# Pike County Board

# Meeting Minutes

October 26th, 2020

1. Call to order

Chairman Andy Borrowman called to order the regular meeting of the Pike County Board at 7:00 p.m. in the upper courtroom of the Pike County Courthouse.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

1. Roll Call

Members present were Andy Borrowman, John Birch, Amy Gates, Rodger Hannel, Tom Lewis, Derek Ross (Teams), Mark Sprague, and Jim Sheppard.

1. Approval of Minutes from September 28th, 2020

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the September minutes. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

1. Approval of Budget Hearing Minutes from October 7th, 2020

Rodger Hannel made a motion to approve Budget Hearing 3 minutes. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice Vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Approval of Budget Hearing Minutes on October 15th, 2020

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Approval of Budget Hearing Minutes from October 22nd, 2020

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve budget minutes. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Shelby Crowe, University of Illinois County Director

Shelby Crowe presented to the board the different programs offered and requested the Board’s support for continued funding.

1. Hickory Ridge Landfill Yearly Update

Mr. Coulter gave the board an update on the year for the landfill and projected incomes for next budget. A project regarding biogas extraction was explained.

1. Community Development Block Grant

Public Hearing took place at 6:30 p.m. on October 26th, 2020. Funds used for the bridge south of Nebo (Village bridge).

Approval of Council Resolution on Support

 Amy Gates made a motion to approve the Council Resolution on Support. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion passed.

Approval of Resolution Regarding Return of After Collected Funds

 Rodger Hannel made a motion Regarding Return of After Collected Funds. Amy Gates seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion passed.

1. Re-appointment of Board of Health Members, David Iftner and Danielle Benz for a 3-year term to expire on June 30th, 2023.

John Birch made a motion to approve the appointments of the Board of Health Members. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion passed

1. Ambulance Union Contract

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the Ambulance contract. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion passed.

1. ICRMT

Rodger Hannel made a motion to approve the ICRMT Contract as proposed. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 6-1. Derek Ross voting Nay. Motion passed.

1. Committee Reports

Finance

The Finance committee of the Pike County Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 21, 2020 in the conference room of the Pike County Government Building. Members present were: Amy Gates, Rodger Hannel, Jim Sheppard, Board Chairman Andy Borrowman, also present were: Treasurer Scott Syrcle, Sheriff David Greenwood, and County Clerk Natalie Roseberry was present remotely.

Routine bills in the amount of $90,802.83 were approved for payment on a motion by Rodger Hannel and a second by Amy Gates.

The committee first discussed the status of the budget process and developments since the last hearing. It was then noted that budget amendments needed to be posted by November 6th, 2020. Jim Sheppard requested Scott Syrcle send him budget status reports for the funds outside of the general fun so that he can determine who needs to amend. Natalie Roseberry reported the latest submission for CURES funding was still pending. This one is for salary reimbursement for April in the Sheriff’s Department. This is about $117,000.00. She stated that she would make a further submission before November 1st to use up our remaining funds and that she has applied for an additional $280,000. This is not guaranteed, but the worst that can happen is they say no.

Natalie Roseberry also reported that she is working on an agreement with Lowry & Hoskins LLP concerning the tract index. This would be a mutual beneficial agreement. Rodger Hannel made a motion to refer the resolution to the full board for consideration when it is ready. Amy Gates seconded. Motion carried.

We then moved on to consideration of the use of escrow checks for the redemption of back taxes by title companies. Natalie Roseberry stated that during the pandemic it is more difficult to obtain cashiers checks and since these funds are legally supposed to be in escrow this should not present a problem. She also stated that all the counties in our zone except one allow local title companies to do this. Amy Gates made a motion to refer this resolution to the full board when it is prepared. Rodger Hannel seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m. on a motion by Amy Gates and a second by Rodger Hannel.

Amy Gates made a motion to approve the finance Committee minutes. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

Highway

The Road and Bridge Committee met Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at the County Highway Department. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Members present were Rodger Hannel, Mark Mountain, John Birch, Andy Borrowman, and Resident Engineer Gary Laux.

