# Pike County Board

# Meeting Minutes

April 24th, 2023

1. Call to order

Chairman Andy Borrowman called to order the regular meeting of the Pike County Board at 7:02 p.m. in the upper courtroom of the Pike County Courthouse.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Ten Eyck gave the invocation and Chairman Borrowman led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Chairman Borrowman asked Clerk Natalie Roseberry to take roll. The members present were Andy Borrowman, Joey Cobb, Don Foster, Reta Hoskin, Tom Lewis, Derek Ross. Absent were Mark Mountain and Jim Sheppard.

1. Approval of February 27th, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Mark Sprague made the motion to approve. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Minutes approved.

1. Approval of March 27th, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve. Derek Ross seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Minutes approved.

1. Appointment of Carol Peters to the Acres Chapel Cemetery Association for a term to expire February 10th, 2027.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Motion approved.

1. Appointment of Roger Dunham to the Rural Griggsville Fire Protection District for a term to expire on May 4th, 2026.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Motion approved.

1. Appointment of Brad Gleckler to the Gray Cemetery for a term to expire in April of 2029.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the appointment. Reta Hoskin seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Motion approved.

1. Approval of Pike County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve. Mountain seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Motion approved.

1. Approval of Pike County Policy Manual Changes

Reta Hoskin expressed concerns over the “gender” portion of the updates. State’s Attorney Boren stated he would look into the language. Don Foster made a motion that they put off the approval until next month. Reta Hoskin seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Motion approved.

1. Committee Reports

Finance

The Finance committee of the Pike County Board met at 4:00PM on Wednesday April 19, 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; Jackie Borrowman, Scott Syrcle, Dawn Leahr, Anita Andress, Kim Ator, Brenda DeSpain, and Shelly Brennecke.

Routine Bills in the amount of $180,059.88 were approved for payment on a motion by Reta Hoskin and a second by Don Foster.

Jackie Borrowman was present to discuss the reconciliation of the 2021 payroll in order to get us ready to audit it. She discussed issues she had encountered and had a good dialogue with the Treasurer’s office about methods used to match the amounts drawn for payrolls with accounts. She stated she had done the employee side of some payrolls and wanted to get the employer side. Dawn Leahr then took her to the Treasurer’s office to look at their records. We are unable at this time to give an expected completion date. Of course, we still have to find an auditor.

Anita Andress and Kim Ator were present to discuss the Health Department’s request for ARPA funds. They submitted quotes for railing replacement and a new generator. We discussed the fate of their 20-year-old but currently operable generator. Reta Hoskin moved to approve the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of a generator for the Health Department from Power Services for a total cost of $29,552.21 and the quote from O’Brien Fabrication for $7604.24 for railing replacement. Don Foster seconded. Motion carried.

Scott Syrcle reported that there was only $118,440.45 in the general fund and we have not received the quarterly landfill check. We have $180,000 in bills and $150,000 in payroll coming out. After discussion Don Foster made the following motion; Authorize the Pike County Treasurer to use ARPA funds to cover the shortfall in county general fund and the April 25, 2023 payroll. Also any times through the remainder of the 2023 fiscal year when there would be a funding shortfall in the general fund, Social Security fund, and Municipal Retirement fund. This would function as an interest free loan to be repaid before the end of the current fiscal year. Transfers would be made from the County Clerk’s office once the Treasurer provides the amount. Reta Hoskin provided the second. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Don Foster provided a quote from Tigerhawk Technologies for laptops for the board members. Cost would be $4157.91. We are not sure if that includes setup. Don Moved that we accept the quote from Tigerhawk Technologies for the amount of $4157.91 to be paid out of contingencies. Reta Hoskin seconded. Motion Carried.

Our next topic of discussion was the funding request from Two Rivers Regional Council for the rehabilitation of the Reachout building. Don Foster expressed the opinion that it was not a wise decision to put more money into that building. Reta made the motion that we put forth for full board consideration Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials request for the use of ARPA funds in the amount of $189,775 for renovation of the Pittsfield Reachout center. Jim Sheppard seconded. Motion passed with Hoskin and Sheppard voting yes and Foster voting no.

It was reported that due to our status on the do not pay list for grants that engineering work has ceased on the Nebo bridge project. The grant for this project ends in May 2024. In order to get things back in motion it was requested that we loan monies from the ARPA fund to stay on schedule. Don Foster moved and Reta Hoskin seconded, that we approve a load from the ARPA funds for use on the Nebo Bridge project. These funds are to be repaid from the grant that has already been approved in the amount of $260,000. Motion carried.

