. Motion passed 7 - 0.

### 7. TRANSFERS

#### a. Park And Recreation Requests Transfers in Fund 1219, Park and Recreation.

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$38,000	From 1219-30611-0000, Equipment Leases	\$38,000.00
\$3,000	To 1219-20572-0000, Small Equipment Purchases	\$0.00
\$35,000	To 1219-40609-0000, Large Equipment Purchases	\$8,003.08
Transferring money from Equipment Lease account to new accounts formed after budget hearings. New accounts are "Large Equipment Purchases" and "Small Equipment purchases".		

Park Board President Jan Hollis was present to answer questions and Auditor Gumbel explained that the purchases were not leases but actual purchases and that the transfers were being made to put equipment being purchased into the correct categories.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Harting motioned to approve the transfers. Motion passed 7 - 0.

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

Amount	Funds & Accounts	Balance Prior to Action
\$1,000.00	From 1170-10330-0000 Volunteer Runs	\$8,945.00
	To 1170-10402-0000, Uniforms	\$458.03



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Transfers needed to maintain a balance. Stock of uniforms was depleted after hiring of new employees.

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

**c. Health Department Requests Transfer in Fund 1161, Health First Indiana.**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>	<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$1,200.00	From 1161-30401-0610, Utilities	\$11,933.09
	To 1161-30641-0610, Pest Control	\$ 0.00

Transfer needed for new required line item, Pest Control

Health Department Office Manager explained that the new building ownership required a budget for pest control.

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

**8. PRE-APPROVED TRANSFERS**

**a. Late Transfer Necessary To Complete The Circuit Courts Requested Encumbrances**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>	<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$974.50	From 1000-10810-0232, Instruction & Schooling	\$4,079.69
	To 1000-30130-0232, Travel Expenses	\$0.38

Transfer is needed to be able to encumber judges' travel expenses for necessary schooling. It met the Council requirement for EOY transfers of \$1,000 or less.

**b. Pre-Approved Transfers by Council Policy, \$500 or less, And In The Same Budget Classification.**

**i. Highway Requested Transfers in Fund 1176, MVH.  
Funds & Accounts Balance Prior to Action**

\$500.00	From 1176-10123-0530, Office Manger	\$47,871.60
\$500.00	From 1176-10191-0531, Truck Drivers/ Equipment Op.	\$180,062.98
\$500.00	From 1176-10382-0531, Lead Person	\$9,925.68
\$1,500	To 1176-10450-0531 Overtime	

Transfers were needed to pay overtime from snow storm.

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**ii. Clerk Requested Transfers in Fund 1000-0001, General – Clerk.**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>	<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$365.00	From 1000-30120-0001, Postage	\$2,966.23
\$270.00	To 1000-30320-0001, Official Bonds & Insurance	\$0.00
\$95.00	To 1000-30810-0001, Dues & Subscriptions	\$500
To correct errors made in the budgeting process with the intent to add new accounts.		

**iii. Sheriff Requested Transfers in Fund 1000-0005, General Sheriff**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>	<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$500.00	From 1000-30300-0005, Insurance	\$55,000.00
\$250.00	From 1000-30140-0005, Telephone	\$4,500.00
\$750.00	To 1000-30980-0005, Return of Fugitive	\$750.00
This transfer was necessary in order to transport a prisoner from Texas to Indiana.		

Councilman Elliott seconded by Councilman Smith motioned to approve all Pre-Approved Transfers. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**9. MIRRORED TRANSFERS**

**Highway Requested Transfers Between 1176 And Subfund 1173 In The Same Account Line.**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>	<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$8,000.00	From 1173-10460-0531, Overtime	\$8,000.00
\$8,000.00	To 1176-10460-0531, Overtime	\$2,000.00
Mirrored Line Item Transfer – needed for payroll due to Snow Storm		

Councilman Elliott seconded by Councilman Troutman motioned to approve the Mirrored Transfer. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**10. TRANSFERS TO FIX FUNDING CHANGES DUE TO CHANGES MADE AFTER THE 2025 BUDGET WAS ADVERTISED**

- a. Auditor Requests Transfer Due to Job Description Change in Fund 1161, Health First Indiana

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<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>	<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$36,295.52	From 1161-10129-0610, Food Sanitarian	\$36,295.52
	To 1161-106109-0610, Environmental Health Specialist	\$0.00
Change of Job Title due to Change of Position.		

