# Pike County Board

# Meeting Minutes

February 22nd, 2021

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

Chris Davenport from the Hope City Church 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, Mark Mountain, and Mark Sprague. Derek Ross was absent.

1. Approval of Minutes from Pike County Board meeting on January 25th, 2021.

John Birch made a motion to approve the minutes from January 25th, 2021. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

1. Approval of Kathryn Smith, Russel Koeller, and Robert Gates to the New Canton Cemetery Association for terms to expire in January 2027.

Amy Gates made a motion to approve the nominations. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Nebo and the County of Pike for the Union Street over Spring Creek bridge project.

Mark Sprague made a motion to accept resignation. Rodger Hannel seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Resolution Authorizing Quincy Area Convention and Visitors Bureau to represent Pike County in their Tourism Promotional efforts.

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

1. Circuit Clerk 6-Month Report

Bryce Gleckler presented his 6-month report.

Mark Mountain made a motion to approve the 6-month report. Rodger Hannel seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Committee Reports

 Finance

The Finance committee of the Pike County Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17th, 2021. Those present were Rodger Hannel, Amy Gates, Scott Syrcle, Sheriff Dave Greenwood, Angie Gratton, and Dawn Leahr. Jim Sheppard and Reta Hoskin arrived at 5:15p.m.

During the committee meeting, a representative from the PayCom company gave a 30-minute presentation on the PayCom finance software. Several questions were asked by the committee members about the PayCom software package. After the PayCom presentation was over, some committee members and others attending the meeting, questioned why the county was wanting to switch over to this new software system when the county’s present financial software is only six years old. Another question was asked about how much it costs and how much training time the Pay Com system would require. No recommendation will be made yet from the Finance Committee on the PayCom software system.

Amy Gates recommended that copies of bills need to be accompanied with the Accounts Payable checks. The Finance Committee agreed that this is a good idea.

Dawn and Angie wanted to discuss a salary issue with the Finance Committee. They stated that new first year Pike County employees should all be paid at the beginning base pay. This is a past practice for new hires and needs to be followed. The Finance Committee agreed, and Jim Sheppard was going to follow up on this issue with department heads.

Finally, before approving the bills, Reta Hoskin stated that she saw there were a couple of bills totaling $81.84 for coffee and food products for a county office. Reta felt that these bills should not be approved. They were subtracted from the monthly bill total. As a result, Amy Gates made a motion to approve the bills, minus the $81.84, for a new total of $123,861.10. Reta seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Reta stated that she was going to do some follow up on this issue.

Reta and Jim spoke to the office heads regarding coffee and food and that is taken care of and it was not intentional.

Amy Gates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m., and Reta seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Highway

The Road & Bridge Committee met Wednesday, February 17th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the County Highway Department. The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m.

Present were John Birch, Reta Hoskin, Mark Sprague, Jim Sheppard, Chris Johnson, Gary Laux, Brenda Despain, Nicole McDonald, and Don Foster.

A motion was made by Reta Hoskin, seconded by John Birch to pay claims per claim reports dated February 17, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Reta Hoskin, seconded by John Birch to approve the following Half Aid to Bridge Settlements to closeout projects. All approved. Motion carried.

Hardin Township- Half Aid to Bridge project on 415th Street on the SE/SW quarter Section line in Section 33. Part of this project was paid for by FEMA funds as a result of the Spring 2019 flooding. The remainder is being paid for under the Half Aid to Bridge program. Pike County shall reimburse Hardin Township the sum of $3,389.99 to close out this project. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nicole McDonald, the County 911 coordinator and Mapper was in attendance and went over the WTH Proposal prepared for the Pike County Assessor’s Office to provide Think GIS Web Version Site Creation and Hosting. This will provide online GIS information to the public. The Highway Department currently uses the system of limited GIS mapping of culverts, to identify parcels and assist with right-of way questions and/or issues. Limited funds are available from, of the initial creation and other departments to purchase the services and the Highway Department was asked to pay $8000.00 of the initial creation and hosting fee with the understanding that no further costs will be charged to the Highway Department for licenses, renewals, updates or any other costs, associated with the GIS system in the future. A motion was made by Mark Sprague and seconded by Reta Hoskin to pay $8000.00 of the initial creation and hosting fee upon receipt of a statement. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Reta Hoskin to approve the purchase two complete dump trucks from Midway Freightliner, Quincy, Illinois in the sum of $168,529.00 per truck. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Birch, seconded by Reta Hoskin to update the 2021 committee calendar. All in Favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Birch, seconded by Reta Hoskin to go into closed session at 4:30 p.m. All in Favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Reta Hoskin to return regular session at 5:05 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Reta Hoskin to adjourn meeting at 5:30 p.m. regular meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mark mountain made a motion to approve the Township Bridge Bid (Griggsville). John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion passed.

