

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2026 @ 8:30 am**

**Mark Flint  
Jeff Nelson  
Ryan Coleman**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mark Flint President of the BOC called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. Also present were County Attorney Val Fleig, County Auditor Judith Gumbel, County Administrator Kristi Dischinger, and Highway Superintendent Josh Byrd. Those signing the attendance sheet were Chief Deputy Auditor Audra Warner, EMS Director Chris Young, Assistant EMS Director Doub Mounts, Sheriff Jason McKinney, HILB representative Tony Cochren, and Highway Office Manager Melanie Britton.

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

President Flint asked if there were any additions of corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the February 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes. Commissioner Jeff Nelson seconded by Commissioner Ryan Coleman motioned to approve; motion carried 3 – 0.

**3. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

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

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Open Bids for CCMG 2026**

County Attorney Val Fleig opened the bids. Asphalt Materials was the only company that bid on the AE-90 Tack Oil. For 1251 gallon at \$2.59 per unit the bid was \$3,127.50 based on plant pickup. Cave Quarries, Inc – Tri-Co. Asphalt was the only company to bid on the HMA #11 Surface for 2,294 Ton at a unit price of \$68.50, the bid was \$157,139.

The Commissioners discussed that since there was only one bid per item, they could go ahead and award the bid. Highway Office Manager Melanie Britton stated that would be appreciated because they were on a tight timeline. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motioned to approve both bids. Motion carried 3 – 0.

**b. SWCD - Tabled**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. EMC Insurance Proposal – Hilb Group**

Tony Cochren, Hilb representative presented EMC Insurance Proposal.

**Premium Summary** was as follows: Actual Coverage was stated in the booklet provided and is available for review.

<b>COVERAGE</b>	<b>2025-2026 PREMIUM</b>	<b>2026-2027 PREMIUM</b>	<b>PREMIUM +/-</b>
Property	\$77,947	\$89,857	\$11,910
Inland Marine	\$18,557	\$16,254	(\$2,303)
Crime	\$575	\$575	---
General Liability	\$51,934	\$48,734	(\$3,200)
Linebacker	\$15,642	\$19,440	\$3,798
Law Enforcement	\$37,252	\$50,116	\$12,864
Cyber Liability	\$917	\$917	----
Automobile	\$131,942	\$141,802	\$9,860
Workers' Compensation	\$62,174	\$94,924*	\$32,750
Umbrella	\$54,656	\$65,309	\$10,653
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$451,596</b>	<b>\$527,928</b>	<b>\$76,332</b>

Worker's Compensation has some optional pricing available

Commissioner Coleman asked Mr. Cochren if it could be a savings to go self-insured for any vehicles older than a 2010 model. Mr. Cochren said that he would be glad to figure it.

**b. RT Insurance LLC Lona Huffman(RT) and Bob Seville(Travelers) Proposal**

The discussion was held via zoom.

Coverage Summary:

General Liability Matching Coverages to EMC \$2,000,000 per Annual Aggregate and \$1,000,000 per Each Occurrence.

Sexual Abuse or Molestation \$250,000/\$250,000

Solid Waste Collection Sites Nothing listed

Employee Benefits Liability \$3,000,000/\$3,000,000

**Automobile**

Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist \$1,000,000

Medical Payment \$5,000

Auto Physical Damage ACV 48 units and 7 trailers on the automobile insurance insured at actual cash value.

**Law Enforcement**

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$1,000,000 Annual Aggregate

**Public Officials Liability** \$3,000,000/\$3,000,000

**Employment Practices Liability** \$3,000,000/\$3,000,000

**Employee Blanket Bond** \$100,000 includes Faithful Performance

**Depositors Forgery** \$25,000

**Theft Inside and Outside** \$25,000

**Property (including Boiler & Machinery)** \$66,624,878 This needs to be reviewed and will be lower because there are some duplicates.

Earthquake	\$25,000,000
Flood	\$5,000,000
Business Income & Extra Expense	\$1,000,000
Law Enforcement Animal	\$9,500
<b>Inland Marine / Equipment</b>	
Contractor Equipment	\$3,560,076
Unscheduled Contractors Equipment	\$ 100,000
Leased or Rented Equipment	\$ 100,000
<b>Umbrella/ Excess Liability</b>	\$4,000,000 Each Occurrence excludes cyber Gets us to \$5,000,000 which is the state requirement \$4,000,000 Annual Aggregate
<b>Drone Liability</b>	\$1,000,000 Liability Aggregate
Physical Damage	Actual Cash Value
<b>CYBER LIABILITY</b>	\$1,000,000
Social Engineering and Telecom Fraud	\$250,000
<b>PREMIUMS:</b>	
General Liability	\$22,365
Automobile Liability	\$71,697
& Physical Damage	\$28,000 & \$1,100
Law Enforcement	\$84,590
Public Officials	\$15,642
Claims made	\$ 4,022
Claims made Employment Practices	\$15,149
Employee Blanket Bond	\$458
Property including Boiler & Machinery	102,443
Inland Marine – Equipment Coverage	\$5,180
Umbrella	\$34,771
Drone Liability	\$1,737
Cyber Liability	\$14,436
<b>TOTAL PREMIUM</b>	<b>\$369,067 Maximum (Some duplicate items)</b>

**Does not include worker's comp.**  
**Does not include premises liability**

Renewal on March 3, 2026 ,with current policy. Decision will have to be made on our insurance including worker's comp at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner's meeting.

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger said that she would like to look things over to be sure that nothing has been missed.