**b. Auditor Requests Transfer Due to Decision Made After 2025 Budget Was Advertised In Gateway In Fund 1000-0068, General Fund Commissioners**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>	<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$2,000.00	From 1000-10171-0068, County Administrator	\$ 51,550.00
	To 1000-10460-0068, Overtime	\$ 0.00
During budget session it was determined to add \$2,000 to the Administrator's budget in case overtime occurred. This transfer moves the \$2,000 in the wage account to overtime.		

**c. Auditor requests Transfer Due to Job Duties and Deputy Description Changes in Year 2025 Fund 4950, Public Safety – Sheriff.**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Accounts</b>	<b>Balance Prior to Action</b>
\$412,565.54	From 4950-10134-0005 Deputy	\$412,565.64
	To 4950-10145-0005, Road Deputy	\$0.00
Fund 4950 now pays Road Deputies. Other deputies were moved to General Fund.		

Auditor Gumbel explained that these were all changes made after the budget was initially advertised in Gateway. She explained that they were also reflected on the Wage and Salary Ordinance that accompanied these changes.

Councilman Willis seconded by Councilman Troutman motioned to approve the transfers and thus the new Wage and Salary Ordinance. Motion passed 7 – 0.

**10. BUSINESS/INFORMATION BY COUNCIL**

**a. Clerk and Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports**

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

**b. Treasurer's Report on GAB Pike County Funds IMA**

Treasurer Britain explained that with the Commissioner's permission she had invested 8 million dollars two years ago in the GAB Wealth Management Program. She and the Commissioners decided that it

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was time to quit reinvesting the interest and to draw out the accumulated interest and to henceforth deposit into General Fund on a monthly basis. This is the same plan that was used for the ARPA Funds. She has now invested an additional 3 million dollars into the fund. This money can be withdrawn at any time without penalty. The first 8 million dollars earned \$805,618.77 in the initial two-year period.

**c. Conflict of Interest – Jon Craig**

President Craig stated that this was a matter of procedure in that Midwest Engineering of which he is an employee sometimes conducts business with the County. He stated that the procedure was for the Conflict of Interest Statement to be presented to the Council for acceptance after which it will be reported to SBOA.

**d. Conflict of Interest – Eric Smith**

The County frequently makes purchases from Petersburg Hardware. Councilman Smith and his wife Robyn own the store,

Councilman Troutman seconded by Councilman Elliott motioned to accept both statements. The vote was 6 – 0 in favor with Councilman Craig abstaining on the vote for his statement and Councilman Smith abstaining on vote for his statement.

**11. BUSINESS BY PUBLIC -**

- a. President Craig stated that the **Buffalo Trace Dinner** was postponed until the following week.
- b. **Pike County Prosecutor Darrin McDonald** was present as a citizen stating that there were multiple solar projects happening in the county that were adversely affecting the citizens of the county. He stated that he had personally talked with the project manager of the one working off of Dutchtown Road in an effort to get better cooperation from the company to keep the speeding down and to keep the trucks out of the private landowners' yards. He said something has to be done and that the projects definitely have the interest of the Prosecutor's office.

**12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING – March 11, 2025 @ 8:30 am Courthouse Auditorium**

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

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, President Craig called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Troutman. Motion passed 7 – 0.

**\*\*R E M I N D E R – Baker Tilly Incentives Workshop Immediately Following This Meeting\*\***

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