

**PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

Jon Craig,
Max Elliott
Jeff Harting
Travis Troutman

Greg Willis
Randy Harris
Eric Smith

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-President Greg Willis called the meeting to order. All Council members were present excepting Jon Craig who was absent due to medical reasons. Auditor Judith Gumbel was also present. Members of the audience who signed in were Pike County Sheriff Chief Deputy Dallas Killian, Chief Deputy Auditor Audra Warner, EMS Director Chris Young, EMA-E-911 Director Kyler Henry Highway Office Manager Melanie Britton, and Pike County Clerk Alan Evans.

2. APPROVAL OF January 13, 2026, MINUTES

VP Willis 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 Councilman Jeff Harting and seconded by Councilman Randy Harris. Motion carried 6 – 0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Additional Appropriation and Transfer Forms Revision

VP Willis asked for an explanation. Auditor Gumbel explained that it was difficult to add information in the current excel forms. The new forms are word forms. VP Willis asked if there were any questions. He then called for a motion. Motion to approve the new forms was made by Councilman Eric Smith and seconded by Councilman Harris. Motion carried 6 – 0.

b. Capital Improvement Plans

VP Willis reminded departments that the Commissioner's Office needs each department's Capital Improvement Plans. It is important that these are done in order to properly budget for the next five years. We are all knowledgeable that budgets are going to be tight so we have to plan.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2026-06 Establishing Fund 9104 – IGIO SEED

E-911 Director Kyler Henry explained that this is a grant to help with the expenses of updating the local WTH mapping. The money was made available by the State of Indiana. The work will be done by WTH and will include road centerline creation, address creation, and fall out corrections. The grant amount is \$7,500.00. The resolution is for the purpose of establishing the fund and stating the allowable uses of the fund.

VP Willis asked if there were any questions. Councilman Harris seconded by Councilman Max Elliott motioned to approve Resolution 2026-06 Establishing Fund 9104 – IGIO SEED. Motion carried 6 – 0.

b. RISE MOU Amendment 2

Prosecutor Darrin McDonald explained that initially RISE wanted to be paid monthly for the RISE PEER Counseling Agreement. The first amendment was to change the agreement to quarterly payments in order to save administrative time. Rise then experienced a change in their funding stream resulting in a need to again be paid monthly. This agreement amendment changes the pay structure to monthly payments.

VP Willis asked if there were any questions. Councilman Travis Troutman seconded by Councilman Harting motioned to approve the 2nd Amendment to the RISE contract. Motion carried 6 – 0.

5. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Circuit Court Requests Additional Appropriation in General Fund 1000-0232 .

Amount		Fund/Account/Location/Name	Current Balance
\$15,000	From	General Fund 1000-0232	7,669,943.35
			<u>\$19,332,316.82</u>
			Allocated
	To	1000-30951-0232, CASA	\$ 0.00
<p>This is the CASA appropriation that was approved at the January meeting. Auditor was unable to advertise in GATEWAY so she advertised in the Press-Dispatch as advised. Later DLGF stated to do the advertisement in GATEWAY. Therefore, this is just a reapproval.</p>			

Auditor Gumbel explained that item a. is the same appropriation that the Council approved in the January meeting. Initially she was told to advertise it in the newspaper since the application was not yet available in Gateway. Later she was told that it needed to be submitted through Gateway. Therefore, she is requesting that the Council reapprove the \$15,000 CASA Additional Appropriation since she could now complete the advertisement in Gateway, Councilman Elliott seconded by Councilman Harris motioned to reapprove the \$15,000 Additional Appropriation for CASA. Motion carried 6 – 0.

b. Pike County Clerk Requests Additional Appropriation from Fund 1215 Election and Registration.

Amount	Fund/Account/Location/Name	Current Balance
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\$9,200	From	Fund 1215 Election and Registration	\$161,337.17 \$84,923.94 unallocated
	To	1215-40500-0001 Computer & Technology Purchase	\$0.00

Pike County Clerk Alan Evans explained that he had intended to do this in 2025, but time slipped away. Apple can't/won't update the old poll pads. These take the place of the old poll books. Therefore, he needs to purchase something that can be supported for the elections. He did say that he would be able to use the old ones for other good purposes.

VP Willis asked if Council had questions about the request. Hearing none, he called for a motion. Councilman Harting seconded by Councilman Smith motioned to approve clerk's additional appropriations request, as well as Resolution 2026-07 below. Motion carried 6 – 0.

c. Resolution 2026-07 – 2-10-26 Additional Appropriations

d. Resolution 2026-05 – Rescind

Auditor Gumbel explained that this was the Resolution for the CASA additional approved at the January meeting.

Councilman Elliott seconded by Councilman Harris motioned to rescind Resolution 2026-05. Motion carried 6 – 0.

6. TRANSFERS

a. Pike County Prosecutor Requests Transfer in General Fund 1000-0009 – Prosecutor

Amount		Fund/Account/location/Name	Current Balance
\$5,000.00	From	1000-10491-0009, Depositions & Transcripts	\$5,700.00
\$	To	1000-10412-0009, Witness Fees	\$300.00
Expert witness in Mullis case			

Prosecutor Darrin McDonald explained that this was an important trial, and he had felt it necessary to hire two expert witnesses. One conducted a polygraph and interpreted it at \$200/hr. and the other was for the results of an autopsy at \$450/hr.

Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Elliott motioned to approve the transfer. Motion carried 6 – 0.