**c. Pike-VS Engineering Bridge Inspection Contract 27-30**

Highway Manager Melanie Britton explained that the contract would start March 27 and run through April 30, 2031. It is a consulting contract. She stated that the inspection contracts are in a 4-year cycle completed in four phases. The contract is with VS Engineering, Inc. The maximum amount payable under this Contract shall not exceed \$558,297.00.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the contract. Motion carried 3 -0.

**d. Fuel Tax Refund Agreement**

EMS Director Chris Young stated that the prior contract had actually run out. He explained that MALCON has been the contractor for several years. The company has changed ownership. The current President is Daniel Vaughn. Director Young had thought that this was something that he and the highway might tackle themselves but was advised that it is a lot of work. Malcon stated that they would agree to a contract to do 2023, 2024, and 2025 fuel tax.

The contract fee is 50% of the refund received up to a refund of \$3,000 per QUARTER or a maximum of \$1,500/quarter. The County has no cost. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the Fuel Tax Refund Agreement. Motion carried 3 – 0.

**e. EMS Medicaid Agreement-Malcon**

EMS Director Young stated that this contract covers years 2025-2026-2027. This contract is for providing technical expertise in the preparation of a payment adjustment for eligible fee-for-service Medicaid ambulance services. It will cover Ambulance Cost Report Data Collection, Ambulance Cost Report Presentation to County Officials, Delivery and Negotiation with State Officials, and Audit Defense to Federal and State Auditors.

The contract fee is 50% of all recoveries up to \$19,000 with the professional service fee capped at \$9,500.00. Should there be an audit, the billed rate will be \$175/hr. Director Young stated that it is the same contract as always with a new Company Name, Malcon Indiana, Inc. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the contract. Motion carried 3 – 0.

**f. Stryker Contract – added to the agenda**

Director Young explained that this is the maintenance contract for the powerload-procare ambulance cots. The contract was approved during the budget period. It covers the original five cots plus a new cot for the Remount Ambulance that we are getting. The contract was adjusted to cover five years including all of the cots through 2/12/2031 at \$17,033.99/year. It was \$17,034/year so the County saved 5 cents.

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

**g. EMS Insurance Renewal**

This is also through RT Insurance, Lona Hoffman but it is with McNeil rather than Travelers. The premium went up a small amount. It includes the new building but did not include the new remount. It was decided to get a total quote by next meeting and to make all insurance decisions then.

#### **h. Auditor-Year End**

Auditor Gumbel shared the 100R which is submitted to the State Board of Accounts and lists the total compensation paid to each Pike County employee during 2025. She stated that it does not include contracted labor. She shared that the final budget for 2026 was \$23,079,381.26 including \$654,458.26 including encumbrances. Finally, she shared the division of costs as expended to Eck-Mundy for 2025 for a total of \$260,869.93. The report can be used to predict technology expenses that will be occurring at least every 5- years.

### **6 BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS**

#### **a. Condemnation Settlements x3**

President Flint stated that County Attorney Val Fleig and Highway Office Manager Melanie Britton completed negotiations through a mediator for the last three Condemnation Settlements over the right-a-ways last Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> with three landowners along County Road 300. Attorney Fleig stated that he felt the settlement was fair. Settlement to Brian Sutt was \$6,000 including a Court Appointed Appraisers Award of \$3,650. Settlement to Jarod and Marva Bradfield was \$37,500 including a Court Appointed Appraisers Award of \$17,200. Settlement to Daniel Staake was \$100,000 including a Court Appointed Appraisers Award of \$83,840.

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

#### **b. Commercial Insurance Renewal - Travelers**

The agenda was reordered due to the zoom meeting. See New Business, item b.

#### **c. 2026 Appointment**

County Administrator Dischinger stated that if it was ok with the Commissioners she would stay with the PTA BOA Board for another year. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the appointment. Motion carried 3 – 0.

#### **d. CEDIT Additional RFP**

Ms. Dischinger explained that the RFP for the Courthouse came in \$6,000 higher than the \$25,000 budgeted. This is the amount of the additional that she is requesting.

Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation Request. Motion carried 3 – 0.

#### **e. Mowing**

Ms. Dischinger recommended that the Commissioner hire Justin Meyerholtz to mow Coleman Cemetery for \$100/mow, Old Town for \$150/mow, and Winslow for \$125/mow. She stated if the Commissioners were happy with these prices, it would not have to be bid out. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman, motioned to approve Justin

to now as presented. Motion carried 3 – 0.

**f. EMS Report**

Director Young stated that he would be picking up the remount hopefully on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**g. Sheriff's Report – None**

**h. Highway Report**

Superintendent Byrd stated they would be putting in a box culvert on 725 E next week.

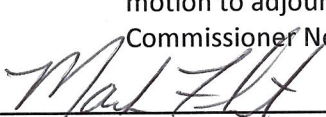
**i. Auditor Gumbel**

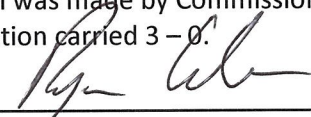
Auditor Gumbel asked for permission to settle an audit question with Fund 1222 prior to the next meeting. \$196.69. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve.

**BUSINESS BY PUBLIC** None

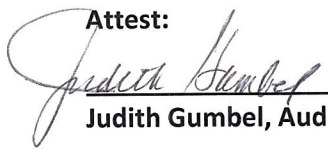
**j. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Commissioners, President Flint called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion carried 3 – 0.

  
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Mark Flint, President

  
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Ryan Coleman, Vice-President

  
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Jeff Nelson

**Attest:**  
  
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Judith Gumbel, Auditor

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Date