A motion was made by John Birch, seconded by Mark Mountain to pay claims per claim reports dated October 14th, 2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Mountain, seconded by John Birch to approve the following Half Aid to Bridge Projects. All approved. Motion carried.

Martinsburg Township: Project 2020-13 consists of replacing damaged culvert on 190th St with an 18” x 50’ CMP. Total cost of project is $6,092.14. Pike County paid $2,485.00 and Martinsburg Township paid $3,607.14 of expenses. To settle Pike County owes $561.07 to Martinsburg Township.

Fairmount Township: Project 2020-01 consists of replacing damaged culvert on 340th St. South of 365th Av (Miller-Hecox) with a 24” x 40’ culvert. Pike County did not pay any expenses. Total cost of project was $1,759.28. Pike County to reimburse Fairmount Township the sum of $879.64.

Fairmount Township: Project 2020-02 consists of replacing damaged culvert on 285th Av East of 372nd St (Phillips\_ with a 24” x 40’ culvert. Pike County did not pay any expenses. Total cost of project was $1,660.41. Pike County to reimburse Fairmount Township the sum of $830.20.

Fairmount Township: Project 2020-03 consists of replacing damaged culvert on Perry Fishhook Road at 370th St with a 24” x 40’ culvert. Pike County did not pay any expenses. Total cost of project was $3,019.44. Pike County to reimburse Fairmount Township the sum of $1,509.72.

Fairmount Township: Project 2020-04 consists of replacing damaged culvert on 335th with a 30’ x 30’ culvert. Pike County did not pay any expenses. Total cost of project was $5,318.29. Pike County to reimburse Fairmount Township the sum of $2,.649.14.

Fairmount Township: Project 2020-05 consists of replacing damaged culvert on Perry Fishhook Road West of 370th St with a 30” x 60’ culvert. Pike County did not pay any expenses. Total cost of project was $1,861.12. Pike County to reimburse Fairmount Township the sum of $930.56.

A motion was made by John Birch, seconded by Mark Mountain, to adjourn meeting at 3:40 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made to approve Half Aid to Bridge Martinsburg by Tom Lewis. Seconded by Mark Sprague. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

Motion made to approve Half Aid to Bridge in Fairmount Township (5 projects) by John Birch. Seconded by Tom Lewis. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the Highway Committee minutes. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

 Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds committee met on October 21st, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. in the Pike County Annex building. Members of the committee present were Tom Lewis, Derek Ross, Rodger Hannel, and Andy Borrowman. Sheriff David Greenwood was also present.

Sheriff Greenwood mentioned that he was getting a broken window replaced near the top of the Courthouse. A severe windstorm broke the window.

Also, Sheriff Greenwood wants a drop box at the Annex Building to collect future “lawn space” requests to use the Courthouse lawn for their vendor business. The B & G committee agreed this was a good idea. Sheriff Greenwood stated he would work with vendors to be sure they are adequately insured before they can use the Courthouse lawn.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the bills totaling $23,498.04. Derek Ross seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. by a motion from Derek Ross and a second by Tom Lewis. The motion passed.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the Building and Grounds committee minutes. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

GIS/IT

The GIS/IT committee of the Pike County Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 13th, 2020 in the upstairs conference room of the Pike County Jail. Those present were: Mark Sprague, Jim Sheppard, Dan Brennecke, and Board Chairman Andy Borrowman and Cory Phillips by phone.

Routine bills in the amount of $12,922.32 were approved for payment on a motion by Mark Sprague and a second by Amy Gates.

Our first item for discussion was the problems we were experience with election computer losing its connection with State Board. Cory stated he felt it could be fixed with a static ip address being assigned to that computer. In the meantime, Natalie has learned how to reset the system.

We were next presents with two quotes from GFI. One is for two additional points for the courthouse. Given the issues in the upper courtroom, the committee understood the need for this. One point would go in the State’s Attorneys office. These would also aid functionality at the security checkpoint. Cost on this quote was $1,730.70. The second quote was for hard drives to build a server for the government building. Cost for this would be $1,226.72. Amy Gates made a motion to accept both bids and Mark Sprague seconded. Motion carried.

