

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2025 @ 8:30 am**

**Mark Flint
Jeff Nelson
Ryan Coleman**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the BOC President Mark Flint. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Pike County Attorney Val Fleig, Pike County Auditor Judith Gumbel, and County Administrator Kristi Dischinger. Others present included Brian and Lindsey Kiesel with PAWS, Norman Dillon, Pike County EMS Director Chris Young, Tony Cochren with GAB, Pike County Sheriff Jason McKinney, Highway Office Manager Melanie Britton, Economic Development Director Ashley Willis, Assistant EMA Director Brittany Staake, Pike County EMA-E911 Director Brandon Truitt, Dustin Schnarr, Braden Downing, Pike County Clerk Alan Evans, Tara Lloyd, Pike County Councilman Eric Smith, Pike County Recorder Misty Coleman, Pike County Extension Director Brooke Goble, Chief Deputy Auditor Audra Warner, Pike County Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd, and Editor of Press-Dispatch Sherri Sabella.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2025

President Flint asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ryan Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Nelson. Motion passed 3 – 0.

3. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR MARCH 3, 2025

President Flint asked if there were any questions regarding the claims. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Commercial Insurance Renewal

Tony Cochren who is with the German American Bank insurance department presented an updated quote for the County's Commercial Insurance. He had been directed to obtain prices reflecting higher deductible. Examples included Law Enforcement deductible increased to \$10,000 and Property increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and Liability from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The overall changes resulted in a premium reduction of \$7,884.00. Renewal deadline was today. County Administrator Kristi Dischinger reported that she had solicited quotes from other companies. The inherent problem is that most of the companies go through Travelers, and therefore; the quotes should be identical. Travelers was hit very hard by the California fires. The one other company who would have been quoting through a different company that was going to bid stated that they needed 4 to 6 months preparation time to give us a quote.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the quote at the higher deductible rate - \$438,176. Motion passed 3 – 0.

b. Appointments

Wabash Valley – Chris Yon and Brian Maxell
Redevelopment Commission, Ryan Coleman, Mark Flint and Kristi Dischinger
PTA BOA – Kristi Dischinger and Jim Shoultz

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson Motioned to approve the above listed appointees. Motion carried 3 – 0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. EMS claim pre-approval – Truck

EMS Director Chris Young explained that the Commissioners and Council had approved an additional appropriation for a new EMS truck. However, the appropriation could not be entered into Gateway. He requested that the Commissioners pre-approve the claim for the truck so that it could be purchased immediately upon the notification of the additional appropriation with DLGF. The cost of the truck is \$59,486.00.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to pre-approve the claim to Sternberg’s for the EMS vehicle. Motion passed 3 – 0.

6. BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

a. Transfer Tax Deed Certificate

County Administrator Dischinger stated that this was in reference to the property located at 1801 E. Walnut Street in Petersburg, The property would be eligible for the Commissioner’s Tax Sale. The City of Petersburg has requested the Commissioners to transfer ownership of this property to the City of Petersburg. It has previously been offered for sale with no successful results and has been declared as an unsafe property. The City wishes to redevelop the site. She presented Resolution 2025-06 to the Commissioners – A Resolution to Assign Tax Certificate of Sale Held in the Name of Pike County to the City of Petersburg.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve Resolution 2025-06. Motion passed 3 – 0.

b. Mowing

Administrator Dischinger stated that she had contacted Justin Meyerholtz who mowed for the County in 2024. He proposed to mow Coleman Cemetery for \$100 per mow and Old Town Cemetery for \$150 per mow.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve Mr. Meyerholtz to mow the cemeteries at the prices quoted. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion followed as to why the County is paying for these two cemeteries to be mowed rather than Washington Township Trustee. It was mentioned that one was in the city limits. Commissioner Coleman stated that he would like to reach out to the

trustee in regard to this.

c. Site Attendant

Administrator Dischinger stated that she has a site attendant position vacancy. She requested permission to hire Rex Abel to fill the position. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve Rex Abel as the new site attendant. Motion passed 3 – 0.

d. Indexing/ Deed Scanning Project – Misty Coleman, Recorder

Recorder Coleman stated that she had requested approval of a scanning project in September of 2024 to scan the deed books from 1920 to 1817 for a contract amount of \$33,215. She just learned that the Deed Indexes were completed only back to 1920. Therefore, her scanning project would be worthless because searchers would not be able to find the deed due to no indexing. She wants to increase the project with an addition to the contract to include the grantor/grantee indexes.

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

e. Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd said that he has been trying to catch up on various projects. He had to put off the bridge project because the river came out. He stated that he is going to ask the Council for approval to purchase a brush cutter.

He stated that he gave Ratts I a 15-day notice the previous week. In about two weeks they should have most of the semi-traffic completed.

He stated that Next Era was trying to move their parking lot. He hopes that project is moving in the right direction.

f. EMS Report

Director Young stated that there are three to four weeks of work left on the ambulance barn.

g. Sheriff Report.

Sheriff McKinney stated that the Medical Watch sensors have been installed and the tracking system inside the jail is now complete.

h. EMA/E911 Report

Director Brandon Truitt said that he has completed the FEMA training.

7. BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

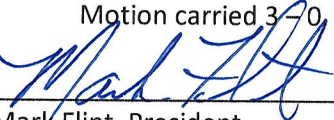
a. PAWS

Brian and Lindsey Kiesel explained that they were working to determine what type of agreement needs to be in place. It was determined that it would be a conflict of interest for Val, Jon and Jeff or be on the board. Therefore, there just needs to be a contract in place for monthly tracking and financial support. Details are to be determined.

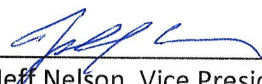
8. ADJOURNMENT

President Flint asked if there was any additional business. Hearing none he called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to adjourn.


Motion carried 3-0.



Mark Flint, President

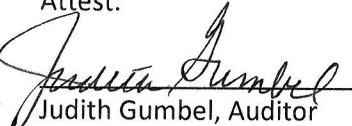


Jeff Nelson, Vice President



Ryan Coleman, Member

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor

3/17/25
Date