After an update on preliminary IMRF rates for 2023 which are 6.33% for regular and 13.97% for SLEP the committee discussed a grant that had been awarded the county for the courthouse entrance renovation that we completed several years ago. It was suggested that Judge McCartney be contacted since he has most of the necessary information pertaining to this project. The grant was approved for $100,000.

Scott Syrcle reported some budgets for some funds were missing from CIC, Township Motor Fuel, Recorder Fund, Township Bridge, and County Highway Equipment Rental. Jim Sheppard is to reach out to the Clerk’s office.

Don Foster made a motion to adjourn and Reta Hoskin seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43PM

Reta Hoskin made the motion to approve $189,775.00 to TRCC. Derek Ross seconded. Voice vote 5-1. Don Foster voting no. Motion approved.

Mark Sprague asked how much our quarterly landfill check was and when we can expect it. Scott Syrcle said it should arrive any time and the general fund potion is approximately $60,000.00. Mark inquired as to why they were purchasing laptops when they have some that are not very old. Mr. Foster explained that they had expired their life as chromebooks and that Tigerhawk recommended PC’s. Mr. Sprague also inquired as to the cost of the Health Departments generator request.

Don Foster made a motion to approve the Finance minutes without the approval of the Health Department Generator. Derek Ross seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Minutes approved.

Derek Ross made a motion to approve the minutes. Foster seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

Highway

The Road and Bridge committee met Wednesday, April 19th, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Members present were Reta Hoskin, Don Foster, and Andy Borrowman. Visitors present were Max Middendorf and Brenda Middendorf, staff present were Gary Laux, John McAllister, Darren Mowen, and Brenda DeSpain. Those absent were Mark Sprague and Chris Johnson.

A motion was made by Don Foster, seconded by Reta Hoskin to pay claims per claim reports dated March 15, 2023 as follows:

County Highway $182,601.14

County Road & Bridge $8,254.23

County Motor Fuel $52,273.27

Township Engineer Revolving $19,758.18

Township Motor Fuel $138,541.06

Total $401,427.88

All in favor. Motion carried.

Six quotes were received for a new compact track loader with attachments. A motion was made by Don Foster, seconded by Reta Hoskin to accept the quote from Martin Equipment in the sum of $97,125.00 for a John Deere model 333G compact track loader. All in favor. Motion carried.

MECO Engineering revised the engineering agreement for construction of the salt building. USDA funding is not available without a current audit. It was decided to go ahead with the salt shed as the current shed is in poor condition and we must fulfill our current contract by July 31st. A motion was made by Don Foster, seconded by Reta Hoski to approve the revised Meco Engineering agreement in the sum of $20,000.00 for the salt building. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

County Engineer’s Report:

2 RR Crossing projects will be let on May 2nd, 2023

The Pleasant Vale bridge project is expected to start at any time.

CH-2 resurfacing project between New Salem and Griggsville is expected to begin around the 1st of June.

The committee was informed that the 1st payment to Central State Bank for the new building facility was made.

Lindsy Henderson is currently working on an appraisal of the 1101 Lakeview

Heights property.

The committee was informed that 5 current employees and one former employee have IMRF contributions that are not showing in their IMRF portal accounts. The amounts total of $6,441.77 according to their pay stubs deductions.

Old Business

Nebo Bridge: Brenda Middendorf gave an update regarding the grant funding which is presently on hold due to Pike County being on the State’s do not pay list. She is currently unable to pay engineering costs for bridge design thus delaying the project. The grant disbursement deadline is May,2024. A motion was made by Don Foster seconded by Reta Hoskin to request ARPA funds in lieu of the approved grant money to keep the project moving. Pending the audit, grant funds can reimburse the ARPA fund once released. All in favor. Motion carried.

Max Middendorf was present and presented revised plans for the office project. A County audit is needed before going forward with the USDA loan to cover the cost.

A motion was made by Don Foster, seconded by Reta Hoskin to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reta Hoskin clarified some of the spending as well stated that Lindsy Henderson has completed the appraisal and it will be discussed next month.

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Motion approved.

Building and Grounds with approval of bills submitted for payment in April 2023.

There was no Building and Grounds Committee meeting in April 2023.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve $6,537.72. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 6-0.

GIS/IT

The GIS/IT Committee was called to order at 4:05 PM on April 18st, 2023. Those in attendance were committee members Derek Ross, Jim Sheppard, and Reta Hoskin. Also in attendance were Brenda Despain, Andy Borrowman, Becky Jenkins, Bryce Gleckler, Jr Bareis, Nicole McDonald, Don Foster, Paula, Dean. and Dan Brennecke.

