# Pike County Board

# Meeting Minutes

September 28th, 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

Greg McClain 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 (Telephone), Tom Lewis, Mark Mountain, Derek Ross, Mark Sprague, and Jim Sheppard.

1. Approval of Minutes from August 24th, 2020

John Birch made a motion to approve the August minutes. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

1. Approval of Budget Hearing Minutes from September 15th, 2020

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve Budget Hearing 1 minutes. John Birch seconded. Voice Vote 7-0. Motion approved. Derek Ross voting Present.

1. Approval of Budget Hearing Minutes on September 22nd, 2020

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved. Derek Ross voting Present.

1. Approval of Roger Brokaw to the Rural Pittsfield Fire Protection District for a term ending in May 2023.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve Roger Brokaw. Amy Gates seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Appointment approved.

1. Appointment of Karen Ehlert to the McGee Creek Levee and Drainage District for a 3 year term to expire in September of 2013.

John Birch made a motion to approve Karen Ehlert to the McGee Creek Drainage District. Amy Gates seconded. Voice vote8 -0. Appointment approved.

1. Tax Certificate Resolution approval

Motion to approve by Tom Lewis. Seconded my Mark Sprague. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

1. Recommendation from the Agricultural Committee to send Zoning Ordinance changes to next phase.

 Mark Mountain stated this is not ready for a vote. Chairman Borrowman passed item for future consideration.

1. Ambulance Budget Amendment

Discussion regarding approval of amendment that was meant to be included in FY 20 budget and was mistakenly not included.

Mark Mountain made a motion to approve the Ambulance Budget Amendment regarding a transfer of $100,000.00 from the Ambulance fund to the General. Jim Sheppard seconded. Roll call vote 6-3. Motion approved.

1. Insurance

Discussion was had regarding plan adoption (HRA 5000 replacing HRA 4000) and the premiums associated with the new plans. Billing County Departments for their HSA contribution was discussed as taking effect on December 1st. HRA reimbursements were tabled.

Jim Sheppard made a motion to adopt the new insurance plan, accept the new employee premiums, and begin billing departments starting December 1st, 2020 HSA contributions. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 7-1. Motion approved.

1. Committee Reports

Finance

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of the Pike County Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday September 16th, 2020 in the conference room of the Pike County Government Building. Members present were: Jim Sheppard, Board Chairman Andy Borrowman, and remotely Amy Gates and Rodger Hannel, also present were: Treasurer Scott Syrcle, Sheriff David Greenwood, State’s Attorney, Zachary Boren, Brian Frericks of QFB Energy, and County Clerk Natalie Roseberry.

Routine bills in the amount of $66,898.08 were approved for payment on a motion by Rodger Hannel and a second by Amy Gates.

We led off the meeting with Brian Frericks proposing rates for the county’s energy contract. Our current contract is with Constellation Energy and expires in October. He stated that capacity costs are own usage is down, and natural gas is down so we are renewing at a good time. He presented numbers but since quotes are only good for a day, it was determined that he should get new quotes and they can be presented at the budget hearing and the board can adopt then and we can sign the contract.

We next looked at the bids for the county’s audit. Our current auditor Zumbahlen came in at $57,500.00, Sheffel was about $55,000.00, WIPFLI was at $54,250.00, and Sikich LLC was at $79,500.00. WIPFLI and SIKITCH also offered multi year contracts. Rodger Hannel made a motion to recommend adoption of WIPFLI for full board approval. Amy Gates seconded. Motion carried. It was also noted that some questions need to be asked of those presenting proposals. Jim Sheppard wanted to know how involved they were with budget preparation and Scott Syrcle was concerned about the level of help he would receive with GATA. Since Zumbahlen had been instrumental in the past.

Zack Boren was present to discuss a matter of internal control between offices and special funds. He quoted some statute essentially oversight is provided by the Treasurer’s office and funds are dispersed through normal process. After review of an email exchange the matter was resolved.

Dave Greenwood was present and stated that he would probably have to add four corrections officers. And he would like to add some subcategories to his budget. Scott Syrcle noted there are some funds that need to be added to the budget book, such as the Supervisor of Assessments fund and the Bad Check Fund. Those can be added as soon as information is provided.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m. on a motion by Amy Gates and a second by Rodger Hannel.

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve the finance Committee minutes. Amy Gates seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

Highway

The Road and Bridge Committee met Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at the County Highway Department. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

Members present were Andy Borrowman, John Birch, and Mark Mountain. Rodger Hannel was absent. Chris Johnson was also present.

