# Pike County Board

# Meeting Minutes

February 27rd, 2023

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

Chris Leppert gave the invocation and Chairman Borrowman led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Chairman Borrowman asked Deputy Clerk Haley Rezba to call roll. Board members present were, Chairman Borrowman, Jim Sheppard, Reta Hoskin, Tom Lewis, Don Foster, Mark Sprague and Derek Ross and Mark Mountain.

1. Appointment of County Board Member to fill a 2-year unexpired vacancy.

Voice vote 7-0. Joey Cobb as new Board Member for 2-year term.

1. Approval of the January 23rd, 2023, minutes.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve with changes. Sprague seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

1. Consideration of funding request from Two Rivers Regional Council.

Don Foster made a motion to table until March County Board Meeting. Ross seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

1. Committee Reports

Finance

The Finance committee of the Pike County Board met at 4:09PM on Wednesday February 21, 2023 in the conference room of the Pike County Government building. Those present were; Reta Hoskin, Don Foster, Jim Sheppard and Pike County Board Chairman Andy Borrowman. Also present were; Dan Brennecke, Scott Syrcle, Dawn Leahr, and David Greenwood.

Routine Bills in the amount of $141,042.13 were approved for payment on a motion by Reta Hoskin and a second by Don Foster.

Haley Rezba reported she is still working on the payroll submission and expects to complete it within the allotted hours. WE have started the reconciliation project for the payroll.

The committee moved to discussions of ARPA funds. Sheriff Greenwood was present to discus the submission of a bill from Damon Plumbing for some extra work that had been done as part of the previously approved plumbing project at the jail. After discussion, Don Foster moved to pay the $3805.00 in extra expense on the plumbing project at the jail from American Recovery Plan Act funds. Reta Hoskin seconded. Motion carried. Sheriff Greenwood also brought a bill from Getz fire equipment for the start of the rewiring of the alarm system at the jail. The amount was $11,243.00. This also is part of a project to come from ARPA funds. Reta Hoskin brought an issue from the highway committee. Chris Johnson had expressed the need for a generator for the new highway building in case of a power outage. He had found a Used one for about $28,000.

We again took up a discussion of the Two Rivers Regional Council request for funds for the renovation of the Reach Out Center. We requested that Jeremy Oshner who is the Executive Director of Two Rivers appear before the board to provide more information.

Reta Hoskin made a motion to adjourn and Don Foster. Meeting adjourned at 5:51PM

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve with changes. Sprague seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Highway

The Road & Bridge Committee met Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the Highway Department facility. The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

**ROLL Call:**

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| Present: | Reta Hoskin, Mark Sprague, Don Foster, and Andy Borrowman |
| Absent: |  |
| Staff: | Chris Johnson, Gary Laux and Brenda DeSpain |
| Visitors: |  |

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:** A motion was made by Don Foster, seconded by Mark Sprague to pay claims per claim reports dated February 15, 2023 All in favor. Motion carried.

**HALF AID TO BRIDGE SETTLEMENTS:** None.

**PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEEMNT SECTION 22-16120-00-BR and 22-16119-00-BR:** A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Don Foster to approve the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreements for bridge projects Section 22-16120-00-BR and 22-16119-00-BR in the sum not to exceed $66,970.00 each. The bridges are located on 251st St in Newburg Township, Section 13. All in favor. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

County Engineer’s Report:

**OLD BUSINESS**:

Generator –

A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Don Foster to purchase a used Cummins Generator for the new facility from Power Services Company, LLC in the sum of 28,930.21. All in favor, motion carried. Reta will talk to the finance committee to see if it can be paid from ARPA funds. One half of price will be due when the order is placed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Don Foster to adjourn meeting at 2:09 p.m**.** All in favor. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds Committee meet at 3pm on February 15 2023. Members present were Tom Lewis,Mark Mountain,Mark Sprague,and County Board Chairman Andy Borrowman.Also present were David Greenwood,Charlie Ward,Don Foster,And Dan Brennecke.

Bills in the amount of $6935.94 were approved by a motion From Mark Mountain and seconded by Mark Sprague.