Under **Old Business:**

**None**

Under **New Business:**

* Tiger Hawk: Will start working in the courthouse to provide Audio/Visual through the Judge’s grant for the Trials. This is the system that will hopefully be used for live streaming county board meetings.
* New computers were also purchased through the grant and will be utilized by the courthouse.
* There was a discussion about possible upgrades to Board Computers from Chrome Books to PC’s. A proposal was submitted for nine laptops, and it was passed onto the finance committee.
* Starting to organize the network and getting computers on correct vlans to setup firewalls in the Sheriff’s office. JR will update us on progress at the next meeting.
* Flights are done for the GIS flyover. There is a forty-five to sixty-day window before information will be given back to verify information. We’re still looking at December 2023 for it to be live for the public.
* Changing the lock policy of fifteen (15) minutes is being tabled until we receive an answer on our cybersecurity insurance.
* Tiger Hawk is fixing the elevator phone and Dan Brennecke is getting ahold of our Alarm Service vendor for installing a cellular service to make the alarm work.

Under **Public Comments:**

None

Motion to pay bills in the amount of $ 11,792.26 was made by Jim Sheppard and seconded by Reta Hoskin. The motion passed.

Reta Hoskin made a motion and seconded by Jim Sheppard to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve the report. Reta Hoskin seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Minutes approved.

Public Safety

Public Safety Committee

04/19/2023

7pm

The Public Safety Committee meet at 7pm at the Pike County Ambulance Building.Members present were Tom Lewis,Derek Ross,Jim Sheppard,and Andy Borrowman.Also present were Administrator Kasey Kendall,Marcus Rush,Don Foster,and Andrew Schultz with Sunspot Solar.

Administrator Report:

Kasey stated that the budget was looking good with no concerns at this time. The run report was discussed showing there was 184 911 calls 54 transfers and 7 covid/flu like calls. Kasey stated the ambulance(3g16)that was ordered almost a year and half ago was delivered on 04/19/2023.Also the remount for 3g19 has been ordered and looking at approx 400 days before delivery. Kasey talked about community outreach that the Ambulance service have been doing. Which included a career fair at Pittsfield High School on march 28 and a mock car crash at Western School District on April 14th.Kasey has also been working with the pike county sheriff's department, Pittsfield City Police, Pittsfield Fire Department, and Pikeland school district on an evacuation drill. This drill will be held April 21.Eastside Health and Rehab will also be having an evacuation drill with Illini and The Ambulance service in June. Monthly Cpr Class at the Ambulance Building have started back up and will be held the first and last Saturday of the month. Contact Kasey if you would like to attend. Kasey asked the Committee if he could add a Logistic Management program to our current program. This program would allow the Ambulance service to track all of the Services assets. Which includes Drugs,equipment,fleet maintenance and several other areas of the service to keep better track and to lower cost of ordering supplies. The cost for this is $380.00 a month for the first year and $300.00 for the next year. Jim made a motion and seconded by Derek to allow Kasey to go ahead and proceed with this as long as we have approval from the States Attorney on the contract language. Motion Approved. Kasey Stated we are fully staffed at this time.He has developed a committee to look into how we can get the Transfer crews fully staffed so this can take some of the burden off of the on duty crews. A EMR class(first responders)will begin on May First and run thru July third.Kasey will also be getting quotes to have the drive at the Ambulance Building Oiled and Chipped and hopefully have that at our next meeting.

Bills in the amount $34926.55 were approved on a motion by Derek and seconded by Jim. Motion careered.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Andrew Schultz from Sunspot Solar gave a presentation on Solar power and what it would cost and what the saving could be for the Ambulance Service.There was information given on placement of the solar panel,warranty,and services the company supplies.This is something the committee will be looking into in the next few months.

Public Comment: None

With no further business a motion to Adjourn was made bt Derek seconded by Jim. motion careered and meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm

Minutes submitted by Tom Lewis

Derek Ross made a motion to approve the minutes. Joey Cobb seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Motion approved.

Agriculture

**AG Committee April 21st, 2023**

**Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by committee chair Mark Sprague**

In attendance were committee members Joe Cobb, Mark Mountain by phone, and County Board chair Andy Borrowman.

Also in attendance were Zac Boren, Greg Wyatt, Lotus Lawless and Heather from animal control, Don Foster, Darrin Powell from Western School district, and Chass Anderson.