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve County and Township MFT Material Bid. Rodger Hannel seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion passed.

 Building and Grounds

The January meeting of the Pike County Building and Grounds committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday February 17, 2021.

Members present were Jim Sheppard, Mark Mountain, tom Lewis, and Mark Sprague. Department heads present were Natalie Roseberry, Bryce Gleckler, Judge Frank McCartney, and Dave Greenwood.

Routine bills in the amount of $8,363.46 were approved for payment on a motion by Mountain and a second by Lewis.

A discussion was held regarding the unprecedented spike in Natural Gas prices and the associated costs to the County and the residents of Pittsfield. After checking with the affected department heads and Darwin Feenstra and on a motion by Mountain and second by Lewis, the committee resolved to run the courthouse and government annex at lowest practical head setting for Thursday through Monday Feb 18-22.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm on a motion by Lewis and second by Mountain.

Minutes submitted by Mark Sprague.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the Building and Grounds committee minutes. Mark Mountain 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 February 9th, 2021. Those in attendance were committee members Derek Ross, Amy Gates, Jim Sheppard, and Reta Hoskin. Also in attendance were Dan Brennecke, Nicole McDonald, Camden, and Sandy Schacht.

Under old business: Sandy updated the committee that the Facebook page is up and running and the hardware purchased to live stream county board meetings appears to be working. Feedback was given that conversations are difficult to hear if members do not speak directly into the microphone.

The remote push through for updates was mostly successful, but GFI will need to do an onsite visit to update a couple of computers.

The Proval and Devnet coordination issues are still ongoing but making progress toward a resolution.

Under New business: Chief Judge McCartney qualified for a grant to be used to upgrade Audio/Visual hardware in the upper and lower courtrooms. Any deficiency in funds needed t complete the project will be paid out of the Court System or Law Library fund.

A discussion occurred regarding a new payroll software proposal and the committee determined that GIS/IT will probably not be the committee that will fund the project.

Protocol has been put in place to make sure emails of future, terminated employees and prior elected officials will be accessible.

A motion was made by Amy Gates and seconded by Reta Hoskin to forward the WTH Proposal for online mapping to the respective departments that would benefit from the WTH Service and to seek reimbursement from those departments for the monthly expense.

Amy Gates made a motion and Reta Hoskin seconded to pay bills in the amount of $31,044.03. The motion passed.

Amy Gates made a motion and Reta Hoskin seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Amy Gates made a motion to approve the GIS/IT minutes. Reta Hoskin seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

Public Safety

The Public Safety committee meeting was held at 7:07 p.m. at the Pike County Ambulance building. Members present were Jim Sheppard, Tom Lewis, Amy Gates, Derek Ross, and several ambulance employees and Lexie Damon RN from Illini Hospital.

Minutes submitted by Committee Chairman, Tom Lewis.

Amy Gates made a motion to approve the Public Safety Minutes. Rodger Hannel seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

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

The Agriculture Committee will meet on February 4th, 2021 at 3:00 in the upstairs conference of the Pike County Government Building.

1. Old Business

None

1. Chairman’s Remarks

None

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

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

1. Questions from Press and Visitors

Jim Filbert question what EMA is regarding Josh Martin. Jim Sheppard clarified that it is Emergency Management Agency.

1. Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Purchase or Lease of Real Property.

Time in: 7:49 p.m.

Time out: 8:51 p.m.

Motion to end closed session made by Amy Gates, second by John Birch. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

Amy Gates made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Tom Lewis. Voice vote 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Natalie Roseberry



