# Pike County Board

# Meeting Minutes

January 25th, 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

Mike Boren 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 Reorganizational meeting on December 3rd, 2020.

Rodger Hannel made a motion to approve the minutes from December3rd,, 2020. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

1. Approval of County Board minutes from December 28th, 2020.

John Birch made a motion to approve the board minutes from December 28th, 2020. Reta Hoskin seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Accept resignation of Pike County Ambulance Administrator Josh Martin.

Tom Lewis made a motion to accept resignation. Amy Gates seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Consideration of County Liquor License.

Amy Gates made a motion to approve the additional liquor license for Hopewell winery. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Appointment of the following to Akers Chapel Cemetery for terms to expire in 2027: Kevin Dunker, James Reed, Kathy Snyder, Shelly Campbell, Clint Waters, David Lawson, Sam Reed, Gary Weir, Kevin Howell, Randy Woodward II, Paul Kenady, and Robert Kenady.

Rodger Hannel made a motion to approve the appointments to Akers Chapel Cemetery. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Adoption of Resolutions for Pike County Trustee to seek Tax Deeds on the following properties: 32-035-02, 32-035-03, 32-036-07, 42-011-13, 42-012-10, 44-054-13, 44-056-09, 63-027-10, 72-047-06, 72-047-07, 74-074-13.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the Tax Deed Resolutions. Amy Gates seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. County Resolution to appropriate $31,000.00 for oil and chip project 18-00100-00-PP.

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

1. Agreement for Federal Participation re: oil and chip project 18-00100-00-PP in the sum of $304,836.21.

Reta Hoskin made a motion to approve the agreement. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Committee Reports

6-Month Report

Debbie Lambeth- Animal Control

Scott Syrcle- Treasurer

Natalie Roseberry- Pike County Clerk

Mark Mountain made a motion to approve 6-month reports. John Birch seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

Finance

The Finance committee of the Pike County Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Those present were: Rodger Hannel, Jim Sheppard, Reta Hoskins, Amy Gates, Scott Syrcle, Bryce Gleckler, Natalie Roseberry, Zack Boren, Angie Gratton, Sawn Leahr and Sherri Howland.

Natalie Roseberry and Bryce Gleckler discussed the issue on salary increase of $500 paid on the Chief Deputy salaries. To clear up how comp time is paid out, Amy Gates made a motion that a salary form be created that shows each employee’s base pay and any extra pay (stipend). This form will be given to each department head and the employees will sign off that this salary form is accurate. These salary forms will be reviewed annually by the department heads and employees and submitted to the Finance Committee for approval. Reta Hoskins seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Natalie Roseberry asked the Finance Committee if Pike County would consider extending the EPSL and FMLA protection for employees beyond the December 31, 2020, expiration date. This protection allows 14 unpaid days up to 80 hours for individuals who were in quarantine or tested positive for Covid-19. On a motion by Amy Gates and a second by Reta Hoskins, they recommend the County Board extend the Emergency Family Corona Virus Relief Act for our employees until April 30, 2021, and revisit the issue at that time. The motion passed.

A motion waws made by Reta Hoskin to pay the bills of $118,207.92. Amy Gates seconded, and the motion passed.

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

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

Highway

No committee meeting.

Building and Grounds

The January meeting of the Pike County Building and Grounds committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on 01/20/2021 by committee chair Sprague.

Those present were Committee members Mark Sprague, Mark Mountain, Tom Lewis, Board Chairman Jim Sheppard and Darwin Feenstra.

The committee approved routine bills in the amount of $3,043.27 on a motion by Lewis and second by Mountain.

The committee accepted a bid for fertilizer, aeration, and weed control at the courthouse, annex, and jail for 2021 from Yelliott Landscaping in the amount of $1875.00 on a motion by Lewis and second by Mountain.

Darwin Feenstra updated the committee on Ameren’s phase drop at the courthouse which took out the master surge protector. A new one has been ordered and the cost (est $2-3000) needs to be turned into our property/casualty insurance as well as to Ameren for reimbursement. The north entrance to courthouse needs some sealing/tuck pointing and Darwin will talk to Sheriff about using inmates to fix. The county lawn mower is 8 years old with about 5-600 hours and we could trade as Perry for $8000.00. The old one needs repairs to its snow blade. Committee consensus was to try and get the old blade fixed as machine is in otherwise good shape and relatively low hours.

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 January 12th, 2021. Those in attendance were committee members Derek Ross, Amy Gates, Jim Sheppard, Reta Hoskin, Dan Brennecke, and Sandy Schacht. Also in attendance via Teams were Corey Phillips from GFI.

No old business.

New business, the committee determined that it would benefit the community to have a County Facebook Page for purposes of live streaming Board meetings. Sandy will set up the Facebook page with the intention to pass on the administrator rights to another.

Amy Gates made a motion and Reta Hoskin seconded to spend less than $1000.00 tp purchase equipment and software for the first year to be able to live stream board meetings. The motion passed.

Corey, from GFI discussed how important it is to leave computers on for updates to be pushed through.

Sandy will coordinate a conference call with Devnet to go over with issues Proval to work with their new server.

No public comment.

Amy Gates made a motion and Reta Hoskin seconded to pay bills in the amount of $13,015.97. The motion passed.

Amy Gates made a motion and Reta Hoskin seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Reta Hoskin made a motion to approve the GIS/IT minutes. Amy Gates 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.

Ambulance Administrator Josh Martin gave the following report: 3G19 is back in service after having to have a blown motor replaced which was under warranty through Gem City Ford. Josh to check on warranty for the new motor and report back to the committee. 3G15 has some rear end problems and Josh will be getting in contact with Marshal Chevy in Winchester to schedule the repairs. ARV contacted Josh on the progress of the new ambulance and stated they are about two weeks behind on the build. Delivery will probably be in March. A question was brought up about getting it inspected and licensed after it gets delivered. Josh stated that no on site inspections are being done at this time and a self-inspection will have to be done an paperwork sent in to the state.

EMT class started on 01/19/2021 with 13 people taking the class. Eight of students are from Pike County and the rest are from the surrounding area.

Josh talked about the Critical Care transport and that Tyler had went and taken the training and will be the trainer/coordinator for this at the Pike County Ambulance. There was discussion on what it was going to entail for the Ambulance Service and that there is going to be a cost to get this going but will be a great asset for the Ambulance Service to be able to transport critical patients. Tyler will be looking into possible grant to help offset the cost of equipment that is needed to be purchased.

Josh informed the committee that he would be resigning his position as Ambulance Administrator and that he would like to stay on until the board could get someone hired to help with the transition of the new Ambulance Administrator. He also plans on staying on and getting the EMT class that has just started completed. He also stated he would like to keep the EMA position with the county.

The committee decided to start advertising as soon as possible for the position and to advertise for two weeks with a due date of the close of business on February 12, 2021 for applicants to have in their resume.

There was no public comment.

Bills in the amount of $30,516.06 were approved on a motion by Amy Gates and a second by Derek Ross. Motion passed.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Amy Gates, seconded by Derek Ross, motion passed, and meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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.

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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



