

**PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 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 Pike County Attorney Val Fleig, Auditor Judith Gumbel, and County Administrator Kristi Dischinger. Others present included Pike County Coroner Ray Brooks, Colton O'Neal, EMS Director Chris Young, Shellie Wickham, EMA/E-911 Director Brandon Truitt, County Health Nurse Amy Gladish, Deputy Auditor Audra Warner, EDC Executive Director Ashley Willis, Levi Hume, Sheriff Jason McKinney, and Press Dispatch Editor Sherri Sebella.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2024

President Flint asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the minutes. Hearing none he called for a motion. Commissioner Jeff Nelson seconded by Commissioner Ryan Coleman motioned to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3 -0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR MARCH 4, 2024

President Flint asked if there were any questions in regard to the claims. Hearing none he called for a motion to approve the claims for March 4, 2024. Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the claims. Motion passed 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance to Vacate a Public Way - O'Neal

Colton H. O'Neal requested to vacate a public way and close a portion of a road possibly and technically known as Persimmon Street in Arcadia which is a platted area in Monroe Township. The street is platted as 40 feet wide north and south, and runs east and west. It appears on the printout of the GIS mapping system that the street has been vacated in areas east of the location of Mr. O'Neal's garage. Said garage was built by the former owner of Mr. O'Neal's property and it was thought that the garage was on the property now owned by Mr. O'Neal. However, it was actually built on a remaining part of Persimmon street. The neighbor Edra L. Heacock who owns the other side of the street has also signed the petition. The desire is to vacate the street and close it. County Attorney Fleig stated that the land would be split between Mr. O'Neal and Ms. Heacock. Mr. Neal stated that the length of the remaining street is 60 feet. Therefore, each landowner's portion would be a rectangle 20' by approximately 60'.

President Flint called for a motion to vacate the property as described. Motion to approve Ordinance # 2024 -02 vacating the proposed street made by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Nelson passed 3 – 0. Ordinance # 2024-02 adopted.

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval (Resolution) & Extension of Service Agreement

EMS Director Chris Young presented the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan that former EMA Director Ryan Benner started in October of 2022. It has now been submitted to IDHS for their approval. Director Young stated that every entity involved with the plan has to approve the plan.

President Flint called for a motion on behalf of the Commissioners to approve the plan. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the plan. Motion passed 3 – 0.

This grant now also requires an extension because it has been delayed for so long. The extension of the agreement which is with Research Services through the Trustees of Indiana University needed to extend the agreement entered into on July 1, 2022 to an extended time period of 8/31/2024. There was also a change in program administrator from Marianne Cardwell to Sharon Kandris as Principal Investigator. This grant had a cost and the County is currently up-to-date on the expenses, but when everything is completed there will be another \$1,500 charge that will be reimbursed by another source. The Commissioners need to agree to the extension to keep the project moving.

President Flint called for a motion to extend the agreement as requested. Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the extension and was seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Approval of Medical Director Contract-EMS

EMS Director Young stated that this is the contract for the EMS' new Medical Director Dr. Curtis. The contract language is the same except for the amount of compensation which increased to \$6,000. President Flint asked if there were any questions. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the contract.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Additional-2

The first additional was in the amount of \$704.50, and it is for work that BLN authorized before they received a Notice to Proceed. It is not reimbursable, but BLN will pay us back. This was for Co Rd 300 N, Fund 8300. The second request was for \$28,720.17 for Rock for Solar and Black Hawk from Fund 1176, MVH.

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the requests for additional appropriations. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Highway Transfer

The highway also requested a transfer of \$166,900 from 1112-32300-0531, CR 300 N Rehab to 1112-40610-0531 Machinery & Equipment for the purchase of a tri-axle dump truck.

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

Unofficial Detour-INDOT Hill Correction

This is about the unofficial detour that will have to be in place for the hill correction at the Tech Center. It is from Hwy 57 to Hwy 61. The detour is Co Rd 300 N. There is also going to be a lot going on with the solar projects coming in. The project is somewhat started. It is anticipated that the road will be closed in April. The plan had been to close 300 to trucks but with everything starting up, Superintendent Byrd is not sure they can do that. Sheriff McKinney asked if it would be possible for a truck and a school bus to even pass. Superintendent Byrd stated that it would be tight. He also said that the solar field were going to have entrances coming into the fields from 300. They have already sent the driveway permits to Mr. Byrd. He has not signed off on them yet because he thinks the project is large enough that sign-off needs to be done by the Commissioners. He has had a meeting with the project manager. He fears that there will be an accident. They have also requested Meridian and Illinois Street. The solar company said that they could be receiving 30 to 40 semi-trucks per day.

Superintendent Byrd stated that with IN DOT they either put the road on the list and if something happens to the road get paid for it or not put it on the list, they use it anyway, and we don't get paid for a damaged road.

Commissioner Flint asked if there were anymore questions. Hearing none, he called for a motion. Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Coleman motioned to approve the Unofficial Detour presented by IN DOT. Motion passed 3 – 0.

WTH Request for GIS Information (CoreLogic)

County Administrator Kristi Dischinger explained this was a request by Corelogic to use some of the County's GIS layers as maintained by WTH. The County receives a small fee of \$250 when the project is complete. Commissioner Flint asked if there were any questions.

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

BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Mowing bids

County Administrator Dischinger explained that this was just the standard notice that she puts out requesting bids for the mowing of Coleman Cemetery and Old Town Cemetery. President Flint asked Attorney Fleig if it needed to be approved for Ms. Dischinger to put the bid out, and his answer was "yes".

Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve Ms. Dischinger to advertise for the bids for mowing. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Update on Window Project and Tuckpointing

Ms. Dischinger stated that everything should be completed by the 11th. She said the grates would be completed by today. Ms. Dischinger has checked with a recommended company

regarding the tuckpointing. Unless it is in the scope of another project that they are doing, it is not work that they do. So Tuffy is seeking out other companies and checking whether they will do just some portions of the building without doing the entire building.

Highway

They have been changing pipe on the back way to Lake Helmrich so that it won't run into the lake. Getting ready to start the bridge project down by the blue barn. They are also working on signage.

Commissioner Nelson brought up that some employees had missed out on some vacation pay in regard to the switch to the PTO policy. A discussion took place, and it was apparent that more information was needed. President Flint asked if it would be ok to table the discussion until more information was learned. Commissioner Nelson agreed.

Commissioner Flint welcomed to **EMA/E-911 Director Brandon Truitt** to the County workforce.

BUSINESS BY PUBLIC

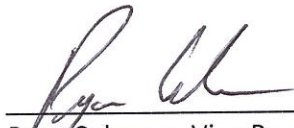
Levi Hume stated that he was there to thank the County for the quick action on Co Rd 250 S. He appreciated the quick action. He stated that he was present to follow-up on what if any action had been decided on. Superintendent Byrd stated that the County was not done. He has meetings scheduled. He hopes to widen the hills a little more. But he needs to get some permissions from a landowner. Mr. Hume said that it is tight if he meets with a school bus. He asked if there would be some ditching along with widening. The answer was "yes".

ADJOURNMENT

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



Mark Flint, President

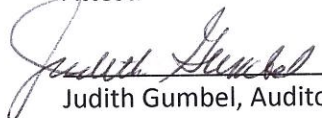


Ryan Coleman, Vice-President



Jeff Nelson, Member

Attest:



Judith Gumbel, Auditor

3-18-24
Date