Our last item was to look at some arial photography that WTH had offered to the Supervisor of Assessments office for $300.00. While the quality is not great, they are able to easily compare these to earlier photography and determine some changes. Mark Sprague made a motion to accept the photography and Amy Gates seconded. Motion carried.

On a motion by Amy Gates and a second by Mark Sprague, meeting adjourned at 6”06 p.m.

Rodger Hannel made a motion to approve the GIS/IT minutes. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

Public Safety

The Pike County Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on October 21st, 2020. Those in attendance were committee members Derek Ross, Amy Gates, Tom Lewis, Andy Borrowman, and Pike County Ambulance administrator Josh Martin. Also in attendance were numerous Pike County Ambulance Employees.

Under old business, a proposal to purchase a new ambulance was presented by Administrator Martin. A motion was made by Amy Gates and seconded by Tom Lewis to forward the proposal to the full board for consideration. The motion passed. At last month’s public safety committee meeting, the Pike County Health Department said they had been contacted about County Employees not wearing masks. After some discussion, we believe that the Pike County Health Department and Department heads have notified employees that masks should be worn. But since it appears there is no law to force government employees to wear a mask, it is at the employee’s discretion whether to wear a mask or not. This was further discussed, and the office identified was the Pike County Treasurers.

Under new business, Administrator Martin said he was looking into online continuing education courses and will keep us up to date on what he finds, and a staff meeting is scheduled for later this month via Zoom.

Tom Lewis made a motion and Amy Gates seconded to pay bill sin the amount of $24,552.89. The motion passed.

Amy Gates made a motion and Tom Lewis seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Amy Gates made a motion to approve the purchase of an additional ambulance. Rodger Hannel seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

Amy Gates made a motion to approve the Public Safety minutes. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

ETSB

The Emergency Telephone Systems Board of Pike County met at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19th, 2020 in the upstairs conference room of the Pike County Jail. Members present were; Larry Bradshaw, Tom Lewis, Sheriff David Greenwood, Ambulance Administrator Josh Martin, Jason White, and Jim Sheppard. 911 coordinator Stephanie Rheinhardt was also present.

Routine bills in the amount of $21,092.17 were approved for payment.

There was discussion about transfers from the ETSB fund for other purposes. Jim Sheppard stated that all of these had not been received and would be returned to ETSB within the week.

Sheriff Greenwood asked the board to fund an additional two dispatchers. These would be at the average salary of $41,600.00. Larry Bradshaw stated he was reluctant to do so since some of the boards purchases can run into several hundred thousand dollars for a dispatch system or radios. There was also the question of whether the ICC would allow this. After more discussion there was a general consensus that if the ICC had no issue with the additional payment then the ETSB would be willing to fund one more dispatcher, with the matter to be reviewed on an annual basis. The matter will be discussed at the December 14, 2020 meeting.

Currently, the ETSB account has a balance of $285,348 in it. Stephanie reported that she is fully staffed and is having some difficulty getting the latest hire trained for 911 due to the pandemic.

Next ETSB meeting will be December 14th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on a motion by Larry Bradshaw and a second by Jason White.

John Birch made a motion to approve the ETSB report. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

1. New Business

Rodger Hannel thanked the Pike County Health Department for their continued efforts towards COVID-19.

1. Old Business

Pike County Health Department Sharon Bargman stated she had some concerns over the refusal of the Pike County Treasurer’s office to wear masks. Pike County Treasurer, Scott Syrcle stated he was unaware this was a mandate and that doesn’t believe they have to.

1. Chairman’s Remarks

None

1. Summary of Expenses for the Month/Mileage & Per Diem Report

Motion to approve made by Amy Gates. Seconded by Tom Lewis. Voice vote 7-0. Reports approved.

1. Questions from Press and Visitors

Mike Boren stated continued efforts to recognize the bicentennial.

1. Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120(c)(5) Probable/Imminent Litigation

Amy Gates made a motion to enter closed session at 8:15 p.m. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 6-1 with Jim Sheppard voting Na. Motion passed.

Time out: 8:37 p.m.

 Motion made by Amy Gates to give the State’s Attorney the authority to facilitate collection on RLF. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion passed.

1. Adjourn

Amy Gates made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by John Birch. Voice vote 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Natalie Roseberry