A motion was made by Mark Mountain, seconded by John Birch to appoint Andy Borrowman committee chairman for the purposes of conducting the highway committee meeting in the absence of Rodger Hannel. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Mountain, seconded by John Birch to pay claims per claim reports dated September 9, 2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Mountain, seconded by John Birch to approve the low bid of Callender Construction in the sum of $97,307.74 for necessary repairs to the White Bridge. Motion carried.

Engineer’s Report: County Engineer advised that he was currently in the process of working on the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Crews have been busy using applying blade mix to various county roads and doing shoulder work.

The Village of Nebo continues to look for funds for their portion for the bridge project.

A motion was made by John Birch, seconded by Mark Mountain, to adjourn meeting at 4:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Birch made a motion to approve the Highway Committee minutes. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

 Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds committee met on September 16th, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. Members present were Andy Borrowman, Tom Lewis, and Rodger Hannel by phone. Derek Ross was absent. Bills in the amount of $7,683.35 were approved by a motion from Roger Hannel and seconded by Tom Lewis. Motion passed.

New business: discussed upcoming budget and talked about limiting any unnecessary projects for the upcoming year.

With no other busines a motion to adjourn was made by Rodger Hannel and seconded by Tom Lewis, Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tom Lewis.

Mark Mountain made a motion to approve the Building and Grounds committee minutes. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

GIS/IT

The GIS/IT committee of the Pike County Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday September 9th, 2020 in the upstairs conference room of the Pike County Jail. Those present were: Mark Sprague, Jim Sheppard, Sandy Schacht, Nicole McDonald and Board Chairman Andy Borrowman and Amy Gates attended remotely.

Mark Sprague made a motion to pay the bill sin the amount of $8,618.07. Amy Gates seconded. Motion carried.

Sandy reported that the server at the government building needs upgraded to handle Devnet. Cost estimates are about $5,200.00. Hopefully, this month SIU will get the data they need off the Health Department server. The Wi-Fi is better in the courthouse but GFI thinks we still need one more access point. They are also updating the antivirus.

We discussed the Health Department reimbursement request. Amy asked that is be broken down more as to what they are using rather than an estimate.

We also talked about ticket generation having issues getting prompt responses.

On a motion by Mark Sprague and a second by Amy Gates, meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Public Safety June 24th, 2020

The Pike County Public Safety Committee met on 09/16/2020 at 7:14 p.m. at the Ambulance Building. Members present were Chairman Andy Borrowman, Tom Lewis and Amy Gates by Teams. Also present was Ambulance Director Josh Martin, Payton Dean, Sharon Bargman, and Ambulance employees. Derek Ross was absent.

Old Business: Josh Martin stated that they would be holding a staff meeting on 09/24/2020. Employees that cannot attend the meeting in person will be able to attend by Zoom.

Odor that has been in the ambulance building has been found to be batteries on a couple of the ambulance and those have been replaced. Also grease trap still needs to be cleaned out sometime in the future.

Josh stated that the ambulance service is fully staffed at this time with the hiring of two new fulltime and two part time employees. Also discussed how to get people into EMT programs to help with a group to pull from when part and future full time employees are needed.

New Business: Josh still working on getting bids for a new ambulance. Bids will be for a remount and/or demo model. Company that we deal with on quotes are behind on getting bids out.

Issues since last month’s meting include ambulance being broke down to staff being out sick. But at this time staff is back to work and all ambulance are up and running.

Payton Dean of the Health Department stated that there has been several complaints about county employees not wearing masks and that has discussed. Payton was asked what the process is for business that receive complaining about non-compliance on wearing mask. Payton stated that there is a three-step process and that process was discussed. The big thing is that business try to be compliant all the time.

First meeting with the Ambulance Union contract has been held and the next meeting is set for September 29, 2020.

Bills in the amount of $28,360.26 was approved on motion by Amy Gates and Seconded by Tom Lewis.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Am Gates seconded by Tom Lewis motion passed meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Amy Gates made a motion to approve the Public Safety minutes. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

1. New Business

Third budget hearing set for October 7th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pike County Courthouse.

1. Old Business

Derek Ross asked about the Hope Trust renewal and liability renewal.

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 John Birch. Voice vote 8-0. Reports approved.

1. Questions from Press and Visitors

Jim Filbert asked questions regarding payment of claims via Hope Trust. Mike Boren stated Pike County’s bicentennial is coming up.

1. Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120(c)(11), Probable/imminent litigation.

Amy Gates made a motion to enter closed session at 8:29 p.m. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion passed.

Time out: 8:51 p.m.

 Motion made by Amy Gates to give the State’s Attorney the authority to send a demand letter to collect on county revolving loan debt. Tom Lewis 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 8:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Natalie Roseberry



