# Pike County Board Budget 1

# Meeting Minutes

September 15th, 2020

1. Call to order

Chairman Andy Borrowman called to order the regular meeting of the Pike County Board at 6:30 p.m. in the upper courtroom of the Pike County Courthouse.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Borrowman gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Members present were Andy Borrowman, John Birch, Tim Lewis, Jim Sheppard, and Mark Sprague. Members attending remotely were Amy Gates, Rodger Hannel, Mark Mountain, and Derek Ross.

1. Budget Discussions

Budgets discussed and presented were Chris Johnson, Pike County Highway Department. Bryce Gleckler, Circuit Clerk, Zack Boren, Pike County State’s Attorney, Scott Syrcle, Treasurer, Public Defender, Retirement fund, Mental Health Fund, Insurance fund.

1. Discussion of Billing Departments for HRA claims and HSA Contributions

Discussions regarding both parts to the county insurance were discussed. Jim Sheppard went over current costs and projected costs. Derek Ross stated that the county joined the hope trust in January of 2017 and was self-insured prior. He stated the increase in 2019 was 4-5%. Derek expressed concerns over the rate increases.

Jim Sheppard stated that next may the county could bid out insurance and the 150 per month HSA contribution could be discussed that is paid by the general fund.

This will be addressed at the full County Board meeting on September 28th, 2020.

1. Adoption of coverage plans for Calendar year 2021

Jim Sheppard gave a summary of the available plans and members of the board questioned how many employees were enrolled in the current offered plans. Jim Sheppard stated he would supply those figures prior to next board meeting.

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1. Discussion of Employee Rates for 2021

Jim Sheppard provided a tentative amount that the plans would cost the employees. He stated that due to the FOP contract, the union members in the Sheriff’s Department can only have a set increase.

Budget deficits were discussed, and suggestions were made to either increase revenue or decrease expenses. Options were addressed to start charging the City of Pittsfield for dispatching, becoming more aggressive on fines, and possible layoffs. Chairman Borrowman stated 3 departments furloughed when the county requested it and saved the county $25,431.00. A forced furlough might have to occur.

1. New Business

None

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None

1. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Sprague, seconded by John Birch. Voice vote 8-0. Motion adjourned at 8:54 p.m.