# Pike County Board

# Meeting Minutes

December 28th, 2020

1. Call to order

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

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

1. Roll Call

Members present were Jim Sheppard, John Birch, Amy Gates, Rodger Hannel, Reta Hoskin, Tom Lewis, Derek Ross, and Mark Sprague. Mark Mountain was present by phone.

1. Approval of Minutes from November 23rd, 2020

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve the minutes from November 23rd, 2020. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

1. Approval of Deed of Conveyance on parcel number 44-057-07

Rodger Hannel made a motion to approve the Deed of Conveyance on behalf of the Pike County Trustee. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

1. Approval of additional Holiday

Derek Ross made a motion to approve Monday, December 27th, 2021 at the additional county holiday for 2021. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

1. Discussion/potential action on 965 requests for “hazard pay.”

Discussed under Finance Report

1. Action on resolution regarding Distribution of Host Benefit Fee.

Discussion under Finance Report

1. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Pittsfield

Sheriff Dave Greenwood presented information regarding an agreement with the City of Pittsfield and the Pike County Sheriff’s Department to shared agreed costs of dispatch. Tom Lewis made a motion to approve agreement. Amy Gates seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

1. Committee Reports

Finance

The Finance committee of the Pike County Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Those present were: Rodger Hannel, Amy Gates, Reta Hoskin, Jim Sheppard, Scott Syrcle, Natalie Roseberry, Bryce Gleckler, Cindy Shaw, Becky Jenkins, Dawn Leahr, Michael McQuay, Michelle McCartney, Lydia Reel, Crystal Miller, Angie Gratton, Kerri Rodhouse, Nicole McDonald, Sandy Lierly, Nikki Klatt, and Sherri Howland.

Michael McQuay, Union Representative, asked if “hazard pay” on $250.00 can be paid to all the Pike County employees. Recently, an election grant allowed for $250 in “hazard pay” to be paid to the County Clerk’s Office employees. Bryce Gleckler asked if he could pay “hazard pay” of $250 to his employees also if he could find the money in his office’s budget. Scott Syrcle and Cindy Shaw also shared Gleckler’ s request to be paid $250 in hazard pay.

After much discussion, the Finance Committee agreed to present to the full County Board at our December 28th meeting their request for the $250 hazard pay for their employees, if they can find the monies in their department budget to come up with the funds to pay this $250 hazard pay.

Amy Gates made a motion to introduce a “new distribution of landfill host benefit fees for budget year 2020-2021.” Jim Sheppard will present at the December 28th county Board meeting for possible action and vote by the full County Board. Reta Hoskin seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The motion to pay the bills in the amount of $190,885.93 was made by Reta Hoskins and seconded by Amy Gates. The motion passed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. was made by Amy Gates and seconded by Reta Hoskin. The motion passed.

Chairman Sheppard opened comments on the hazard pay request. After much discussion, there was no motion made to further action.

Chairman Sheppard introduced County Resolution of Distribution of Host Benefit Fee. Mr. Sheppard stated this change would reduce the Highway Department allocation and re-distribute it to the general fund. After much discussion, Rodger Hannel made a motion to approve the resolution. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Resolution approved.

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

Highway

The Road and Bridge Committee met Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the County Highway Department. The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

Members present were John Birch, Reta Hoskin, Mark Sprague, and Jim Sheppard. County Engineer Chris Johnson and Gary Laux were also present.

A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Reta Hoskin to pay claims per claim reports dated December 16, 2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Reta Hoskin, seconded by Mark Sprague to approve the following Half Aid to Bridge settlements to closeout projects. All approved. Motion carried.

Cincinnati Township: Project 2020-ER1 consists of replacing damaged culver on 255th Ave in Section 15 with a railroad tank car. Total cost of project is $15,975.00. Pike County paid all expenses. To settle Cincinnati Township owes Pike County $7,987.50.

Detroit Township: Project 2020-15 consists of replacing existing culver on 182nd St over Needsmore Creek with two 48” x 40’ Culverts. Total cost of project is $5,432.80 of which Pike County paid $5,175.00 and Detroit Township paid $257.80. To settle Detroit Township owes Pike County $2,458.60.