7. TRANSFERS - MIRRORED TRANSFERS TO ESTABLISH 1173 BUDGET FOR 2026 – Please see items in Green highlight.

AS OF 1/1/2026		Original App.	1173	1176
Loc: 0530				
Office Manager	1176-10123-0530	\$56,200.00	\$0.00	\$56,200.00
County Superintendent	1176-10383-0530	\$66,750.00	\$0.00	\$66,750.00
Office Supplies	1176-20200-0530	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00

Postage	1176-30120-0530	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Travel Expense	1176-30130-0530	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Telephone	1176-30140-0530	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
Cell Phones	1176-30150-0530	\$6,250.00	\$0.00	\$6,250.00
Professional Services	1176-30230-0530	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Utilities	1176-30401-0530	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	1176-30441-0530	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Utility Repairs	1176-30571-0530	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Office Equipment Maintenance	1176-30660-0530	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Maintenance Contracts	1176-30670-0530	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Loc: 0531				
a. Truck Drivers/ Operators	1176-10191-0531	\$580,350.00	\$377,227.50	\$203,122.50
b. Lead Person	1176-10382-0531	\$55,200.00	\$44,160.00	\$11,040.00
c. Overtime	1176-10460-0531	\$35,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$7,000.00
d. Material	1176-20500-0531	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
e. Rock	1176-20502-0531	\$500,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$50,000.00
Bituminous	1176-20510-0531	\$325,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$0.00
f. Blacktop Preservation**	1176-20520-0531	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
Hardware & Tools	1176-20810-0531	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
CDL Training	1176-30500-0531	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Road Signs	1176-40430-0531	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Loc: 0533				
Uniform/Clothing Allow	1176-10402-0533	\$10,650.00	\$0.00	\$10,650.00
Employee Review Test	1176-10120-0533	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
Mechanic	1176-10591-0533	\$95,100.00	\$0.00	\$95,100.00
g. FICA	1176-10710-0533	\$68,656.00	\$48,059.20	\$20,596.80
h. PERF	1176-10720-0533	\$100,516.00	\$70,361.20	\$30,154.80
i. Group Health Insurance	1176-10730-0533	\$442,015.00	\$309,410.50	\$132,604.50
Workman's Comp	1176-10750-0533	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Educational Fund (Union)	1176-10810-0533	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Fuel, Oil & lubricants	1176-20340-0533	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
TIRES	1176-20351-0533	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Other Garage & Motor Supplies	1176-20371-0533	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
Personal Protective Equipment	1176-20440-0533	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Lawn & Building Care	1176-30102-0533	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Vehicle Insurance	1176-30300-0533	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Radio Repair	1176-30540-0533	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Equipment Rental	1176-30601-0533	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	1176-30810-0533	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Machinery & Equipment/Truck	1176-40610-0533	\$222,635.00	\$0.00	\$222,635.00

\$2,896,962.00 \$1,727,218.40 \$1,169,743.60

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The above is placed in the agenda for transparency to show how the MVH funding is currently anticipated to be used. Auditor Gumbel reminded Council that DLGF requires that the entire MVH budget – Funds 1176 and 1173 – initially be placed in Fund 1176. After the budget is approved the County is then allowed to establish a budget for Fund 1173. This is done by completing mirrored transfers.

Councilman Elliott seconded by Councilman Harris motioned to approve the mirrored transfers. Motion carried 6 – 0.

8. BUSINESS BY COUNCIL

a. Park and Recreation

VP Willis reminded Council that this appointment was tabled at the January Meeting. Appointee Dona Pohlein has timed out. Councilman Troutman seconded by Councilman Harting motioned to appoint Dona Pohlein to a new 4-year term ending 12/31/29. Motion carried 6 – 0.

b. Mental Health

Council's appointee for several years has been Marcia Hill. It had been the opinion of VP Willis that it was traditionally a 2-year term. Auditor Gumbel contacted Regional Mental Health and was told that they do not care what the length of the term is. Councilman Harris seconded by Councilman Elliott motioned to appoint Marcia Hill to a 2-year term ending 12/31/27. Motion carried 6 – 0.

c. Department Reports

EMS Director Chris Young stated that he should be able to pick up the remount ambulance next Tuesday, and it should be in service in a couple of weeks.

d. 100-R - Auditor

Auditor Gumbel stated that the Council had the 100-R's in their packets. She stated that the report lists all employees that were paid by the County, the department for whom they worked and the position worked, and their annual wages.

e. 2026 DLGF Approved Budget – Auditor

Auditor Gumbel stated that this was the finalization of the budget process for 2025. The budget was approved 12/31/25. The Council approved \$654,458.26 of encumbrances at the January Council meeting. Therefore, the County basically began 2026 with a total budget of \$23,079,381.26.

f. Conflict of Interest Statements – Acceptance

- i. Jon Craig – stated a financial interest connected with any contracts or purchases of the governmental entity for which he serves, proposed to be made by the governmental entity

with or from a particular contractor or vendor – Midwestern Engineers, Inc.

- ii. Eric Smith – stated that he and his wife Robin D. Smith own and operate D & S Hardware Inc. DBA Petersburg Hardware. He stated that multiple County departments frequently shop the store for hardware related goods and services.

VP Willis asked for a motion to accept both Conflict of Interest Statements. Councilman Harting seconded by Councilman Troutman motioned to accept the statements. Motion carried 5 – 0 with Councilman Smith abstaining from the vote.

g. Treasurer and Clerk Monthly Reports -These reports were in the packets.

9. NEXT REGULAR COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Pike County Council, VP Willis called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 6 – 0.

NAYS

Jon Craig, President

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- Jon did not attend the meeting February 10, 2026.
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ATTEST:

 3-10-26
Judith Gumbel, Auditor