The Real vs. Personal Property item was tabled until we get more info from County Assessor's Office.

We discussed the institution of a County Wide Vaping Ordinance to help the schools and local police with the growing problem of children vaping at school and in our parks.  This is happening at the 5th and 6th grade levels on up.  Currently state law deals with the selling of vaping products to children under 18, but there is no statute to deal with possession or use.  Chass Anderson will work on a press release to help inform the community of the problem, some of the potential solutions, and to encourage community involvement.  We will continue to explore the possibilities.

Lotus and Heather reported they will be attending some additional ACO training. And in June there's a 2 day course in Chicago that will give them some additional certification.  The new TNR program has taken care of 125 cats in the past 6 months.  Population is down at the shelter, but still over capacity.  The Quincy Rescue is back to taking animals from us again.  They are constructing a new small dog outdoor recreation area on the west side of the building with donated astroturf and fencing.  The new state inspector seems to know his stuff and has been good to work with.

The new State Mandated Wind and Solar ordinance was approved by Ag Committee and sent on to the zoning board of appeals for their consideration so it can be ready for a County Board vote at the May Board meeting.  Greg reported on a couplem of zoning issues in Pearl.  There has been a restaurant opened in an old funeral home and an Opry House in an old Church.  Both these are in a residential district and need to be rezoned to business.  The Village of Pearl is considering taking on their own zoning responsibilities.

Under old business, Zac reported he has found that it is within the county's power to demolish a derelict building, but if the county will not do it, then the authority to do so passes to the township.  As a reminder, the county has 2000 Tons of landfill tonnage available per year at no cost which the townships and municipalities can request a portion of for such things as town clean up and disposal of demolished buildings.

Mountain reported on the State of Illinois' assault on the 2nd amendment: Currently 4 lawsuits have been filed and the plaintiffs of those lawsuits have been declared exempt from the new law subject to disposition of their cases.  One of the suits is going to the Illinois Supreme Court.  But in general, nothing has been resolved.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m. on a motion by Cobb and second by Mountain**

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Sprague

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the agriculture report. Joe Cobb seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Minutes approved.

**Economic and Community Development**

Economic and Community Development Committee meeting summary  
  
April 24, 2023, 6:30pm  
  
  
The Economic and Community Development Committee met on April 24, 2023.  The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.   Present were Joey Cobb,  Derek Ross, Reta Hoskin, and Andy Borrowman.  
  
The committee discussed recommendations from the Accommodation Tax Advisory Board after its review of the recent   
Accommodations tax project funding program applications on 3/22/23.  They are as follows:  
  
Abe Lincoln Project/Looking for Lincoln, $7300 in total request for the June 3rd and 4th, 2023, reenactment, including $2900 for marketing and $4400 for the Hunley Exhibit.    
  
CARPE Disc Golf, $4000 total request.  They are planning a two-day disc golf tournament on October 28th and 29th, 2023.  This money would be used for cash prizes for professionals and gift prizes for amateurs.     
  
This is $11,300 in total requests for this round.  
  
The total balance of Accommodations Tax funds is $120,782.27 as of 3/22/23.    
  
The committee approved the two recommendations.  Motion made by Derek. 2nd by Joey.  All approved.  
  
The Committee adjourned at 6:42pm.  Motion by Derek; 2nd by Joey.

Minutes submitted by Reta Hoskin

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the Grant Accommodation funding requests as submitted in the amount of $11, 700.00. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Motion approved.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the read committee report. Derek Ross seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Minutes approved.

1. New Business

Circuit Clerk, Bryce Glekler, addressed a situation that occurred with his office and the current IT Company Tigerhawk. He stated that there have been issues with his programs not working and that has led to internal repairs. Those repairs have caused friction between some employees and our IT vender. He stated he condones professional action at all times and will continue to hold employees and vendors accountable.

1. Old Business

None

1. Chairman’s Remarks

None

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

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the mileage and per diem report for March and April . Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 6-0. Report approved.

The submitted billboard report was questioned by Don Foster. Clerk Roseberry will look into the issues and report back. The billboard report will be presented at the May 2023 meeting.

1. Questions from Press and Visitors

Beth Zumwalt from the Pike Press inquired to the acronym for ARPA funds that have been discussed. Clerk Roseberry informed her it is the American Rescue Plan Act.

1. Adjourn

Tom Lewis made a motion to adjourn at 9:18pm. Derek Ross seconded. Voice vote 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Natalie Roseberry





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