David Greenwood gave an updated on the plumbing work that was being done at the Jail and that has been completed. Work on the leak on the west side of the jail to start this week.The west drive into the Sallyport will need to be repaired after the leak in that area is fixed.Greenwood stated that they plan on removing the rest of the asphalt and replacing it with concrete.This work will be done by Sheriffs department employees to keep down on the cost.Greenwood hopeful to get this done for around $6000.00.Greenwood also discussed the the App for the alarm system at the court house.This will allow them to reset the alarms from their phones.On a motion by Mark Mountain and seconded by Sprague to allow Greenwood to go ahead and get this set up. The yearly cost is $96.00 and a set up fee of $49.00.

Dan Brennecke was present to discuss the fire alarm system at the Annex Building.We didn't have a contract with anyone to inspect or maintain the system.This was found out when we were getting ready to have the Elevator inspected and the inspector told Dan that someone from the alarm company would also need to be present for the inspection. Getz Fire Equipment is who the alarm system is thru. We now have a contract with them.Dan also explained that there has been some issues with the alarms going off do to loss of internet connection.Dan stated that a cellular dialer could be added to the system to solve this issue.The Cost of this is $1475.00. A motion was made by Mark Mountain and seconded by Sprague to go ahead and have this work done.Motion Carried.

A motion by Mark Sprague and seconded by Mountain to go ahead and have Mid USA Landscaping to do the Fertilize the Court House lawn and Annex. Motion carried.

With no further business a motion by Sprague and seconded by Mountain was to adjourn was made. Meeting was adjourned at 3:44pm

Reta Hoskin made a motion to approve the minutes. Sprague seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

GIS/IT

The GIS/IT Committee was called to order at 4:12PM on February 21st, 2023. Those in attendance were committee members Derek Ross, Jim Sheppard, and Reta Hoskin. Also in attendance were Brenda Despain, Andy Borrowman, Paula Dean, Nicole McDonald, and Dan Brennecke.

Under **Old Business:**

* Eagle View: will begin the County flyover around the end of February. The updated Aeriel photos for the County. There are many stages to verifying, approving, and providing updated Aeriel photos, but hopefully everything will be available to the public by the end of 2023

Under **New Business:**

* Sheriff’s Department – wiring from Mike Devine should be completed soon.
* Government Building Wiring: quote was provided by Mike Devine. The proposal will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for consideration and approval using ARPA funds.
* Tiger Hawk: has been making changes within the network, but there have been serious issues with changing from Meraki to Ubiquiti switches. What also was discussed was a need for improved communication between Tiger Hawk and the County when there are issues being addressed and for Tiger Hawk to give notice when they would be on site to work on equipment.

Under **Public Comments:**

None

Motion to pay bills in the amount of $ 6,878.97 was made by Jim Sheppard and seconded by Reta Hoskin. The motion passed.

Jim Sheppard made a motion and seconded by Reta Hoskin to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM.

Jim Sheppard made a motion to approve the minutes. Lewis seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Public Safety

The Public Safety Committee meet at 7pm on February 15th at the Ambulance Building.

Members Present were Tom Lewis,Jim Sheppard,and Chairman Andy Borrowman.Absent was Derek Ross. Also present Was Ambulance Administrator Kasey Kendall and Don Foster.

Bills in the amount of $32204.16 was approved on a motion By Sheppard and seconded by Lewis. Motion Carried

Administrator’s Report:

Kasey gave the run totals for the month of January.There was 165 911 calls,40 transfer,and 5 Covid/flu calls.Kasey stated that since we have the new Transfer Ambulance in service now it has cut down on mileage on our front line Ambulances.The committee was give a spread sheet for the actual versus budget showing what has been spent and what is left.The UTV has been delivered and is in service. IDPH and Quincy area Ems inspections have been completed with no issues.The Ambulance that was ordered approx two years ago to be remounted should be completed near the end of March.Kasey presented a proposal for another ambulance to be remounted.The Cost on this is $195,352.00. A motion by sheppard and seconded by Lewis to go ahead and get this ordered was made.Motion Carried.This will take approx 14 to 20 months to receive this ambulance.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting was adjourn at 7:15 pm on a motion by Sheppard and seconded by Lewis.

Derek Ross made a motion to approve the minutes. Mountain seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Agriculture

The Ag Committee of the Pike County Board met on Wednesday February 22, 2023 and the meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Committee Chair Sprague.

Roll Call:  Mark Mountain and Mark Sprague -- All present.

Others present: Board Chair Andy Borrowman, Sherriff Greenwood, Zac Boren, Don Foster, Robert Kenady, Cliffton Rueb, Joe Cobb, Lotus Lawless, Heather Hayden, Haley Rezba, and Brayden Mountain.