Montezuma Township: Project 2020-08 consists of replacing damaged culvert in the NE Qtr of Section 23 across 185th Ave West of Bluff Rd. with a 78” x 44’ culvert. Total cost of project is $6,984.71. Pike County paid $3,927.00 and Montezuma Township paid $3,057.71 of expenses. To settle Montezuma Township owes Pike County $434.65.

Martinsburg Township: Project 2020-ER2 consists of digging up and re-setting existing culvert to correct flooding issues on 369th St in the SE Qtr of Section 10. Total cost of project $2,123.11. Martinsburg Township paid all expenses. To settle Pike County owes Martinsburg Township $1,061.55.

Newburg Township: Project 2020-06 consists of replacing damaged culvert on 235th Ave ¾ mile West of 435th St with a 102” x 60’ culvert. Total cost of project is $11,467.83. Pike County paid all expenses. To settle Newburg Township owes Pike County $5,733.91.

2021 Half Aid to Bridge Petitions: A Motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Reta Hoskin to approve 14 Half Aid to Bridge petitions for 2021 projects. Petitions are attached. All in favor. Motion carried.

Salary increases: a motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Reta Hoskin to approve a 3% salary increase effective December 1, 2020 for Highway Department employees. All in favor, motion carried.

2021 Motor Fuel Tax: a motion was made by Reta Hoskin, seconded by Mark Sprague to approve the 2021 County and Township MFT Estimates in the sum of $702,582.00 for the County and $3,286,001.34 for the Townships. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Reta Hoskin to approve the Pike County Highway Department calendar as presented. Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. All in Favor. Motion carried.

The six-Month report from June 1 through November 30th was presented. A motion was made by Reta Hoskin, seconded by Mark Sprague to approve the Six-Month Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement Section 20-17122-00-SP: A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Reta Hoskin to approve the Preliminary Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds regarding Section 20-17122-00-SP being the railroad crossing project on TR 228 on 310th Avenue in Griggsville Township not to exceed $40,000.00 Grade Crossing Protection Fund money will reimburse all costs.

2021 Dump Truck Purchase. A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Reta Hoskin to approve the purchase of two dump trucks. It is estimated that the cost will be around $180,000.00 each. All in favor. Motion carried.

County Engineer’s Report: The department is ready for the winter snow season. The White Bridge Project Should be completed this week. The Committee was given a brief tour of the facility and shown the need for improvements. The portion of the quarterly landfill fees received by the highway department are instrumental in any facility project or purchase.

A motion was made by Reta Hoskin, seconded by Mark Sprague, to adjourn meeting at 4:57 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve the highway department raise at 2.25% as opposed to the recommended 3%. Reta Hoskin seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the Half Aid to Bridge settlements for FY20. Rodger Hannel seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve the FY2021 County Engineer’s Salary. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve Deery Twp 2021-01 Half Aid to Bridge. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Reta Hoskin make a motion to approve Faimount Twp 2021-2 Half Aid to Bridge. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve Fairmount Twp 2021-3 Half Aid to Bridge. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve Fairmount Twp 2021-4 Half Aid to Bridge. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

John Birch made a motion to approve Fairmount Twp 2021-5 Half Aid to Bridge. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Reta Hoskin made a motion to approve Fairmount Twp 2021-6 Half Aid to Bridge. Rodger Hannel seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve Fairmount Twp 2021-7 Half Aid to Bridge. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

John Birch made a motion to approve Fairmount Twp 2021-8 Half Aid to Bridge. Reta Hoskin seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

John Birch made a motion to approve Griggsville and Newburg Twps. 2021-9 Half Aid to Bridge. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Reta Hosking made a motion to approve Hadley Twp 2021-10 Half Aid to Bridge. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

John Birch made a motion to approve Martinsburg Twp 2021-11 Half Aid to Bridge. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Reta Hoskin made a motion to approve Martinsburg Twp 2021-12 Half Aid to Bridge. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Rodger Hannel made a motion to approve New Salem Twp 2021-13 Half Aid to Bridge. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve Pleasant Vale Twp Half Aid to Bridge. Rodger Hannel seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the Highway Committee report. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

 Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds committee met on Wednesday, December 16th, 2020 and called to order at 3:00 p.m. Chairman Sprague, members Lewis and Mountain, and Board Chairman Sheppard were all present.