Under zoning, Zac Boren went over the States changes to Wind Ordinance.  Their new rules will require the county to rewrite and pass its wind ordinance by May 27 of this year.  At this point we decided to plan another meeting of the Ag Committee for March 22 at 1:00pm in the Annex conf room at which time we will try to get this new Wind Power ordinance under way.

After a review of Animal Control efforts to reign in payroll expenditures, and on a motion by Mountain and second by Sprague, the committee approved sending to the full board for approval, a salary increase for the assistant animal control warden to $15.00/hr. or $31,200.00 annually.  This will take care of the situation where the other full-time employees of the shelter were being paid more than the assistant warden.  By consensus, the committee decided to meet at least quarterly to review payroll expenses at the shelter.  While Lotus and Heather have already made changes to scheduling and personnel which have made a positive impact on working within budget constraints, it is still a challenge the Ag committee must supervise.

On a motion by Mountain and second by Sprague, the committee went into closed session to discuss personnel.

Upon return from closed session, no action was taken.  It should be noted that unless further evidence is presented, going forward, there will be no further action taken against the previous animal warden or assistant warden as they have both resigned.

Under New business, Rob Kenady representing Kinderhook, Levee, and Cincinnati townships and Cliff Rueb representing The Village of Hull came to ask for our help in determining how an old gas station at the west edge of Hull might be torn down and cleaned up.  The building is an eye sore and a health hazard and may possibly be subject to the State Dangerous Building Act.  Consensus of the committee was if we can help figure out how to help them, we might be able to affect change to a number of derelict properties throughout the county.

There being no further business before us, the meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm on a motion by Mountain and second by Sprague.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. Sheppard seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Economic and Community Development

Summary of the February 21, 2023, meeting held at the new Highway Department Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:48 pm. Committee members present were Reta Hoskin and Derek Ross. Board Chairman Andy Borrowman, Brenda Middendorf, and Brenda DeSpaign (guest for building access) were also present.

The main purpose of the meeting was to consider modifications to the Accommodation Tax Ordinance recommended by the Accommodation Tax Advisory Board during its meeting on January 11, 2023. A red-lined draft of the proposed modified ordinance was prepared by State’s Attorney Zach Boren and reviewed by the Committee. The changes include:

* A statement included erroneously in Section 5 would be removed.
* The prohibition of using the money for staffing would be removed. Use of the funds to support a tourism coordinator for the County would be included.
* The new sunset date would be April 30, 2027.

Derek made a motion to accept the proposed changes. Reta seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were not any public comments.

Derek made a motion to adjourn. Reta seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve the minutes. Lewis seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Ethics

The Ethics commission of the County of Pike met on February 21, 2023 at 1pm in the upper conference room at the Pike County Government building. Members in attendance were: Mark Mountain, Tom Lewis and Don Foster.

Meeting was called to order at 1pm.

A drawing was conducted to determine terms. Don Foster: 1 year Tom Lewis: 2 years Mark Mountain: 2 years. All terms thereafter will be two years.

Tom Lewis made a motion to choose Mark Mountain as Chairperson. Don Foster seconded, all voting in favor.

New business: none

Old business: none

Public comment: none

Chairman Mark Mountain entertained a motion to go into closed session per 5ILCS 120/2(C) (4). Don Foster made the motion, Tom Lewis seconded. All voting in favor.

A motion to go out of closed session was made by Tom Lewis, seconded by Don Foster at 3:02pm. All in favor.

Motion to recess by Tom Lewis seconded by Don Foster. All voting in favor. Meeting recessed at 3:03pm.

Jim Sheppard made a motion to approve the minutes. Sprague seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

1. New Business

New policy and procedure manual being emailed to all the County Board Members to review and then vote on at the March Board Meeting.

1. Old Business

None

1. Chairman’s Remarks

Chairman Borrowman does not intend to allow anyone to remove gun rights from law abiding citizens, in regards to the 2nd amendment rights.

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

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the reports. Sprague seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

1. Questions from Press and Visitors

Mike Boren spoke about the Reach Out Center. Told some history about the building being built close to the same time the Courthouse was built.

David Camphouse is very happy that the County is willing to assist in fixing the Reach Out Building.

1. Adjournment

Motion made by Tom Lewis and seconded by Derek Ross to adjourn meeting at 8:38pm. Voice vote 8-0. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Haley Rezba.

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