Routine Bills for $8,984.56 were approved for payment. Courthouse security project was discussed. Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mark Sprague.

John Birch made a motion to approve the Building and Grounds committee minutes. Tom Lewis 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 Tuesday December 8th, 2020 in the Emergency Operations Center of the Pike County Jail. Those in attendance were committee members Derek Ross, Amy Gates, Jim Sheppard, Reta Hoskin, and Sandy Schacht. Also in attendance via Teams were Jason Trent and Corey Phillips from GFI.

Under old business, Sandy Schacht asked about renewal notices she received for some of the computer’s software. Corey believed that all computers are up to date, but will check on the issue and get back to Sandy.

A motion was made by Amy Gates and seconded by Reta Hoskin to bill the Pike County health Department their portion of the GFO bill on a monthly basis. The motion passed.

Sandy said she would contact Natalie Rosebery regarding a mic and camera for use during County Board Meetings. The discussion went further into revisiting a prior discussion with Judge McCartney and the possibility of upgrading current courtroom technology to better serve the court and board meeting function.

Amy Gates made a motion and Reta Hosking seconded to pay bills in the amount of $7,1400.00. The motion passed.

Amy Gates made a motion and Reta Hoskin seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Rodger Hannel made a motion to approve the GIS/IT minutes. Amy Gates seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

Public Safety

The Public Safety committee met on December er 16th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pike County Ambulance building. Members present were Jim Sheppard (County Chairman), Amy Gates, Derek Ross, Tom Lewis, Josh Martin (Ambulance Administrator) and employees of the Pike County Ambulance.

Discussed balance difference between bank statements and the paperwork that we received the night of the meeting. We are trying to find a more accurate view of how much money we have in our account each month. Josh stated he would see what could be done.

PAPR’s have been ordered and some of the supplies have been received. Josh stated the rest of the order should be in soon.

Josh stated that the EMT class is set to start in January with a 15-person capacity and that he has a great interest in this class.

A question was brought up about the higher cost of the insurance. This is due to the rate increase.

Josh gave an update on some maintenance issues that had come up since last month and stated most have been fixed. We have one ambulance that is a Gem City Ford in Quincy with an engine issue. This looks to be under warranty and Josh will be keeping in touch with Gem City Ford on this.

The new ambulance is being built still looking at a February 2021 Delivery date.

Amy Gates made a motion to pay bills in the amount of $21,186.82. Derek Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed.

With no more business, Amy Gates made a motion to adjourn seconded by Derek , motion passed, meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tom Lewis.

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

Agriculture Committee

 The Agricultural Committee of the Pike County Board met on December 14th, 2020. Call to order 4:00 p.m. Chairman Sprague, committee members Mountain and Birch, along with board chairman Sheppard were all present.

Jeanie Hoover spoke to the committee regarding her time volunteering at the animal shelter. At her suggestion, the Ag committee approved a motion to form a subcommittee to liaise between the shelter and the Ag committee. There are 3 main volunteers that work at the shelter. We discussed the need to add some cannabis language to the Zoning Ordinance. Administrator Greg Wyatt will work with Zack Boren to get this in order. The health department reported that 215.4 tons of used tires were collected at the August event. We moved into closed session to discuss personnel. We came out of closed session and meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mark Sprague.

Rodger Hannel made a motion to approve the Ag committee report. Seconded by Mark Mountain. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

1. New Business

None

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None

1. Chairman’s Remarks

Chairman Sheppard thanked the Board members for the honor to serve as their Chairman.

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

Motion to approve made by Tom Lewis. Seconded by Amy Gates. Voice vote 8-0. Reports approved.

1. Questions from Press and Visitors

County Employee, Dawn Leahr, stated her opinion on the “hazard pay.”

1. Adjourn

Amy Gates made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by John Birch. Voice vote 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Natalie Roseberry





